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on Shifting Grounds:  
Towards a Politics of  
Possibility**

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# Marhaba!

## Welcome to the 7th ICCG in Palestine

Here on the slopes of hills, facing the dusk and the cannon of time  
Close to the gardens of broken shadows,  
We do what prisoners do,  
And what the jobless do:  
We cultivate hope.

from *Under Siege* by Mahmoud Darwish

Over the past two decades scholars committed to combating social exploitation and oppression have converged in Canada, South Korea, Hungary, Mexico City, Mumbai and Frankfurt to participate in the International Critical Geography Conferences. This edition is the first gathering in the Middle East, one that opens a new vista for critical geography that is both timely and long overdue.

Holding the conference in Palestine offers progressive academics an unprecedented opportunity to observe, engage with, and learn about the complex human, political and economic geographies of this region. Shaped by a long century of European settler colonialism and US imperialism, Palestine is much more than a site of endless political violence and revolutionary struggle. We have conceived this conference as a way to directly engage with a place and a people that are widely discussed yet seldom heard and understood. As such we hope that our discussions and experiences will move beyond commonplace binaries and reductive portrayals of Palestinian life. Further, we hope to do so in ways that allow us to learn together about commonalities and differences with other settings and struggles around the world.

The conference's central theme "Precarious Radicalism on Shifting Grounds: Towards a Politics of Possibility" takes up the urgencies in our immediate environment in Palestine and beyond. Our epoch is witnessing a fundamental transition: the exponential increase of crises of capital, space, bodies and nature. In this dreadful time, hope rises up as flashes of interrupted history. Social movements and everyday resistances that redeem life in the ruins are making possibility out of the impossibilities of our time. As scholars with an activist project we are obliged to raise, address and explore questions by, for, about, with and also beyond the violent frontlines of class, gender, race, sexual, and colonial divisions. Yet we also want to take the critical step beyond discussion and debate. The statement of the 7th ICCG we asked you to sign is a first step in this direction – a common political framework for our deliberations and a clear stance on the situation in Palestine. Finally, we hope for further collective action on pressing political issues through our plenaries and sessions that are set up as assemblies for discussion and consideration of resolutions on vital matters.

We would also like to note that this is the first ICCG to be organized outside the rubric of an academic institution. Our location in the city of Ramallah roots us in the centre of local life; between the campus of a 19th century Quaker school; a former courthouse of the Ottoman Empire; and a cultural center named after Khalil alSakakini, one of Palestine's esteemed intellectuals and a reformists of the education sector in the first half of the 20th century. Operating outside bureaucratic frames meant being free of institutional formalities, but it also meant building this conference from scratch to secure meeting space, administrative and financial support, service providers, and to forge partnerships with local and international actors. This said, the limitations are real and notwithstanding our creative capacities the constricted political conditions are not of our choosing.



We are honoured and excited to have scholars and activists from over forty countries to present their insights and discuss their work with us over the five days of the conference. The program involves around ninety activities, including keynote lecture, panels, roundtables, plenaries and an evening film and music program. Fieldtrips throughout the Palestinian geography will be an indispensable complement to conference sessions and we hope they have a central place in our conversations. These are not side trips, rather, an essential tool for a situated and critical pedagogy and praxis that enables us to see Palestine not as an exceptional case but one that is shaped, like other contexts, by local, regional and global structural processes and forces. Fieldtrips are our chance to hear from local connoisseurs, meet people, experience the landscapes of the region and open debates about the themes driving this conference. Evenings are a time for mingling in the garden where the night air and music will hopefully help us forge friendships and solidarities on a more human note.

We invite you thus to lean in and listen, share and stretch, study and dare to make a difference. On the final day we will reflect on how critical geographers and other committed scholars can carry the lessons of the 7th ICCG forward to concretize and consolidate a commitment to decolonial scholarship and subaltern struggles. The world is indeed ours to win!

On a final note, the ideas and labors of local and international teams, supporters, and our many friends have collectively brought this event to life, and we would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and resources for being part of this adventure. We sincerely hope that everyone learns and enjoys with this conference as much as we have done putting it together.

Let the conference begin!

ICCG2015 Team



Revolution may, as [CLR] James suggests, come like a thief in the night, but if there is going to be a heist on capitalism, the thief needs to come with a few tools. Some tools are intellectual ideas; others are tools of the imagination about other possible worlds; still others are our human bodies, but most importantly they are social and political organization for a more humane future. Or as Goethe put it, "one earns one's freedom and life when one takes them everyday by storm".

**Neil Smith** (1954 – 2012), In Memoriam

from *The Revolutionary Imperative*, Antipode, 2010

# ICGG Statement of Purpose

## International Critical Geography Group

### A WORLD TO WIN!

The International Critical Geography Group (ICGG) comprises geographers and nongeographers committed to developing the theory and practice necessary for combating social exploitation and oppression. We believe that just as the world's geography expresses its multifold social relations, changing these social relations requires a dramatic remaking of local and global geographies.

- We are 'Critical' because we demand and fight for social change aimed at dismantling prevalent systems of capitalist exploitation; oppression on the basis of gender, race and sexual preference; imperialism, national chauvinism, environmental destruction.
- We are critical because we refuse the self-imposed isolation of much academic research, believing that social science belongs to the people and not the increasingly corporate universities.
- We are critical because in opposing existing systems of exploitation and oppression, we join with existing social movements outside the academy aimed at social change.
- We are critical because we seek to build an alternative kind of society which exalts social differences while disconnecting the economic and social prospects of individuals and groups from such differences.
- We are 'International' because we believe that for too long it has been possible to divide people with similar interests on the basis of national difference.
- We are international because the social systems and assumptions of exploitation and oppression, as expressed in the celebration of 'globalization', are international.
- We are international because we are multicultural.
- We are international because we want the world.
- We pursue our critical internationalism through 'Geography' because we believe real geographies express and naturalize social inequality much as social systems make the geographic world in their image.
- We are critical and internationalist as geographers because the discipline has long served colonial, imperial and nationalist ends by generating the ideological discourses that help to naturalize social inequality.
- We work as geographers because we believe that knowing the world in its detail and its geographical differences, from the local to the global scale, is a vital key to confronting political power.
- We work as geographers because constructing an alternative society is inevitably about building the new social, political and economic fabric of local and global places.

The ICGG seeks to include theorists, researchers, and activists throughout the world who identify with this broad commitment to socio-geographical change. We will meet regularly at rotating venues which are envisioned less as academic conferences than as workshops using widely varied formats. We strongly encourage regional and local organization of workshops, conferences and groups affiliating with the ICGG as vital building blocks of an international agenda. Our slogan, 'A world to win', therefore has a triple meaning. It expresses our political ambition in geographical terms; it indicates the global breadth of that ambition; and it makes clear that changing the world requires a lot of work but that victory is there for the winning.



# ICCG 2015 Statement

## 7th International Conference of Critical Geography

Despite the social, political and economic significance of the Middle East, past and present, this region remains poorly understood and often ignored within the geography discipline. By hosting the 7th edition of the International Conference of Critical Geography (ICCG) in Palestine, the organizing collective and the International Critical Geography Group (ICGG) hope to contribute to redressing this neglect and to shed light on the convoluted realities of this context. In other words, we aim to place Palestine and the Middle East more broadly on the map of critical geography, academically and politically.

The choice of Palestine to host the forthcoming edition is not trivial. Palestine is a rich context for geographers and others to observe first hand, learn about, and engage with the human, political and economic geographies resulting from more than a century of European settler colonialism and US imperialism. Yet Palestine is much more than the 'object' of imperial, colonial and capitalist 'forces'. It is a place that stands at the heart of the recent Arab uprisings as an inspiration to the popular struggles that have profoundly shaken the Arab World and beyond in ways yet difficult to anticipate.

Organizing an international conference in such a context is however not without consequences and limitations. For instance choosing Palestine as the setting for the next ICCG means that many Arab and Muslim colleagues and comrades (from Malaysia and Pakistan to Lebanon and Iraq) will not be able to attend the conference due to restrictions and racial profiling imposed at the borders by the Israeli occupation authorities, as well as to political considerations of refusing to normalize Israel's settler colonialism. Equally, Israeli colleagues will have a hard time making it to the conference. This is especially so considering the Israeli Government's ban on its citizens' entry into Palestinian urban areas (so-called Areas A, in the language of the Oslo agreements) in the West Bank, including Ramallah, as well as the political tensions on the ground filled by Israel's continued settler colonial expansion and dispossession. In spite of this and other constraints, we believe that organizing this conference in Palestine is a significant academic and political effort worth pursuing.

The power asymmetries and injustices that define this context entail difficult choices but also present a need to position oneself politically; Palestine is not an abstract geography where a conference can take place above politics. As such, everyone registering and attending this conference is considered as standing in support of three basic Palestinian rights, stipulated in international law. That is, ending the occupation of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank including East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights; recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties. Endorsing these fundamental rights, we believe, is the minimum we can do as conscientious people in support and recognition of the Palestinian anti-colonial struggle. As Desmond Tutu reminds us, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor".

In recognizing these Palestinian rights and siding with the oppressed, the conference avoids giving a false impression of normalcy in a context defined by settler colonial oppression and racial discrimination. In so doing, the conference and the ICGG remain committed to push forth its purpose to developing the theory and practice necessary for combating social exploitation and oppression.

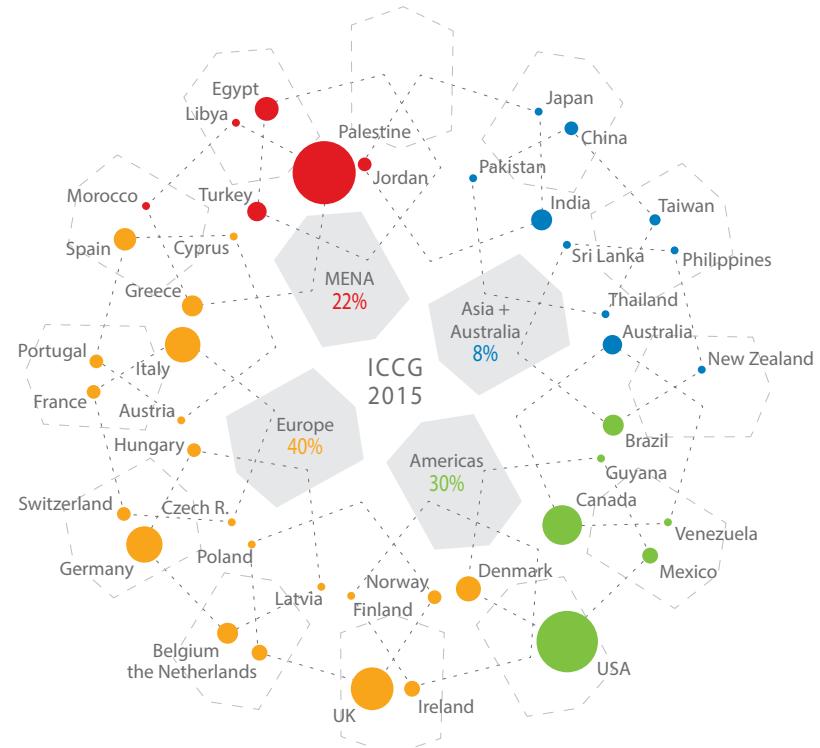
# Call and Selection Process

The sense of revolutionary times triggered by recent events such as the Greek revolts, the Indignados and Occupy movements, as well as the Arab uprisings and the Idle No More protests in Canada, has been gradually overshadowed by a wave of virulent and violent responses by both state and global powers. Although these and other struggles have captured our imagination, an anxious feeling of being in a permanent state of crisis seems to have taken over as we observe an increase in and normalization of socio-economic and spatial inequalities and political repression against the population. This regression, which takes the form of a rise in authoritarianisms, revanchists' responses, encroachment of fundamental rights, precarity of subsistence, social relations, employment, or the consolidation of populist right wing and fundamentalist movements, is to a large extent eclipsing and undermining the political space and fundamental work of individuals, communities and movements around the world. It certainly is a precarious time for radicalism. This grim landscape inevitably raises crucial questions about the current moment and its prospects. Are we witnessing and experiencing a fundamental historical shift? If so, how are we to interpret this transition? Or can these times be transformed into a moment of political possibility by reconsidering and/or expanding existing paradigms as well as by reconnecting solidarities and struggles?

