



Psychosocial Studies & Birkbeck Institute for Social Research

SITES OF CONFLICT: PSYCHO-POLITICAL RESISTANCE IN ISRAEL-PALESTINE

15th & 16th October 2009



This conference, the first of its kind in the UK, addresses the remarkable projects of certain groups working in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank involved in joint resistance to ongoing military conflict and occupation. Working for mental health and human rights on the front lines involving military aggression, internal group violence, systemic interference with basic human rights, brutalization on many fronts and deep pessimism on all sides, speakers will address any and all resources for combined resistance and shared hope, whether close to home or coming from abroad. The recent catastrophic attack on the civilian population of Gaza, at the eye of the storm of sites of conflict in Western eyes, makes this event both critical and significant.

Themes:

- *Survival and Non-Violent Resistance in Gaza and the West Bank
- *Psychoactive Political Resistance in Israel.
- *Possibilities and Limitations of Therapeutic Approaches to Conflict Resolution.
- *The Politics of Apology and other forms of Acknowledgement
- *Denial in the Face of Atrocity
- *Mental Attrition of Activists
- * Diasporic and all other forms of Support for Peace from Afar.

Speakers: Mohamed Altawil; Nissim Avissar; Jessica Benjamin; Tova Buksbaum; Bea Campbell; Stan Cohen; Yasmeen Daher; Stephen Frosh; Uri Hadar; Seamas Heaney; Maureen Hetherington; Samah Jabr; Ghada Karmi; Keith Kahn-Harris; Adah Kay; Yehudit Keshet; Richard Kuper; Elana Lakh; Moshe Landsman; Tony Lerman; Sheila Melzak; Mohamad Mukhaimar; Rateb Abu Rahmeh; Jacqueline Rose; Jihan Salem; Andrew Samuels; Eyad el Sarraj; Lynne Segal; Felicity de Zulueta.

Cost: Standard – £70 Birkbeck staff/all students/unwaged – £35

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