



Birzeit University
Institute of Women's Studies & the Institute of Law 2012 Conference

***Getting Right Women's Rights:
Re-thinking Gender and Law in Colonial Palestine***

26 March 2012, Birzeit University

8:30 – 9:30		Registration & Coffee
9:30 – 9:45		Welcoming Session
First Session		
9:45 – 11:30	Chair: Reem Botmeh, Birzeit University	Panel 1: Law, Gender and Violence; Palestinian Women, Israeli Law
	Lisa Hajjar, University of California- Santa Barbara	Confined and Condemned: A Socio-legal Analysis of the Israeli Military Court System on Palestinian Society in the West Bank and Gaza
	Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Mada al-Karmal, Haifa	Casting Out: "Citizenship," Legal Surveillance and the Eviction of Palestinians
	Hassan Jabareen (Adalah)	Israeli Legislation on Family Unification
	Linda Tabar (Birzeit University)	Commentary
		Discussion
11:30 – 11:45		Break
Keynot Speech		
11:45 – 12:45	Chair: Islah Jad (Birzeit University)	Plenary Session: Re-thinking Gender Rights: The Law, Liberal Subjects and Colonial Violence
	Saba Mahmood (University of California-Berkeley)	Secularism, Sexuality and Family Law: The Making of Sectarian Conflict?
		Discussion

Second Session		
12:45 – 2:30	Chair-Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Mada al-Karmal, Haifa)	Panel 2: Government, Gender and the Personal: Women’s Rights and the Palestinian Authority
	Reem Botmeh (Birzeit University)	The Palestinian Authority and Law: the Post-Oslo Project of Instituting a Legal System
	Maha Abu Dayyeh (Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counseling, Jerusalem)	Reflections on Gender Legal Strategies Post-Oslo: Strategies, Achievements, and Failures
	Ghassan Faramand, Institute of Law, Birzeit University	Gender and Christian Family Law
	Bouthaina Salem (Palestinian Ministry of Labor)	Gender and the Palestinian Labor Law
	Jamil Slem, Institute of Law, Birzeit University	Commentary
2:30 – 3:15		Lunch
Closing Plenary		
3:15 – 4:15	Reflections on Conference Proceedings	
	Chair: Lisa Hajjar, (University of California-Santa Barbara)	Wrapping up Rights – Where Do We Go From Here?
		Discussion

Roundtable		
6:00 – 7:00	Hala Kamal (Women and Memory Forum, Cairo) via satellite	Women's Rights and the Law - Lessons from the Arab Spring – The Cases of Egypt and Tunis. Egyptian Women's Rights, the Revolution and the Problematic Legacy of State Feminism.
	Ms. Nabila Hamza (Foundation for the Future, Amman)	Strategizing Through the Context of Possibility: The Process of Actively Negotiating Women's Rights in the Tunisian Revolution
		Discussion