The aim of the 7th International Conference of Critical Geography is to provide an inclusive venue for the discussion of these and other themes that examine the geographies of critical social theory and progressive political praxis. Despite the significance of the issues at stake, we hope to create a fun, engaging and friendly atmosphere that welcomes a wide array of scholars, activists, artists, organizers and others interested in critical socio-spatial praxis. The ICCG 2015 is organized around nine main themes that connect to and expand the conference underlying subject, that is 'Precarious Radicalism On Shifting Grounds: Towards a Politics of Possibility', as indicated on the following page.

In response to the Call which was released in September 2014 the ICCG 2015 received over 400 proposals accounting for short under 600 persons; paper authors and co-authors, and panelists in pre-organized panels. These included 46 nationalities a third of which were non-OECD applicants. The revision of proposals was distributed among 9 teams of three reviewers

each from our Scientific Committee, and quality of selected submissions was cross-compared with proposal evaluations across all sub-themes. Proposals were peer-reviewed to rank these according to strength, clarity of problem statement, methodological approach, and relevance to the particular ICCG 2015 Theme. This step produced the pre-final lists. Finally, members of the scientific committee revised applications an additional time considering 'topic priority' (i.e. relevance and uniqueness of topic/approach), and additional considerations for inclusiveness (young researchers, Non-OECD applicants, etc.). Therewith the selection announced on 20 January 2015 persons invited to register included 70% OECD and 30% non-OECD; 30% senior and 70% junior researchers and activists; and 55% of which women. As is customary not all persons invited to register in the primary selection did so, and thus clearing places were offered to persons on the Waiting List. Ultimately, participants named in this program come from these regions and countries:

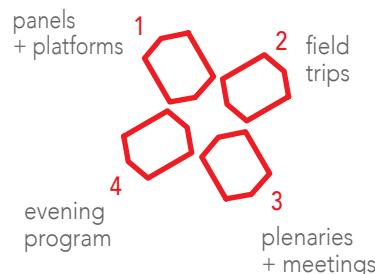


# Concept and Structure

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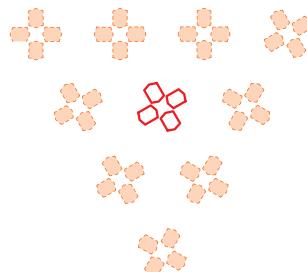
Precarious Radicalism on Shifting Grounds: Towards a Politics of Possibility

program's components



- 1- 85 panels and round tables
- 2- Two half-day field-trips to either 2 of 6 planned routes.
- 3- Four plenaries, Keynote, and the ICGG meetings.
- 4- Daily dinner buffet and evening program

selected contributions are organized into 9 subthemes,



**T1** Imperial, Colonial, Postcolonial and Anti-colonial geographies

**T2** Articulations and Spaces of Capitalism

**T3** Migration, Mobility and Displacement

**T4** Nature, Society and Environmental Change

**T5** Mapping Bodies, Corporeality and Violence

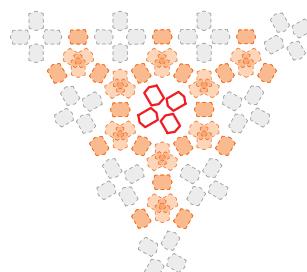
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**T7** Geography and Matter / Materiality

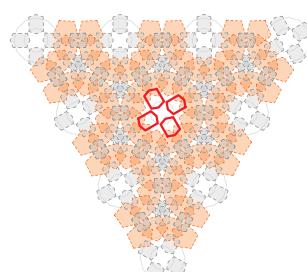
**T8** Remaking Space through Ideology, Culture, and Arts

**T9** Knowledge Production, Education and Epistemic Agendas

participants are invited to explore domains and develop discussions in-between those subthemes,



and to investigate through and beyond the fine webs connecting experiences, perspectives and peoples.



Ahlan wa sahan / bienvenidas / bienvenue / welcome to the

7th  
**ICCG2015**

we've done our best to make it a memorable experience!

# Themes

## 1 | Imperial, Colonial, Postcolonial and Anti-colonial Geographies

Under this theme we will discuss perspectives on theories, discourses and practices of imperialism and colonialism; particularly those expounding on the transition in forms, understanding and dynamics through and beyond geographies of radical activism and revolutionary initiatives. The rise of authoritarian nation-states and populist right wing ideologies highlights the need for further exploration of past, current and potential future roles of global and regional powers; alongside their methods of mobilisation and operation.

## 4 | Nature, Society and Environmental Change

This theme addresses the dynamics between society, climatic changes and the dominant structures of governance. Here contributions reflect on the type of interactions that have developed from decades of climate change discourse and its impact on societies understanding of nature, climate change and environmental governance in the global south in particular but also worldwide. The role of actors – whether local communities or organized states – is a focal point under this theme.

## 7 | Geography and Matter / Materiality

Although familiar and fundamental to geography, the notions of matter and materiality are increasingly being invoked in our and other disciplines. This theme brings together theoretical and empirical work that looks critically at recent engagements with matter / materiality as a way to explore the possibilities these approaches offer for creating more emancipatory geographies; e.g. the materiality of inequality and dispossession, materiality in urban studies, materiality and power, emancipatory materialities, race, gender and class matter(s), etc.

## 2 | Articulations and Spaces of Capitalism

Contributions to this theme seek to chart various practices and spaces that are commonly thought about as economic, while recognising that the economic itself is an unstable category. Contributions share diverse critiques that help us understand the multiple and various forms and relations of surplus extraction and exploitation; explore economies of colonialism/occupation; discuss (new forms of) labour struggles and new conceptions of class (e.g. the precariat); and map out possible and existing alternatives.

## 5 | Mapping Bodies, Corporeality and Violence

From the Gaza City to Ferguson, and from Delhi to Uganda, racialized, gendered and queer bodies are on the frontlines of contemporary crisis. This theme seeks to map the production and reproduction of marked bodies and extend theorizations of individual and collective corporealities within spatial, economic and social circuits. Tracking historical and topographic continuities, and corporeal constructions we probe the problematics and possibilities of the body in the contemporary political moment.

## 8 | Remaking Space through Ideology, Culture, and Arts

One of the prime tools and targets of political and economic power has been the reorganisation of societies through the reconfiguration of the lived, mental and representative spaces. Top-down strategies of spatial renewal, regeneration and annihilation have induced currents with and against imagined visions of space production. This theme investigates discourses and practices of redefinition, commodification and contestations centred around Culture and Arts.

## 3 | Migration, Mobility and Displacement

This theme addresses the processes, knowledges, and subjectivities constituted by the worldwide movement of people. Panels reflect a diversity of critical perspectives on questions of migration politics and policy and the gendered and otherwise differentiated processes associated with migration and spatial mobility. Here participants discuss refugee's spaces and lives as departure points for analyzing questions related to the state, humanitarianism and aid, refugee camps, and governance among other relevant topics.

## 6 | Critical Development Geographies: Perspectives from the Global South

Development Geographies have played an important role in Critical Geography, particularly since the emergence of Dependency Theory. Perspectives on development however remain very much driven by colonial, eurocentric, and liberal discourses and practices that exclude the voices of the 'global south'. This theme aims to question such notions by 'provincializing' development, in hope of contributing to the decolonization of this domain.

## 9 | Knowledge Production, Education and Epistemic Agendas

Everyday transversal perspectives and transgressive practices stimulate varied and divergent modes of knowledge production. These require critical reflections, discussions, and new approaches for the "What?" and "How?" of education and epistemic agendas. Therefore, under this these we will discuss theoretical and conceptual frameworks, as well as case studies and empirical work; e.g. the role of practicing solidarities to education and social change; new technologies, securitization, and challenges of multi-disciplinarity and trans-disciplinarity, etc.

# Field Trips

28 and 29 July 2015, 1:15 pm – 6:45 pm

## Nablus & Wadi Qana | Landscapes of Urban/Rural Socio-Environmental Injustice

Recognizing how settler colonialism interacts in cities and rural areas in the frontier is key to understand questions of sociopolitical, economic and environmental injustice. This field trip will explore these issues in the Northern West Bank region, an area of both intense colonial environmental degradation and sociopolitical instability. The trip begins with a visit to the historical city of Nablus, one of the main commercial and artisanal centers of Palestine. Having survived several natural and man-made hazards, this city exemplifies a convoluted and fascinating history of rural-urban interdependence, and a unique urban morphology that reflects the class structures of merchant families, and their trade networks. The tour will continue through Wadi Qana to trace the ways colonial transformations have altered and undermined indigenous cultivation practices, water resource control and livelihoods due to settler colonial expansion, enclosure and destruction of local natural resources.

## Ramallah | Neoliberalism as Liberation

This field trip will explore the neoliberal logics and free market orthodoxy underpinning two decades of the so-called Oslo Peace agreements. Taking as departure point the agglomeration of Ramallah—which includes Ramallah, alBireh, Beitunya as well as five neighboring towns and villages—the trip will provide a lens into the profoundly uneven process of socio-economic and spatial transformation that define the urban and economic developments in the area. The tour will investigate contemporary forms of urban change and economic transformation in the West Bank such as housing developments, processes of privatization, debt creation, financialization of development aid, private investments, rural-urban migrations, and the production of the state. The purpose of this field trip is ultimately to explore the contradictions between political liberation and economic liberalization in Palestine.

## Jordan Valley | The Political Economy of Agricultural Development and Displacement

The Jordan Valley is one the most significant and active sites of Israel's settler colonialism. The valley, which makes up almost 30% of the West Bank, has seen its population decrease dramatically from 320.000 in 1967 to 56.000 today. The area, populated by the largest Bedouin population in the West Bank, is constantly subjected to closure, house demolitions and infrastructural destruction, all of which undermine people's access to land, water resources and jobs. Recently the valley has been the object of 'development' aid policies, or what it is often called 'quick impact development projects'. This trip will provide an entry point into the political economy of agricultural development and displacement through an exploration of the realities of everyday life in this 'frontier' region and the contradictions and perverse nature of aid programs that seek to carry out "development" efforts which often end up consolidating and sustaining settler colonial imperatives.

## Bethlehem | Refugees, Informality and Popular resistance

The city of Bethlehem is home to Dheisheh and Aida, two refugee camps that remain strongholds of grassroots refugee activism. These camps, as well as others spread around the region, are the outcome of the Nakba (Arabic for 'catastrophe'); a tragic episode that entailed, between 1947 and 1949, the ethnic cleansing of close to 800.000 Palestinians (82% of the indigenous population) that still today are denied the right to return to their lands. Visiting the camps will provide an intimate experience and socio-political, spatial and economic perspective on questions of refugee identity, belonging, education, and living. In addition to the camps, we will visit Bethlehem's countryside to understand other forms of grassroots activism, namely the struggle against the Israeli settlements and Apartheid Wall, which encroach on villagers' agricultural land and resources and segregate communities along ethnic lines.

## Jaffa | Gentrification as Ethnic Cleansing: Rethinking the "Mixed City"

Over a century the city of Jaffa has been gradually transformed from a thriving modern urban Palestinian center into a marginalized neighborhood engulfed by the city of Tel Aviv. The purpose of this field trip is to shed light on issues of poverty, discrimination, gentrification, crime, house demolition and evictions affecting this place since the initial wave of mass expulsion that took place in the mid-late 40s to the present day. Gentrification has become an effective tool to achieve the aspirations of the ideologically-driven neoliberal Zionist public; slating Palestinian properties for demolition to be replaced with expensive condominiums and housing units for the rich. Documenting the interconnections of state and urban policy, patterns of investment, eviction and displacement in this urban frontier, this field trip will explore how gentrification is part of a larger shift in the political economy and culture of settler colonialism.

## Jerusalem | The Production of Settler and Indigenous Space

The Jerusalem region constitutes a paradigmatic case of what the struggle for the city entails in a site of prolonged military occupation and settler colonialism. For more than four decades the Israeli-run Jerusalem Municipality unevenly allocates the municipal budget to improve infrastructure and public services in Jewish-only areas while planning and legislating to constrain the development and growth potential of Palestinian neighborhoods. Travelling along the peripheries and through the city of Jerusalem, this tour will open up different perspectives and provide qualitative insights into the political, cultural and socioeconomic forces operating in the city. More specifically it will explore various processes of racialized discrimination, socio-spatial segregation, surveillance, control of everyday life, fragmentation, and military urbanism that define the complex and rapidly changing condition of Jerusalem.

# General Information

## Registration

With the exception of the Evening Program, registration is required to attend all ICCG 2015 activities. Please wear your badge at all times. The registration desk is located at the entrance of Friends Boys School Campus (see map on page 53) and will be open at these times:

Sunday 26 July 2015, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday 27 July 2015, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, and Thursday 30 July 2015, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

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## Panel Organization

85 panels and round tables will be presented in ICCG 2015. Panels are organized into 90-minute time-slots. As such, participants are expected to time their contributions to 15-20 minutes, and to allocate some time for constructive discussion. Speakers are requested to respect the indicated time limits. All presentations must be made in English, the working language of the conference. A 30-minutes break will separate sessions from one another.

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## Panel Chairs

Chairs are expected to strictly uphold the time of presentations, Q&A, and overall duration of the panel. It is recommended that panel Chairs proceed with introducing and giving the platform to all speakers first, and then open up the floor for questions and discussion. Here we would like to note that two thirds of panels are organized by the ICCG 2015 from individually submitted papers. For these, we have nominated a speaker from each panel to Chair it. If the named person does not wish to do so or s/he is absent, panelist should choose someone else to be the Chair.

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## Equipment

All rooms are equipped with LCD-Projectors. Participants that requested sound amplifiers have to pick those up from the Registration Desk in the 30-minute break prior to the beginning of the session in which they are presenting. Presenters who have not signed up for sound amplifiers and wish to have this equipment need to check for availability at the Registration Desk in advance. Participants should bring with them any additionally needed adapters and/or extensions. Moreover, we recommend you have your presentation backed up on a USB key in case of emergency.

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## Cafeteria and Lunch

The cafeteria is located in the ground floor of Building D (see map on page 53), which will be open at all times during the conference sessions for drinks and snacks. At lunch time, meal-sized sandwiches, salads and the similar will be on offer. On Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 July, the days on which field trips are scheduled, participants are requested to buy their food and head to the buses as fast as possible. Please note that buses will start moving at 1:15 pm.

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## Messages Board and Announcements of Changes

There may be last minute changes to the conference program. These changes will be posted on the notice board placed in the cafeteria.

## Pre-Opening Plenary in Jerusalem

On the day prior to the official launch of the ICCG 2015, on Saturday 25 July, there is a pre-opening plenary that will take place in the garden of the Kenyon Institute (CBRL) in Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in East Jerusalem, between 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. More information about this event can be found on page 23.

## Opening and Closing Dinners

The Opening and Closing Dinners will take place on Sunday 26 and Thursday 30 July (respectively), 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm, in the garden of the Ottoman Counthouse (location B on map of venues). All ICCG 2015 participants are welcome to join. Please note that the buffet will be open between 8 pm – 9 pm only. Please have your conference badge with you to show at the entrance.

## Field Trips

These are scheduled for Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 July. Buses will depart at 1:15 pm. Please note information about weather and dress code recommendations provided at the end of this program and on the ICCG 2015 website. Please make sure you have some water with you and that you board the buses for the routes you booked. If you are not sure about which routs you booked please check the Announcement Board in the Cafeteria.

## Dinner Buffets

On Monday 27, Tuesday 28, and Wednesday 29 July 2015 the dinner buffet will be served at the yard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hope (location C on map of venues), between 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

## Evening Program: Music and Film

Following dinners, a short program of music and film will be available as of 9:15 pm. On Sunday 26 and Thursday 30 July we will be accompanied by local DJs. On the nights inbetween (27-29 July) films will be screened in the garden of Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center (location D on map of venues), while at the same time local musicians will play some of their works at Radio Bar (location E on map of venues).

## Special needs / conditions and emergency contacts

If you have any condition – medical or other – that we need to be aware of , then kindly let our team know as soon as possible so that we are able to make necessary arrangements. In cases of emergency please contact either +970-(0)597-125-040 or +970-(0)597-125-041.

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**Mahmoud Jiddah**, an Afro-Palestinian activist and former prisoner of Israel. He has been leading tours in the old city of Jerusalem for more than 12 years.

**Muna Dajani**, Researcher and Activist from Jerusalem, and PhD Candidate at LSE. Her research interests are environmental politics, community-led resource management, and social impacts of climate change.

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### Ramallah

**Christopher Harker**, Researcher and Lecturer in the Department of Geography at Durham University, United Kingdom. His work examines the practice and politics of everyday life in the Occupied West Bank, the assembling of place through home-making, mobility and family.

**Raja Khalidi**, Development Economist and Research Associate at Birzeit University, Center for Development Studies, Palestine. He has worked extensively on Palestinian economic conditions in Lebanon, Israel, and Occupied Territories including East Jerusalem.



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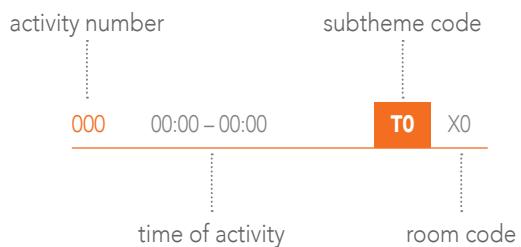
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Saturday Evening

**001** 19:30 – 21:00

**VENUE:** CBRL – Kenyon Institute, **JERUSALEM**

**PLENARY:**

**Feminism and Social Change in Palestine**

In bringing together prominent and engaged feminist scholars, this discussion panel explores the past and present role of women and feminist theory and practice in the struggle against settler colonialism in Palestine. The discussion will not only address the ways settler colonial domination is deeply structured by gendered relations of power but also women's participation and marginalization in national politics and histories; the relationships between the personal, gender roles, collective struggle and power politics; as well as the problems underpinning the myths and prejudices of western seemingly-universal feminist models and critiques around this region. In doing so the panel hopes to highlight both the centrality and challenges of feminist scholarship and activism in Palestine at a time of regional and global political upheavals and shifting political grounds.

**Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian**, Professor and Lawrence D. Biele Chair in Law at the Institute of Criminology and the School of Social Work and Public Welfare at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Palestine.

**Amal Elsana Alhjoor**, Activist and founding director of Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation (AJEEC), and a PhD candidate, McGill University, Canada.

**Penny Johnson**, Independent Researcher and an Associate Researcher at the Institute of Women's Studies, Birzeit University, Palestine.

## Sunday Afternoon

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K.T. Auditorium

### WELCOME ADDRESS

**Omar Jabary-Salamanca**, ICCG 2015 Coordinator and Postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University.

**Lisa Taraki**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the PhD Program in the Social Sciences, Birzeit University.

**Ghazi Falah**, Professor of Geography of the Middle East and the Arab World, University of Akron.

**Hussein al-Rimawi**, Professor of Geography, Birzeit University and Chair of Palestine Geography Society.

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15:00 – 17:00

K.T. Auditorium

### KEYNOTE:

**"We are Not Red Indians" (We Might all Be Red Indians): Anticolonial Sovereignty Across the Borders of Time, Place and Sentiment**

**Audra Simpson\***, Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University.

In a 2004 interview Yasser Arafat, in a state of near confinement and exhaustion, reflected upon his incapacity to move without the immediate threat of assassination, about the Palestinian right of return, about American elections, and his achievements. Among these achievements was the fact that "the Palestine case was the biggest problem in the world" and that Israel had "failed to wipe us out." As a final mark of that success, he added the declarative and comparative and final point of distinction, "we are not red Indians." This paper uses this point of comparison of a departure point to reflect upon the deep specificity and global illegibility of Indigenous struggle and life in the face of death and dispossession in North America. In order to do so I will choose a series of historical assemblages -- of consociality, treaty-making, militarized pushbacks upon encroachment, spatial confinement ("reservationization"), and pushback for land, for life and for dignity within occupation to amend Arafat's statement and reimagine "success." I argue that these assemblages are themselves a structure of political life that stand alongside and push against a "logic of elimination" – a logic that authorizes the removal, the attacking and "assimilating" of indigenous peoples for land. I consider these tangled processes in order to re-narrate the seemingly negligible political and corporeal life of Indigenous sovereignty within dispossession and settler occupation. This is an occupation that naturalizes itself through law and narrates itself as new, as beneficent and democratic atop the lands and lives of Indigenous peoples who persist, with sovereignties intact, in spite of this grinding historical and political process of settler colonialism. In order to put this point of comparison, and sentiment of Arafat's achievement in relief the paper examines how is it that the very techniques of force, of pushback, of consociality and outright resistance receive the writ of dismissal within a global and comparative frame of resistance and political life. At the end of the paper it is asked how these processes may be re-narrated and comprehended in a global, comparative frame of not only analysis, but struggles for justice.

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### SESSION 1

101 17:30 – 19:00

T1 B-1

**The Legal Geographies of War and Violence**

Law; Violence; War

This panel adopts radical approaches to law to explore both historically and ethnographically the deepening entanglements of war, violence and law. Panelists explore, among other things, the relationship between colonialism and law; law and "terrorism;" the kinds of wars and acts of violence conducted through a language of war; lawfare; and seek to chart methodologies that can assist us in mapping and understanding the legal geographies of war.

Organizer: **Craig Jones**, Lisa Bhungalia  
Chair: **Lisa Bhungalia**

**Lisa Bhungalia**, Ohio State University, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Policing Dissent: A Geography of Terrorism Law".

**Patricia Lopez**, Dartmouth College, Postdoctoral Fellow: "The Violence of Waging of Peace in Haiti".

**Laura Ribeiro**, Independent Researcher: "Borders, Frontiers, Buffer Zones: Notes from Gaza".

**Craig Jones**, University of British Columbia, PhD Candidate: "The Targeted".

102 17:30–19:00

T2 B-2

### Creating Value

Materiality; Value; Values

This panel explores how value is created through the geographic production and circulation of different commodities.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Nina Boulus-Rodj

**Kate Parizeau**, University of Guelph, Assistant Professor: "Waste, space, and systems of value: Informal recycling in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Vancouver, Canada".

**Felicity Scott**, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, Associate Professor: "Cruel Habitats".

**Nina Boulus-Rodj, Pernille Bjorn & Ahmad Ghazawneh**, IT University of Copenhagen, Assistant / Associate Professors: "'It's about Business, not Politics': an ethnographic study of an Israeli-Palestinian web start-up".

103 17:30–19:00 T3 B-3

### Understanding Mobility in Age of Migration and/or Displacement

Displacement; Mobility; Migration

This panel will highlight the multiple forms and processes of displacement as they are manifest across geographies. In light of Doreen Massey's (2011) wishful thinking about "a counterhegemonic relationality of place," the panel is proposed to connect studies of displacement with emerging interests in mobile urbanism, with a hope to better understand mobility and to encourage cross-border, cross-scale connections that enrich rather than deplete place.

Organizer: **Shu-Mei Huang, Sahera Bleibleh**  
Chair: Sahera Bleibleh

**Shu-Mei Huang**, National Taiwan University, Assistant Professor: "Understanding Mobility through Crisis of Border in Taiwan and Hong Kong".

**Sahera Bleibleh & Michael Perez**, United Arab Emirates University, Asso-

ciate Professor / University of Washington, Lecturer: "Urbicide, Reconstruction, and the Loss of Social Space in the Jenin Refugee Camp".

**Ishan Ashutosh**, Department of Geography, Indiana University, Assistant Professor: "Managing and Contesting South Asian (Im-)Mobilities: State/Non-State Actors and Urban Networks".

**Cathrine Brun**, Department of Geography, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Professor: "Post-socialist neoliberal housing and geopolitical spectacles: precarious dwelling for displaced Georgians".

104 17:30–19:00 T4 A-3

### Environmental Injustice in Palestine: A Case Study

Environmental Justice; Natural Resources; Conflict

This panel is based on a project on Environmental Justice by Al-Haq and Heinrich Boell Foundation and will cover a number of Palestinian case examples that may be considered within the wider analytical and legal framework of Environmental Justice, a concept that has been shaped across the world by communities that are struggling to defend their land, air, water, and other natural resources against the damaging environmental impacts of mining projects, tree plantations, fracking, gas flaring, incinerators, etc.

Organizer: **Shawan Jabarin & Rene Wildangel**  
Chair: Shawan Jabarin

**Rene Wildangel**, Heinrich Böll Foundation's Palestine & Jordan, Director: "Environmental Justice in Palestine. An Introduction".

**Leah Temper**, Environmental Justice Atlas, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Researcher: "Environmental Justice in perspective. Experiences from the Environmental Justice Atlas project".

**Benjamin Pontin**, University of West England, Professor: "The Environmental Justice Lacuna in Palestine".

**Vito de Lucia**, K. G. Jebsen Center for the Law of the Sea, UiT - Arctic

University of Norway, Researcher: "Environmental Justice in the OPT through International Law? Prospects and Limitations".

**Jesus Marcos Gamero**, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid & Al-Haq, Researcher: "Palestinian Refugee Camps. A delicate tension between environmental protection in camps and the 'right of return'".

105 17:30–19:00 T5 B-4

### Carceral Geography and Abolition Undercommons

Carceral Enclosure; Policing; Liberal state violence

This panel examines how humanitarian and philanthropic efforts fortify US domestic and transnational violence in three sites: community policing in cities, civilian safe zones in war, and higher education in prisons. These seemingly disparate sites are linked in their creation of carceral geographies whose spatial, racial legal fictions—community policing in crime "hot spots" (viz. good neighborhoods), military protection for bodies marked civilian (viz. specific enemy targets), education inside prisons (viz. inside universities)—invite narratives of liberal "progress." Acquiescence to these carceral geographies is never total, however, and this panel tracks resistance in the "abolition undercommons."

Organizer: **Naomi Murakawa**, Princeton University, Associate Professor.

Chair: Naomi Murakawa

**Jordan T. Camp**, Princeton University, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Policing the Planet".

**Abou Farman**, New School Social Research, Assistant Professor: "Soldiers, Sacrifice and the Innocence of Civilians in Liberal Democracies".

**Gillian Harkins**, University of Washington, Associate Professor: "Abolition Undercommons".

**Christina Heatherton**, Trinity College, Assistant Professor: "The Collective Punishment of Community Policing: Racism, Neoliberalism and Urban Security".

# Sunday Afternoon

106 17:30–19:00

T6 B-5

## Confrontations with Capital: Land, Resources and India's 'Real Estate Economy'

India; Real Estate; Land and Resource Grabs

India's 'Real Estate Economy' is consolidating through multiple models and myriad projects.. Forcible acquisitions of land and resources through the exercise of eminent domain, as well as market-led land- and resource-use changes, have at the same time unleashed intense and recurrent conflicts over land and resources across the country. This panel identifies the growth of a Real Estate Economy in India and examines it along three main dimensions: policy; institutional relationships and instruments; and resistance around the appropriation of land and resources.

Organizer: Preeti Sampat  
Chair: Amita Bhide

Preeti Sampat, DSE, University of Delhi, Research Associate: "The Growth of India's Real Estate Economy".

Amita Bhide, TISS, Mumbai, Professor: The Nation as Real Estate: "Housing Utopias in Contemporary India".

Simpreet Singh, TISS, Mumbai, PhD Candidate: From Land to Real Estate: "The Trajectory and Struggle in Indian Cities of Mumbai and Ranchi".

Lalit Batra, University of Minnesota, PhD Candidate: "Infrastructures of Exception: Sewers and Sewage Workers in Metropolitan Delhi".

107 17:30–19:00

T7 B-6

## Old and New Materialisms

Materiality; Geophilosophy; Feminist theory

Flow, materiality, bodies, biopower, ecologies, nonhumans, technology, objects, affect, assemblages, life, neurons, earth. We are nowhere close to seeing the end of new materialist research programs. The notion of the material is no longer limited to the modes, relations, and practices of economic production. Could the Marxist framework be enriched with

these new imaginations? Conversely, why do so few of the new materialists rethink capital, labor, class, war, or the state? The key ethical question raised by the profusion of materialist idioms is whether it will deepen critical geography's commitment, under the banner of "critical", to the examination of injustice.

Organizer: Arun Saldana  
Chair: Arun Saldana

Arun Saldana, University of Minnesota, Associate Professor: "Old and New Materialisms".

Jessica Lehman, University of Minnesota, PhD Candidate: "The Ocean Archive: Querying the Material of History".

Julia Crown, University of Minnesota, PhD Candidate: "'Modern-day ore': transnational value struggles in India's electronic waste sector".

Kai Bosworth, University of Minnesota, PhD Candidate: "Knowing porous matter: hydrogeology, extraction and the subterranean body politic".

108 17:30–19:00

T8 C-1

## Migrations of Memory: Undoing Borders in Visual and Art Practices

Postcolonial memory; Queer cinema; Mediterranean spaces

This panel discusses different dislocations taking place between the politics of postcolonial memory and various fields of visual practices. What kind of political subjectivities are shaped by the reinterpretations of movements across geo-political boundaries as fields of queer and postcolonial appropriations and contestations? What does it mean to look at memory acts as performative cultural practices? The panel brings together activists, scholars and curators. The main aim is to put into motion a conversation able to call into question traditional way of understanding the relationship between art and politics as well as between political theory and visual practices, opening up new cross-disciplinary perspectives.

Organizer: Liliana Ellena  
Chair: Liliana Ellena

Pedro Marum & Ricke Merighi, Lisboa Queer Film Festival, Film Programmers and Curators: "Queer Topographies".

Gabriele Proglio, European University Institute, Research Associate: "Mediterranean Crossings: Memory and Visuality in Several Diasporic Narrations".

Liliana Ellena, European University Institute, Research Associate: "Performative Memories: Putting Archives Back into Motion".

109 17:30–19:00

T9 C-2

## Mapping Emergent anti-Zionist Spaces of Resistance in Palestine/Israel: Decolonizing Praxis

Counterhegemony; Politics of resistance; Decolonizing knowledge

This interdisciplinary panel brings together scholars of knowledge production and the politics of resistance, with the aim of decolonizing the abstracted ways in which resistance is theorized, conceptualized and analyzed within academia. Each of these papers sheds light upon silenced sites of emergent resistance to Zionism. Taken together, these pieces map emergent spaces of anti-Zionist resistance in Palestine/Israel that are rarely highlighted in academia—asking what they can inform us about what the political is becoming today, and where the joint, global struggle for social transformation and just alternatives should be located.

Organizer: Cherine Hussein  
Chair: Mandy Turner, The Kenyon Institute (CBRL), East Jerusalem, Director.

Cherine Hussein, The Kenyon Institute (CBRL), Research Fellow and Deputy Director: "The Single State Alternative in Palestine/Israel".

Reema Fadda, The Kenyon Institute (CBRL), PhD Candidate: "License to Refuse: constructing cultural platforms in Palestine today".

Yara Hawari, The Kenyon Institute (CBRL), Research Fellow: "Memory as resistance in al dakhl. Challenging Zionist hegemony".

SESSION 2

201-a 09:00–10:30

T1 B-1

Mapping the Politics of the (anti-) Colonial Imagination – 1 / 2

Representation; Colonialism; Material Circulations

Taking mapping practices, cartoons, literature and photography as departure point; the papers in this panel series address the politics of representation and its material circulations in the colonial and postcolonial world.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Marianna Clementine Green

**Marianna Clementine Green**, Faculty of Art & Design, University of New South Wales, PhD Candidate: "In Stereo: deconstructing the 'world picture' of the stereographic library and 'world heritage' through creative curatorial practice".

**Nermin El Sherif**, Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport, AASTMT, German University in Cairo, Teaching Assistant: "Colonial and Postcolonial Maps of Cairo. Meanings and representations of power, capital and built environment".

**Marcela Magalhaes de Paula, Letícia Adriana Pires Ferreira dos Santos & David Albuquerque de Oliveira**, International University of Afro-Brazilian Integratio, Postdoctoral Researcher / State University of Ceara-Brazil, Professor / Escolas de Ensino Médio, Teacher: "Remaking the Space of Colonialism/Postcolonialism through Brazilian Literature: Ideology and Culture of Lusotropicalism and Brazilian indigenous communities".

**Katherine Chandler**, Georgetown University, Assistant Professor: "Unmanning Politics: Drones, Pilots and Bodies in the Cold War".

202 09:00–10:30

T1 A-3

Imperialism, Settler Geographies and Indigenous Sovereignty: Learning From Red Skin, White Masks

Settler Geographies; Urbanization; Indigenous Sovereignty

In Canada, debates about imperialism, capitalism, neo-colonialism and settler colonialism have been sharpened by the election of a proudly and aggressively pro-imperial government and the simultaneous resurgence of First Nations radicalism. A particularly incisive attempt to come to terms with the current political conjuncture is Glenn Coulthard's just published book, *Red Skin White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*. This panel discusses the lessons Coulthard's book carries for our understanding of North American settler colonialism and its spatial dimensions. Panelists' particular emphases are on the urban indigenous presence, the prospects of urban aboriginal self-determination, and the implications of indigenous resurgence for Marxism, anti-imperialism and non-indigenous politics.

Organizer: Stefan Kipfer  
Chair: Stefan Kipfer

**Aedan Hoar**, York University, Graduate Student: "Settler colonial geographies in Toronto: re-situating Indigenous sovereignty on occupied land".

**David Hugill**, York University, PhD Candidate: "The Urban Promise of Glen Coulthard's Red Skins, White Masks".

**Stefan Kipfer**, York University, Associate Professor: "Marxism, Anti-Imperialism and Neo-colonial realities. Lessons from Red Skin White Masks".

203 09:00–10:30

T2 B-2

Global Tourism: Making or Reclaiming Spaces through Mobility

Tourism; Mobility; Globalization

This panel scrutinizes how tourism is entangled with (post-) colonial exploitation regimes, processes of capitalist expansion or settler colonial territorial acquisitions strategies. Learning from the Palestinian case, we are concerned with how people and places are variously

being inscribed into, problematized or erased from the global geographies of colonialism and capitalism.. Panelists also consider how this situation might be challenged, and whether tourism's productive side can be turned upside down into a emancipatory space.

Organizer: Dorien Vanden Boer  
Chair: Sigrid Vertommen

**Mark Griffiths**, Department of Geography, University of Oulu, Postdoctoral Researcher: "The critical global citizens of international volunteering".

**Dorina Maria Buda**, University of Groningen, Assistant Professor: "Affective Tourism: dark routes in conflict".

**Dorien Vanden Boer**, MENA Research Group, Ghent University, Doctoral Researcher: "Decolonizing tourism: the geographies of 'alternative tourism' in Palestine".

**Sigrid Vertommen**, MENA Research Group, Ghent University, Assistant, Doctoral Researcher: "How Wombs and Eggs Travel Around the Globe: The political economy of transnational surrogacy in Israel".

204 09:00–10:30

T3 B-3

The Political Geographies of Refugee Governance

Displacement; UNHCR; Refugees

This panel takes refugee's spaces and lives to analyze questions related to the state, humanitarianism, refugee camps, and governance. Using different cases from the Middle East, the papers focus on legal and institutional mechanisms of refugee exclusion and on camps as spaces of socio-political and spatial intervention and invention.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Jasmin Fritzsche

**Jasmin Fritzsche**, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies: "Arab host countries and Palestinian Refugees from Syria: Utilizing Collective Language for Exclusionary Purposes".

**Raed Eshnaiwer**, Universite Libre De Bruxelles, PhD Candidate: "The "Neo-Palestinian" Refugees: Palestinian Refugees from Syrian (PRS) in Jordan".

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**Alexandra Schindler**, The Graduate Center, CUNY, PhD Candidate: "Displacing Crisis through Escape: 'Border Practices' of Syrian Refugees in Urban Cairo".

**Ayham Dalal**, Innovation and Planning Agency, Researcher and Architect: "The Phantom of Camps: Beyond the Political (Im-) Possibility of Zaatri Camp in Jordan".

205 09:00–10:30 T5 B-4

## Legacies and Lineages of Violent Settler Colonial Embodiment: troubling the ongoing coloniality of rights, recognition, rescue

Coloniality & Decoloniality; Recognition & Rights; Aboriginal, Women, LGBT

From Africa to Palestine to Aboriginal North America, this panel looks at current iterations of violent coloniality and problematizes radical calls for recognition and land restitution. Papers critically examine struggles aboriginal land, rights, bodies and recognition in North America; how queering Palestinian post-Oslo politics disrupts colonial paradigms; moving from demands for property rights towards an ethical sharing of place in Cape Town and similarly wounded cities; and activist impasses around female genital cutting/ mutilation in the African colonial continuum.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Karen Till**

**Walaa Al Qaisiya**, Durham University, PhD Candidate: "Queer/ying Palestine: (de)territorialized bodies and narratives of (be)longing".

**Caroline Hodes**, Queen's University: "Mapping Corporeality in the Constitutional Courts: The Price of Legal Legibility in North America".

**Kerrie Thornhill**, University of Oxford, PhD Candidate: "Excising voices: dilemmas of grassroots activism against 'bush school' female initiation rites and colonial feminism in West Africa".

**Karen Till**, Department of Geography, Maynooth University, Senior Lecturer: "Place as relational ground for an ethical and shared politics of possibility".

206 09:00–10:30 T6 B-5

## De-politicizing and Re-politicizing "Development": Political Ecologies of Land, Labor and Energy in the "Global South"

Primitive accumulation; Resistance; Nature-society relations

Contributions in this panel will analyze the contradictory discourses and tactics through which states seek to de-politicise nature's commodification and enclosure. Analyses will combine a deconstruction of developmentalist strategies with a critique of the underlying political economic relations. At the same time, they will remain devoted to questions around "the political". The contributions in the panel adopt a political ecology approach and draw on extensive fieldwork.. The panel is part of a series on "Politicising nature-society enclosure and emancipation", organized by PhD researchers of the European Network of Political Ecology.

Organizer: **Diego Andreucci**  
Chair: **Anders Lund-Hansen**, Lund University, Associate Prof.

**Amelie Huber**, Bogazici University Istanbul, Research Fellow: "Contesting hydropower hegemony: a reading of indigenous resistance to development-through-dams in Northeast India".

**Diego Andreucci**, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Autonomous University of Barcelona, PhD Candidate: "Political ecology of the "proceso de cambio": The social regulation of extractivism in post-neoliberal Bolivia".

**Giorgos Velegrakis**, HUA, PhD Candidate: "Land dispossession and socio-environmental struggles in times of crisis: Lessons from Greece".

**Jonah Wedekind**, Humboldt University of Berlin, Research Fellow: "Growth-attached and Green-washed: Ethiopia's developmental strategy and the arts of grabbing land and controlling labor in the frontiers".

207 09:00–10:30 T7 B-6

## Reclaiming the City: Materiality and the Politics of Protest

Protest; Materiality; Right to the City

This panel investigates the vital, complex and contingent nature of the material within urban struggles. In doing so it explores how the entanglement of materiality, power, people and spaces come into being and unfold alongside struggles to reclaim and commoning the city.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Jaime Jover Baez**

**Albert Arías Sans**, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, PhD Candidate: "How to negotiate with escalators. Materiality and multiplicity in the commoning process of the Park Güell, Barcelona".

**Jaime Jover Baez & Iban Díaz Parra**, Dpto. de Geografía Humana, U. Sevilla & Institute de Geografía, UNAM, PhD Candidates: "When materiality matters. Dwelling, social movements and the 15M in Spain".

**Michele Lancione**, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Modes of resistance. The micro-politics of protesting against eviction".

208 09:00–10:30 T8 C-2

## Palestine and the Limits of Representation

Imaginaries; Space/Time; Commodification

Focusing on a variety of cases, the papers in this panel explore imaginaries of Palestinian subjects and spaces as a way to challenge the limits and politics of representation in the Palestinian context.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Ghada Almadbouh**

**Lana Judeh**, Independent Architect and Researcher: "A Utopian Space described 'public'".

**Sarah Jamal**, Aberystwyth University, PhD Candidate: "Images of Struggle: The Separation Barrier Through Commodification, Criticism and Creativity".

**Decca Muldowney**, University of Cambridge, PhD Candidate: "Gaza as laboratory": contesting Gazan space in Selma Dabbagh's Out Of It.

**Ghada Almadbouh & Kali Rubaïi**, Birzeit University, Assistant Professor / University of California, Santa Cruz, PhD Candidate: Paralysis and Possibility: how Palestinian college students imagine the future.

209 09:00–10:30



Critical Perspectives on the Transformation of Higher Education in Egypt In the wake of the January 25th revolution: On the experiment of the Cairo Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CILAS) and beyond

T9 A-1

Higher education, Revolution; "Global" liberal arts; Participation, space and social change

The purpose of this roundtable is to initiate a critical conversation on alternative models of higher education designed and implemented in Egypt in the wake of the January 25th revolution. After a brief presentation of the potentials and limitations of various online and offline initiatives, the participants will be invited to reflect more specifically on the experiment of the Cairo Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CILAS) created as a non-profit organization in 2012.

CILAS is a yearlong educational program designed "in the spirit of the liberal arts" that is currently being transformed into a research center with the introduction of participatory action research projects led by the entire CILAS community (students, fellows, and affiliated scholars). The participants in this roundtable will present the preliminary results of three of these projects addressing the following questions:

1. How can we challenge the profoundly Eurocentric nature of the "global" liberal arts curriculum by tapping into and integrating both local historical sources of liberal education and the students' own forms of knowledge?
2. Within the current context of corporatization of knowledge and exclusion in academia, how can we address the complex issue of access? How and to what extent can considering students as co-creators of knowledge with regards to teaching, learning, and research bring about social change under politically repressive regimes?
3. In a landscape saturated with online learning platforms, how do space and the urban embeddedness of CILAS impact the teaching, learning, and research processes?

Organizer: **Anne Clement**, Cairo Institute of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CILAS), Research Director & Teaching Fellow.

Chair: **Karim-Yassin Goessinger**, CILAS, Founder, Director, Teaching Fellow.

René Boer, CILAS, Teaching Fellow.

Hussein Tarek, CILAS, co-creator of knowledge.

Shuruk Mohamed, CILAS, co-creator of knowledge.

### SESSION 3

201-b 11:00–12:30

T1 B-1

#### Mapping the Politics of the (anti-) Colonial Imagination – 2 / 2

Representation; Colonialism; Material Circulations

Taking mapping practices, cartoons, literature and photography as departure point; the papers in this panel series address the politics of representation and its material circulations in the colonial and postcolonial world.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Zayde Antrim**

**Zayde Antrim**, Trinity College, Hartford, Associate Professor: "Of Borders and Belonging: Palestine and Syria before the Age of Partition".

**Sybille Bauriedl & Ulrike Bergmann**, University of Bayreuth, Lecturer and Research Fellow / University of the Arts Braunschweig, Professor: "Post-colonial visions, geographical imaginations, and 'Carbon colonialism'".

**Aina Niaz**, Utah State University, Graduate Student: "A View from the Periphery: Representations of US Acts of Extra-Territoriality in Pakistani Political Cartoons".

**Adila Laïdi-Hanieh**, George Mason University, PhD Candidate: "Cultural practices under Sociocide: Questioning the globalized mode of address and circulation of Contemporary Palestinian Arts".

210 11:00–12:30

T1 A-3

#### Spaces of Anti-Imperialism

Anti-imperialism; Production of space; Local struggles

This panel interrogates the meaning of anti-imperialism across different ecologies – peasant agrarian, slave plantation, urban, and mining. By drawing from different historical and geographical contexts, we examine responses to imperialism at the local scale and across varied patterns of accumulation. In doing so, we also consider the tensions between reform and revolutionary movements and between anti-imperialist political

discourse and local struggles. Paying attention to the intersections of anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggles, we wish to consider the contradictions that shape these movements and the manner in which they interact.

Organizer: **Sonja Killoran-McKibbin**  
Chair: **Kasim Tirmizey**

**Thor Ritz**, Syracuse University, PhD Candidate: "Anti-colonial Spaces of Marronage: the Saint Maló Maroons and Strategies of Flight and Resistance in Colonial Louisiana".

**Kasim Tirmizey**, York University, PhD Candidate: "Between geographies of

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communalism and anti-colonialism in early twentieth century Punjab".

**Stephen Legg**, University of Nottingham, Associate Professor: "Congress and Communist Disciplines: the roles of routine and (non-)violence in Delhi's Anti-Colonial Movements".

**Sonja Killoran-McKibbin**, York University, PhD Candidate: "Anti-Imperialism Reconfigured: Miners and the State in the Bolivian Process of Change".

211 11:00–12:30 T2 A-2

## Housing, Gentrification and Social Transformation in Times of Crisis

Housing; Gentrification; Social Transformation

This panel explores how forms of dwelling, particularly housing, are sites of both contestation (particularly in struggles around gentrification) and social transformation in times of crisis.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Rafaella Lima

**Elsa Noterman**, Department of Geography University of Wisconsin-Madison, PhD Candidate: "Beyond tragedy: Differential commoning in a manufactured housing cooperative".

**Zsuzsanna Posfai & Csaba Jelinek**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences / Central European University, PhD Candidates: "When the bubble bursts: Housing as the structural element of post-2008 governmental policies and emerging radicalism in Hungary".

**Melissa Valle**, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, PhD Candidate: "If These Walls Could Talk: Community, conflict, and urban change in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia".

**Rafaella Lima**, Independent: Repro- liticizing Property: "'Sem-teto' movements and the regeneration of downtown São Paulo".

212 11:00–12:30 T3 B-3

## Precarious Cities

Internally Displaced Peoples; Urban Space; Labor

The papers in this panel share a concern for the precarious lives of migrants and internally displaced people in urban spaces. This panel speaks to the ways in which labor regimes, housing policies, and urban spatial tactics are at once shaped by and constitutive of broader geopolitical and postcolonial relations.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Mark Rainey

**Gerhardt Kornatowski**, Osaka City University Urban Research Plaza, Research Fellow: "Singapore as a Failed "Arrival City" and Its Consequences: On the Spatiality and Social Conditions of Injured South Asian Foreign Workers".

**Derya Özkan**, Institute of European Ethnology, University of Munich, Research Group Director and Fellow: "Precarious Spaces in the Postfordist European City: The Train Station Quarter as Excess of Migration".

**Eva Papatzani**, National Technical University of Athens, Architect and Postgraduate Student: "Power struggles over boundaries. Negotiations of belonging at the center of Athens".

**Mark Rainey**, Centre for Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths / School of Geography, Queen Mary, PhD Candidate: "The Waiting Room: Refused Asylum Seekers and the Weaponisation of Time".

213 11:00–12:30 T5 B-4

## Resisting Bodies within Nation-State Orders: The Cases of Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon, Undocumented Migrants in Denmark and the Kurdish Areas of Syria

Bodies of resistance; Unofficial histories; Statelessness

Through a panel debate we intend to shape a discussion on territorial claims, imagined geographies and borders framed through studies of bodies of resistance. Three cases that contest the

nation-state order ground our debate. By inquiring into the subjective as well as group-based forms of resistance of Palestinian-Syrians in Lebanon, persons living underground in Denmark, and persons living in Rojava in Syria, we aim to show how bodies adapt to and resist the systems suppressing them.

Organizer: Mette Lunds fryd  
Chair: Mette Lunds fryd

**Mette Lunds fryd**, Researcher: "Case 1: A World of Checkpoints: Border Crossing Experiences of Palestinian Refugees from Syria".

**Lilith Katinka Gimbel**, Researcher: "Case 2: Navigation in European and Danish Borderscapes".

**Ida Harriet Rump**, Researcher: "Case 3: Struggling within the Rojava Labatory".

214-a 11:00–12:30 T6 B-5

## Rural De-development and Agrarian Transformation in the Arab World – 1 / 2

Agrarian Change; Food production and natural resources; Arab World

This panel provides contemporary perspectives on dynamics of restructuring of agrarian relations, related environmental plunder and their meaning for questions of development (both in its neoliberal incantation and in more socially just visions for the future) in the Arab world.

Organizer: Karim Eid-Sabbagh/ICCG  
Chair: Carol Palmer

**Carol Palmer**, The British Institute, Amman & Council of British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Director: "Agricultural Development and Crisis at the Lowest Place on Earth, Ghawr al-Safi, Jordan".

**Anne Gough & Rami Zurayk**, National University of Singapore, PhD Candidate / Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, AUB, Professor: "Power, Knowledge and Food Security in the Arab World".

**Muna Dajani**, London School of Economics, PhD Candidate: "Land, Identity and Resistance in the occupied Golan Heights".

**Christian Hendersen**, SOAS, PhD  
Candidate: "To what extent is there a causal link between Gulf capital and the construction of a new food regime in Egypt?"

215-a 11:00 –12:30

**T7** B-2

### Infrastructures of Possibility: Material, Relational, and Semiotic Dimensions of Contestation – 1 / 3

Infrastructure; Material and Symbolic; Relationality and Contestation

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Organizer: **Lisa Bjorkman, Omar Jabary-Salamanca and Jonathan Silver**

Chair: **Omar Jabary-Salamanca**

**Elizabeth Gelber**, Columbia University: "Rogue pipelines and political amnesties in Nigeria's Niger Delta".

**Emilio Distretti**, London Metropolitan University: "Desert, Colonial Roads and the Performativity of Waste".

**Omar Jabary-Salamanca**, Columbia University, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Road 443: cementing segregation, normalizing violence, disrupting everyday life".

216 11:00 –12:30

**T8** C-2

### Gentrification, Urban Planning and Social Fragmentation Beyond the Core

Cities of struggle; Rurality of the city; Spacial exclusion

What is the most adequate method to capture the re-shaped urban areas in

occupied Palestine as an outcome of the constellation of socio-economic and political factors? How does the global trend of gentrification intersect with histories of colonialism? For example, how to explain the complex case of Kufur Aqab where massive growth of apartment buildings and urban plan came to meet the massive inflow of people – who are attempting to keep hold of their Jerusalem identity – a suburb that happens to be at the edges of the Ramallah city-state? The panel will investigate these questions from many different perspectives: the architectural and urban planning approach, the socio-political and economical view.

Organizer: **Ayman AbdulMajeed**, Center for Development Studies, BZU, Coordinator and Researcher.

Chair: **Ayman AbdulMajeed**

**Abaher ElSakka**, Birzeit University: "The new configuration of social and economic categories in the public space (Ramallah and Kufr Aqab)".

**Dima Yaser**, Birzeit University: "The emerging 'rural' cities: the shifting modalities".

**Yazeed ElRifai**, Birzeit University: "Ramallah: the impact of Modernization & the project of the city-state".

217-a 11:00 –12:30

**T9** B-6

### From Movement Building to Building Knowledge. Global Experiences in Resistance – 1 / 3

Resistance; Knowledge Production; Policing-Representation

The papers on this panel draw from different spatial and temporal contexts and instances of political struggle to highlight the centrality of knowledge production in movement building.

Organizer: **Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**  
Chair: **Tang Wing Shing**

**Christina West**, Urban Office and Institute of Geography, University of Heidelberg: "The evolution of transversal modes of knowledge production – Reflections on Resistance Movements in Barcelona/Spain".

**Tayseer Arouri**, Birzeit University, Professor and Activist: "The Palestinian Intifada (1987-1992): In-/Official Mediums of Awareness-Construction and Education".

**Mine Islar**, CSUS Lund University, Postdoctoral Researcher: "Ecological citizen on the barricades: Examples from right to the city movements in Spain and Turkey".

**Giulia Montanari & Javier Toscano**, Researcher / Writer and Visual Artist: "The representation of protest events on the internet – The reorganisation of the political field through visual imaginaries".

## SESSION 4

218-a 13:30 –15:00

**T1** B-1

### Settler Colonial Geographies Past and Present – 1 / 2

Settler colonialism; Race; Gender

From Palestine and Canada to South Africa and the US, this panel series explores the ways gender, race and class underpin and constitute the logics and everyday life experience of settler colonial projects past and present.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Andy Clarno**

**Morgan Buck**, The Graduate Center, CUNY, PhD Candidate and Teaching Fellow: "Women Out of Place: gender, race, and geographies of apartheid".

**Paul Burow**, Yale University, Graduate Student: "The Political Economy of Land Allotment on the Flathead Indian Reservation".

**Andy Clarno**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Assistant Professor: "The Empire's New Walls: The Politics of Enclosure in South Africa and Palestine/Israel".

**Akanksha Mehta**, Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS, PhD Candidate: "Gendered Spatialities and the Cultural Nationalist 'Right': Space, Place, and the Settler Colonial Politics of Zionist Women".

## Monday Afternoon

219 13:30 – 15:00

T8 A-3

### Entangled Agendas. Contested Visual and Institutional Politics in Egypt's Cultural Arena

Institutional power/control; Visual representation; Politics of culture

By investigating the power structures behind the visual representations that inhabit Egypt's institutional arena, this panel addresses a gap in the literature on institutional power in Egypt. Papers examine how institutions like state ministries and foreign cultural institutes work in and around visual culture to maintain and construct power. Showing how photographs, logos, or text, have been used by state and foreign institutions as tools of control, this panel attempts to demystify the notion that visual culture is neutral or veridical.

Organizer: Ifdal Elsaket  
Chair: Ifdal Elsaket

**Ifdal Elsaket**, British University in Egypt, Lecturer: "Police Photography in Egypt".

**Laura Cugusi**, Writer and Journalist: "Reframing the nation: visual branding strategies to promote Egypt as a tourism destination".

**Ilka Eickhof**, University of Amsterdam, NVIC Cairo, PhD Candidate and Lecturer: "Constructing the Self through the Gift: Western Cultural Funding and Branding Politics in Cairo".

220 13:30 – 15:00

T3 A-1

### The Political Economy of U.S. immigration Enforcement: Dominant Narratives, Counter-narratives, and Resisting the Deportation Regime in New York City

Political economy; Immigration enforcement; Transformative politics

The U.S. Government has successfully deployed its capacity to deport approximately 400,000 people annually and detain 34,000 people daily since 2009 using a decentralized network of local, state, and federal detention facilities. This three-part presentation looks at the political economy of immigration enforcement; it highlights the inherently exclusionary strategies deployed

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### Politicizing the Food Movement in Urban Contexts: a Strategizing Platform – 1/2

Urban food movements; political strategizing; scholar activism

The debate on the postpolitical condition and the evacuation of the political from the urban has been thriving over recent years (eg Eric Swyngedouw 2007). The retraction of the political has also been widely documented with regard to urban food movements (e.g. Julie Guthman 2008, Eric Holtz-Giménez 2011). The urban food movements are characterized by a strong focus on strategies of gender-, class- and race-blind individual behavioral change, universalism, and consumer oriented awareness-raising campaigns. Moreover, dogma's of good governance, new management and 'solutions' coming from a new Green Revolution, coupled with neoliberal economic policies and austerity, lead civil society organizations and researchers active in the food movement to set priorities by criteria of survival and adaptation in a time of growing precarity.

Public debate and urban struggles that radically question root causes (such as the private and exclusive ownership of land and food commons) or that challenge strategies and incompatible choices in food systems are systematically marginalized. The subsequent weak imaginaries in the urban food movements on the necessity and possibility of social transformation contrast with politicized peasants' struggles for food sovereignty, and localized conflicts over control of natural resources in places (and across communities) with a strong sense of common identity. With the aim of exploring new ways to strengthen the politicizing power of urban food movements, we are looking for experiences of skill sharing, collective learning, collectivized direct action, growing experiences, popular education, power decentralization, movement building...that were promising and turned out to be failures, or on the contrary that made a difference in relation to strategic alliances between activists and other groups (i.e. food NGOs, but not only) fighting for and gaining food sovereignty and justice, land access or the proliferation of agro-ecological agriculture in urban contexts.

Organizers & Proponents: **Barbara Van Dyck, Chiara Tornaghi**

Cases:

**Barbara Van Dyck**, University of Leuven: "Healing from enclosure, commoning agricultural knowledge production. Views from Belgium".

**Chiara Tornaghi**, Cities and social justice research cluster, School of Geography, University of Leeds: "Urban Food Justice. A social platform on urban agriculture".

**Alessandra Manganelli**, University of Leuven and Free University of Brussels: "Resilience building in urban food movements. Insights from the Brussels' GASAP network".

**Severin Halder**, Allmende-Kontor (Commons-Office) Berlin: "Popular education, collective mappings and a manifest: On scholar activism and the urban garden movement".

**Ella von der Haide**, Universität Kassel: "Urban Garden Manifest, Berlin".

**Susan Moffat**, New Vic Borderlines, New Vic Theatre and Keele University Management School: "Communal experiences of food poverty in the UK: A 'Cultural Animation' Workshop".

**Emma Saunders**, Edinburgh University: "Tackling a water company: from political demands to a consumer campaign".

**Agnese Cretella**, Purefood Project, Rural Sociology Group Wageningen University, Marie Curie Fellow: "Pure Food Network - Rotterdam and London narratives".

in dominant struggles for migrant inclusion; and brings counter-narratives from the organizing frontlines of people fighting against U.S. immigration enforcement and regimes of criminalization in New York City. Their stories expose the challenges and praxis of solidarity against state violence and displacement.

Organizer: **Marlene Nava Ramos**  
Chair: **Marlene Nava Ramos**

**Marlene Nava Ramos**, The Graduate Center, CUNY, PhD Candidate: "Contextualizing U.S. immigration enforcement: the productivity of immigrant detention and deportation".

**Eric Nava Perez**, Lehman College, CUNY: "Politics of deservingness in immigration justice narratives: implications on advocates' strategies and possibilities for transformational justice".

**Denise Guadalupe Romero**, Migrant Power Alliance (Youth Activists Youth Allies Network): "Resisting the deportation machine: narratives from the frontlines of counter-displacement efforts in New York City".

222 13:30–15:00 T5 B-4

### Bodies on the Frontline: Policing, Protest and Corporeal Contention

Public Space; Police Violence; Women, transgender, LGBT

Precarious dissidence, protest, police violence and misappropriation of bodies in urban public space: Egyptian state cooptation of violence against women imaginaries of a barbaric "Arab street" and passive victims; unlikely alliances, relationships of care and the queering of Gezi Park protests by the "LGBT block" and feminist allies; police kettling during Toronto's G20 summit in Toronto as embodied urban aesthetic face off; police repression of transgendered women in Istanbul - sexual identity at the intersection of law, violence, the state and space.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Begum Basdas**

**Noor Amr**, Willamette University: "'The Woman is the Revolution': Gender, justice and the Egyptian nation".

**Begum Basdas**, Istanbul Bilgi University / Amnesty International Turkey, Lecturer / Coordinator: "Queer assemblages of protest: rethinking Gezi Park protests".

**Scott Sørli**, Ryerson University: "Political Aesthetics of Police Kettling".

**Asli Zengin**, York University, Researcher: "Punishing Gender Non-Conformity: Police Violence, Urban Space and the Criminal Category of "Travesti" in Istanbul".

214-b 13:30–15:00 T6 B-5

### Rural De-development and Agrarian Transformation in the Arab World – 2 / 2

Agrarian Change; Food production and natural resources; Arab World

This panel provides contemporary perspectives on dynamics of restructuring of agrarian relations, related environmental plunder and their meaning for questions of development (both in its neoliberal incantation and in more socially just visions for the future) in Palestine.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Norma Rantisi**

**Suha Shakaa**, Marda Permaculture Farm, Coordinator & Assistant: "Redefining Agricultural Development: A Critical Study of Neoliberal Perspectives in Palestine".

**Hadeel Shatara**, Fouad Nassar Association, Researcher: "The Palestinian Agricultural and Industrial Sectors Development: Between the Reality and the New Economic Initiatives".

**Norma Rantisi**, Concordia University, Professor: "Charting a Path to Self-Reliance: A Preliminary Study of the Palestine Fair Trade Association".

215-b 13:30–15:00 T7 B-2

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Organizer: **Lisa Bjorkman**, **Omar Jabary-Salamana** and **Jonathan Silver**  
Chair: **Lisa Bjorkman**

**Kali Rubaii**, University of California, Santa Cruz, PhD Candidate: "Concretizing Displacement: nonhuman agents of occupation in Iraq and Palestine".

**Myriam Aouragh**, Oxford University: Infrastructures of Empire: "The Long Life-Span of Media Empires".

**Lisa Bjorkman**, Georg-August Universität, Assistant Professor: "Pipe Politics: Mumbai's Contested Waters".

223 13:30–15:00 T8 A-2

### Decolonizing Public Space, Public Art, Desubjugation and Governmentality

Decolonization; Public space/art; Desubjugation

The panel will look at geography, city planning, public art, architecture and the psyche in exilic, colonized and decolonized spaces. Among the cases it will screen is a mural project on Sharouq Center in D'heisheh Refugee Camp in Beit Lahem (Bethlehem); murals painted in response to a violent attack in La Realidad, a Zapatista community in Chiapas Mexico; and modes of spatial (re-)imagineering of the city of Ramallah.

Organizer: **Susan Greene**  
Chair: **Susan Greene**

**Susan Greene**, CIIS, Art Forces, Lecturer: "Up Against the Wall, Architecture of Occupation and Colonial Melancholy".

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**Charlotte Saenz**, California Institute of Integral Studies, Instructor: "Art, Resistance and Collective Healing: the role of recent murals from the Zapatista community of 'La Realidad' Chiapas".

**Rochelle Gause**, Art Forces, Organizer: "Activism and Public Space".

**Vivien Sansour**, Agriculturalist, writer, producer, and photographer: "The Palestine Seed Library: a journey in reclaiming life in one of the world's centers of diversity: Palestine".

**Natasha Aruri**, UR°bana, Urbanist and Architect: "Cultural bubble or relational socio-temporal sensibilities? Ramallah's otherness and decolonization potentials".

217-b 13:30–15:00 T9 B-6

## From Movement Building to Building Knowledge. Global Experiences in Resistance – 2 / 3

Resistance; Knowledge Production; Policing-Representation

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Organizer: **Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**

Chair: **Christina West**

**Tang Wing Shing**, Hong Kong Baptist University: Hong Kong Occupy Movements: Neither Neoliberal Nor Nationalistic

**Minoo Koedoed**, Gothenburg University, PhD Candidate: "Constructive Resistance and the Syntagma Square Movement in Greece: Towards a Politics of Possibilities?"

**Pelin Tan**, Faculty of Architecture, Mardin Artuklu University: "Surplus of Political Collective Action in Urban Resistance".

**Emel Akcali**, Department of International Relations and European Studies, Central European University, Assistant Professor: "The State and Societal (Trans-)formation in post-revolutionary Tunisia: A Critical Realization".

## SESSION 5

218-b 15:30–17:00

T1 B-1

## Settler Colonial Geographies Past and Present – 2 / 2

Settler colonialism; Race; Gender

From Palestine and Canada to South Africa and the US, this panel series explores the ways gender, race and class underpin and constitute the logics and everyday life experience of settler colonial projects past and present.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Yara Sa'di**

**Rallie Murray**, California Institute of Integral Studies, PhD Candidate: "A Tale of Two Islands: Robben Island and Alcatraz".

**Yara Sa'di**, Activist and Researcher: "Representations of the spatial experience in Mount Scopus campus - Jerusalem, in Palestinian students' discourse".

**Leah Temper**, Autonomous University of Barcelona, EJOLT, Ejatlas, Coordinator, Editor: "Rights of Nature or Responsibility to Nature? A conversation with the Unist'ot'en Resistance Camp".

**Philip Rizk & Jason Hickel**, Filmmaker, Writer / London School of Economics, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Resisting Indirect Rule in Palestine: Lessons from South Africa".

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T2 A-2

## The State as Economic Actor

State; Citizenship; Political Economy

Papers in this panel focus on the role of states in locating, shaping and/or transforming economic processes and geographies within and beyond their borders, and relationship people have to those states as citizens.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Michaela Pixova**

**Sigrid Vertommen**, MENA Research Group, Ghent University, Assistant, PhD Candidate: "From the Pergonal Project to Kadimastem: A genealogy of Israel's reproductive-industrial complex".

**Hamish Kallin**, Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh, PhD Candidate: "The debt state of planned gentrification".

**Mariska Jung**, Department of Development Studies, SOAS: "Bringing the border back in: migration, neoliberal capitalism and reterritorialization of the Thai state".

**Michaela Pixova**, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Postdoctoral Researcher: "Contested Czech Cities: Post-socialist Urban Restructuring and Social Movements".

225 15:30–17:00

T3 B-3

## Challenging Fortress Europe

Securitization of migration; Humanitarianism; European Borders

This panel critiques the securitization of migration and borders in the EU. Papers in this panel examine discourses concerning migration, refugees and humanitarianism in Europe, the claims of refugees who have managed to arrive in Europe, and the survival strategies of migrants in contemporary European cities.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Alexandra Zavos**

**Alexandra Zavos & Vassiliki Katrivanou**, Panteion University, Researcher / Rapporteur for Migration and Human Rights: "Syrian Refugees in Athens: Endangered Lives challenging Fortress Europe".

**Paolo Cuttitta**, VU University Amsterdam, Researcher: "The Humanitariization of Migration Management: Changing Narratives and Actors in the Central- Southern Mediterranean".

**Larissa Fleischmann**, Cluster of Excellence 'Cultural Foundations of Integration', University of Konstanz, Research Assistant and PhD Candidate: "De-Securitizing 'Fortress Europe': The Shifting Discourses on Europe, its Borders and the Non-European 'Other'".

**Kristine Juul**, Dept. of Geography/ MOSPUS, University of Roskilde, Associate Professor: "Mapping Survival Strategies, Routines and the Territorialization of Urban Space among

Homeless Migrants of West African origin in Copenhagen".

226 15:30–17:00

T5 B-4

### Gaza, Palestine: (Un) Making Bodies and Space in War and Siege

Palestine; Structural violence; Sumoud/Resistance

A steady violence that is both spectacular and structural frames Palestinian life in the occupied territories. Panelists critically investigate the interpolation of everyday violence and the 2014 assault on Gaza specifically the Israeli Defense Force's use of door knocking as a mode of "ethical killing" to invert responsibility onto the bodies of the bombed during "Operation Protective Edge"; detailed documentation of war crimes and mapping of spatial destruction that took place during the fifty day war; the contradictions and implications of medical care in the microgeographies of the siege on Gaza; and Palestinian sumoud - steadfastness - during Israeli detention and intersections of corporeality, corporeality, resistance.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Mikko Joronen

**Mikko Joronen**, University of Tampere, Postdoctoral Researcher: "'Death comes knocking on the roof' Thanatopolitical responsibilisation & the necro-economic justification of killing during Operation Protective Edge".

**Omar Qassis & Carmen Leidert**, Optimum for Consultancy and Training, Researcher / Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, PhD Candidate: "The Body Politics of Sumoud and Confession: Israeli Interrogation and Palestinian Bodies".

**Francesco Sebregondi**, Forensic Architecture/ MAPP Projects Goldsmiths University, Research Fellow: "Urban Conflicts, New Media, and the Political Representation of Violence".

**Ron Smith**, Bucknell University, Assistant Professor: "Spaces of service and deprivation: health care provision under siege".

221-b 15:30–17:00



### Politicizing the Food Movement in Urban Contexts: a Strategizing Platform – 2/2

Urban food movements; political strategizing; scholar activism

For the description of this strategizing platform please refer to 221-a., Session 4.

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T6 B-5

### Autonomous Development, Social Movements and Resistance in Latin America

Autonomous Development; Social Movements; Latin America

This panel explores struggles around development in Latin America and its underlying ecological, political, social, cultural and economic aspects.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Rebecca Hollender

**Rebecca Hollender**, Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy, The New School, PhD Candidate: "Post-Growth in the Global South: The Emergence of Alternatives to Development in Latin America".

**Bobby Banerjee & Rajiv Maher**, Danish Centre for Human Rights, Professor / DCHR, Senior Advisor: "Resistance is Fertile: Livelihood Struggles and Trans-local Resistance against Extractive Industries".

**Doug Specht**, University of Westminster, PhD Candidate: "The Digital Toolbox of Social Movements – Social Media vs. Online Mapping".

**Valeria Ysunza**, Researcher: "Territorialis Heritage and Justice of Latin-American indigenous: the reaffirmation of their existence/resistance".

215-c 15:30–17:00

T7 B-2

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Chair: Jonathan Silver

**Lalitha Kamath & Marina Joseph**, TISS, Mumbai / YUVA Urban: Re-imagining built infrastructure through actually lived infrastructure: "Collective Power and 'Commoning' in the Mumbai Development Plan Process".

**Amita Bhide**, TISS, Mumbai: "Infrastructures, Politics, Possibilities and Limits: Changing Materialities of Toilets in Slums in Mumbai".

**Jonathan Silver**, Durham University and LSE, Post-doctoral Fellow: "Incremental infrastructures: material improvisation and social collaboration across post-colonial Accra".

228 15:30–17:00

T8 A-3

### Diasporic Narratives of Palestine

Place; Social(-ties); (re-)Territorialization

This panel discusses diasporic representations of Palestine past and present. Presenters expound on issues of (re-)construction and (re-)territorialization

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tion of Palestinian socializations and sensibilities through cases from different geographies.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Olga Solombrino**

**Rory Sykes**, Northwestern University, PhD Candidate: "Representing the Absent Homeland: Palestinian Fedayeen Camps as Fugitive National Space".

**Jaimie Gregory**, University of Toronto: Returning to Humanity: "An Examination of Ghassan Kanafani's 'Returning to Haifa'".

**Siri Schwabe**, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, PhD Candidate: "Club Palestino: A Palestinian Space in Santiago de Chile".

**Olga Solombrino**, Orientale University, PhD Candidate: "Immaterial Geographies: the process of remaking Palestine online".

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T9 B-6

### From Movement Building to Building Knowledge. Global Experiences in Resistance – 3 / 3

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The papers on this panel draw from different spatial and temporal contexts and instances of political struggle to highlight the centrality of knowledge production in movement building.

Organizer: **Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**  
Chair: **Christina West**

**Robert Ross**, Assistant Professor: "Understanding the Opposition: The Anti-BDS Movement in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Beyond".

**Razan Khalaf**, Researcher: "Navigating Palestine: Narratives of Spatial Resistance in Kafr Bir'im".

**Minoo Koedoed**, Gothenburg University, PhD Candidate: "Constructing Space through the Destruction of Bodies?: The Self-Immolations in Tibet in a Resistance Studies Perspective".

**Cristiano Nunes Alves**, Territorial Planning Laboratory of Geographical Research, State University of Campinas, Researcher: "The Independent Rap Circuit in Paris: Art as Anti-Colonial Activism".

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17:30–19:00

K.T. Auditorium

### ICGG / ICCG Open Meeting – 1 / 2

This meeting constitutes an open space to discuss and strategize all the issues concerning the International Critical Geography Group (ICGG) and the International Critical Geography Conference (ICCG).

The aim of the ICGG is to promote the development of critical geography internationally and in accordance with the Statement of Purpose (see page 6). The activities of the Group are: to promote networking and debate between ICGG members, activists, campaigning organizations and conference participants; to undertake other activities consistent with the Statement of Purpose as agreed by the Committee and/or participants at the conferences; and, to hold International Conferences of Critical Geography (ICCGs).

We invite all interested participants of the 7th ICCG to attend this meeting to discuss:

- The aims, activities and organization of the ICGG;
- The ICGG organizational structure and strategy;
- The process of conference preparation for future ICCGs and possible locations for the 8th ICCG;
- Nominations to the ICGG Steering Committee; and,
- A preliminary discussion about Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) and the planned vote on a formal BDS resolution which is scheduled to take place during the Closing Plenary of this 7th ICCG.

If you would like to learn about and/or share your ideas and perspectives about the ICGG/ICCG; or if you are interested in joining the Steering Committee and/or in hosting / helping in organizing a future ICCG; please feel free to attend this Open Meeting!

Chair: **Joe Painter**, ICGG Steering Committee.

**SESSION 6**

301 09:00-10:30

**T1** B-1

**Securitization and the Militarization of Urban Space**

Military Urbanism; Securitization; Urban Space

Papers in this panel explore how securitization and militarized forms of urbanism are gradually invading and colonizing urban landscapes and the spaces of everyday life across the globe.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Alia Mortada**

**Alia Mortada**, RWTH Aachen University and German University in Cairo, Teaching Assistant and Urbanist: "Mega projects or Mega failures? The effect on (and creation of) Egyptian cities through militarized planning from the 1950s until today".

**Sabrien Amrov**, SETA: "Security Knowledge: Administrating Resistance".

**Salma Aboulhossein**, American University in Cairo, Assistant Lecturer: "Emergency Urbanism: Cairo's Struggle Over its Militarized Urban Space".

**Paola Rivetti**, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, Lecturer: "Governing societies by other means: defining terrorism".

302 09:00-10:30

**T2** B-2

**Subject to Economy**

Gender; Class; Race

This panel brings together work that seeks to theorize the intersection between different forms of subjectivity and economic space-times.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Judit Timar**

**Christopher Harker, Dareen Sayyad & Reema Shabeatah**, Durham University, Lecturer / Durham University, Researcher / Head of Policy Research, MOLG at the Palestinian Authority: "The gender of debt: the case of Ramallah-Al Bireh, Palestine".

**Francesca Manning**, Columbia University, PhD Candidate: "Concerning the abolition of work, value, class, race, and gender: towards an expanding theory of the capitalist mode of production adequate to contemporary struggle".

**Sami Tayeb**, American University of Beirut, Graduate Student: "Class Formation, Neoliberalism, and Elitist 'State-Building': The Rawabi Urban Development Project in Ramallah (Palestine)".

**Judit Timar**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Senior Researcher: "Migration or Displacement? Socio-Spatial Marginalization in Hungary".

303 09:00-10:30

**T3** B-3

**Fight and Flight Revisited: Protest, Migration and the Political**

Exit; Voice; Protest

The co-emergence of protest and migration raises questions about the contemporary nature of the political. It has foregrounded an old debate: in adverse economic, social and political circumstances why do some people stay and endure those conditions, while others protest against them, and still others leave to escape them? At the same time, it has invited a rethinking of the 'political' in relation to migration and its effects. Drawing on recent research on diasporas and their relations with those who stay behind, this panel considers old and new analytical frameworks that attempt to make sense of the relationship between protest, migration and the political.

Organizer: **Nicholas Van Hear**  
Chair: **Kareem Rabie**, Centre on Migration, Policy & Society, University of Oxford, Post-doctoral Fellow.

**Nicholas Van Hear**, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford, Deputy Director: "Exit and voice revisited in transnational settings".

**Dace Dzenovska**, ISCA/COMPAS, University of Oxford, Lecturer: "Endurance, migration, and forms of politics in post-enlargement Europe".

**Abbas Shibliak**, world citizen, Research Associate: "'Fight and flight': the case of Palestine".

304 09:00-10:30

**T4** A-3

**Colonial Natures: Representation, Commodification and Struggles for Water in the Global South**

Colonialism; Privatization; Water

The papers in this panel provide an in-depth understanding of the role of nationalism, power and corporate control in shaping the ways natural resources are valued, managed, framed and contested.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Anne-Marie Debbane**

**Joseph Getzoff**, Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota, PhD Candidate: "Sustainable Zionism: Nationalism as Environmentalism in Israel/Palestine".

**Clemens Messerschmidt & Jan Selby**, Univ. of Freiburg/Br and Institute of Hydrology, PhD candidate / Department of International Relations, University of Sussex, Researcher: "Colonial and Post-Colonial Geographies of the Jordan River".

**Anne-Marie Debbane**, San Diego State University, Assistant Professor: "Muddying the Waters: Global capital, social protest, and the production of value in Durban, South Africa".

305 09:00-10:30

**T5** A-2

**Bodies Across Borders: Reframing, Resistance, Resubjectification and Remembering Displacement, Migration and Marginalized Corporeality**

Undocumented/Migrants; Citizenship/Belonging; Resistant embodiment

Thinking through the dismantling of personhood at and within imperial metropolitan borders this panel unpacks the problematics of representation of undocumented people at the Calais border; the embodied diasporic memories of Palestinians in Poland; activism among Iranian refugees in Turkey and Italy; and the queer bedding of illegal bodies at the US border.

# Tuesday Morning

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Paola Rivetti

**Dominika Blachnicka-Ciacek**, Goldsmiths, University of London, PhD Candidate: "Occupied from within – remembering Palestine through the body".

**James Ellison**, Loughborough University, Leicestershire, PhD Candidate: "Visual representation on the border: technology, solidarity, and resistance".

**Stephanie Figgins**, Goldsmiths, University of London: "Between the Sheets of the U.S. Deportation Regime".

**Paola Rivetti**, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, Lecturer: "The performativity of political activism among Iranian refugees in

Turkey and Italy. Between biopolitics and international relations".

307 09:00–10:30

T8 B-6

## Art, Politics and Dissent in the Aftermath of the Arab Uprisings

Dissent and Solidarity; Political Art and Revolution; Middle East and North Africa

The papers in this panel focus on how cultural and art expressions can be a means to explore political dissent, reclaiming public space, articulate nationalist discourses, and as a way to explore the quotidian politics in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Leila Tayeb

306 09:00–10:30

T7 C-1



## Materiality and the Colonial / Postcolonial World

Politics of Materiality; Colonialism, Dispossession; Postcolonial

This roundtable brings together a diverse set of people from different disciplinary backgrounds, working historically and/or theoretically, to think together about how 'the material' might inform a critical-theoretical methodology with regards to the study of the colonial and postcolonial world. This immediately posits the question: What does thinking through materiality add to our understanding of (post)colonial studies? Is there something in this approach that talks directly to the differentia specifica of the colonial and its bequeathed legacy? More still, can we read historical encounters as they are shaped not only in but also through material forms and socio-technical arrangements? How can we, here, think of the distinction between humans and things never as *a priori* given but, at least in part, as the effect of colonial technologies of rule? More specifically, if dispossession is the primary modality of the colonial (and the settler-colonial in particular) what might a reading of built matter and domestic objects add to our understandings of it? And how does all this affect political practice? What kind of politics might it open and what kind might it foreclose, particularly for those still committed to a politics of the anti-colonial? In addressing these questions the roundtable hopes to create a space where to share some of the methodological and theoretical challenges of our research practice; and to do so in a context that demands that these challenges be also refracted through the ethical-political imperatives of our present.

Organizers: **Nasser Abourahme & Omar Jabary-Salamanca**, Columbia University, PhD Candidate / Columbia University, Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Lisa Bjorkman**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Research Fellow.

**Elizabeth Gelber**, Columbia University, PhD Candidate.

**Kali Rubaii**, University of California, Santa Cruz, PhD Candidate.

**Jonathan Silver**, London School of Economics and Durham University, Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Arun Saldana**, University of Minnesota, Associate Professor.

**Viktoria Metschl**, Research Platform "Mobile Cultures & Societies", University of Vienna, Assistant and PhD Candidate: "Algerian Tectonics of Solidarity. Cinematographic readings and the possibilities of a misreading of fraternity".

**Agatha Palma**, University of California, Los Angeles, PhD Candidate: "Of Laws Tattooed in Flesh: Street Poetry, Hip-hop, and Graffiti and the Contest for Public Space in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia".

**Nadeem Karkabi**, SOAS, University of London, PhD Candidate: "Nationalist Cosmopolitanism among Palestinian Alternative Musicians in Israel and the West Bank".

**Leila Tayeb**, Northwestern University, PhD Candidate: "Nduwash bel Malgy: Performing the Civil in Post-Revolution Libya".

308 09:00–10:30

T9 B-4

## Whose Knowledge? Digitalising the World

Right to Information; Control of Knowledge; Mapping Technologies

The papers on this panel focus on open source, mapping, and blogging technologies as way to problematize the ways knowledge is produced, shared and distributed. In doing so it highlights how the digital is central to questions related to the production of urban space, governance, and activism.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Joe Shaw

**Brittaney Cook**, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, PhD Candidate: "A Mapping 'Facts on the Ground': The Paradox of Democracy and Open Source Volunteered Geographic Information (VGI) in Jerusalem".

**Olivia Mason**, Durham University, PhD Candidate: "Spaces of resistance and control: examining knowledge politics in Palestinian tourism".

**Joe Shaw & Mark Graham**, The Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford University, PhD Candidate / The Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford University, Associate Professor: "Code, Content,

and Control: An Informational Right to the City?"

005

11:00–12:30

K.T. Auditorium

**PLENARY:**

**Dreaming a Common Language: Making Race, Sexuality and Gender Matter in Critical Geography**

This plenary throws the spotlight on violent enmeshments of race, gender, sexuality and the rising resistances to them in the present (post) colonial moment. Participants share insights and experiences of violation, detention and premature death and the political confrontations they inspire. Making connections across geographical and disciplinary boundaries they track systemic continuities of corporeal dispossession and their articulation with land, nation and capital. What are the implications for critical geography when intersectionality, everyday and exceptional brutalities, and marked bodies move into the center of activist scholarship.

Chair: **Punam Khosla**, Social Movements Activist, Public Intellectual and Doctoral Candidate at York University, Canada.

**Karen de Souza**, Women's and Children's Rights Activist and Co-founder and National Coordinator of Red Thread, Guyana.

**Greg Thomas**, Associate Professor of English and African Studies at Tufts University, USA and the founding editor of e-journal Proud Flesh.

**Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian**, Professor and Lawrence D. Biele Chair in Law at the Institute of Criminology and the School of Social Work and Public Welfare at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Palestine.

**Akanksha Mehta**, Doctoral Candidate at the Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS – University of London, photographer and filmmaker.

006

13:15–18:45

**Field Trips – 1 / 2**

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# Wednesday Morning

## SESSION 7

401 09:00–10:30

T1 B-1

### Geopolitics, Race, and Territory

Geopolitics; Race; Territory

The papers in this panel explore the practices and discourses through which territorial formations and identity politics are constituted and reproduced.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Khury Petersen-Smith

**Gerry Kearns**, Maynooth University, Professor: "Geopolitics after Auschwitz".

**Khury Petersen-Smith**, Clark University, PhD Candidate: "Mackinder revisited: the enduring relevance of territory in geopolitics".

**Saad Amira**, Palestinian Museum, Researcher: "Annihilating the Palestinian Existence: Geopolitics of Colonial Domination and the Palestinian Country Side".

402 09:00–10:30

T2 B-2

### Thinking Economy and Power through Land

Land; Governance; Dispossession

Papers in this panel examine the crucial role land plays in relation to economies of power, governance, dispossession and development.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Khury Petersen-Smith

**Philip Le Billion & Melanie Sommerville**, University of British Columbia, Professor: "Landing capital: Opening land to investments in the farming and extractive sectors".

**Olga Balaoura**, University of Venice, PhD Candidate: "Spatial insights of land dispossession in the Historical Center of Athens".

**Kareem Rabie**, Centre on Migration, Policy & Society, University of Oxford, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Town, country, and 'the day after' in the West Bank".

403 09:00–10:30

T3 B-3

### Crossing Borders

European Union; Youth; Solidarity

The papers in this session open up new ways of thinking about transnational lives and their political implications. Papers discuss how global political imaginaries cross boundaries to produce, for example, Afro-Palestinian solidarity in the Americas; the ways in which Tunisian migration to Sicily can illuminate the production of European-ness; the daily lives of young migrants in Sicilian refugee centers for unaccompanied minors; and the practices of border dwellers along Syrian-Turkish border and their implications for the future.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Hatice Pinar Senoguz

404 09:00–10:30

T4 C-1

### round table Stories of Dispossession, Re-appropriation of Life and Political Struggle in Southern Europe



Southern Europe; Crisis of capitalism; Alternative socio-ecological futures

As the first session in a two-part series from the European Network of Political Ecology (ENTITLE), this round table brings together five case-studies from Spain, Greece and Italy to explore how the crisis in Southern Europe is not exceptional but part of the normalization of the (neoliberal) capital accumulation crisis worldwide; how the state shapes the concrete possibilities of struggle; how the environment becomes embedded in new waves of accumulation; and how people and social movements are deploying strategies that combine social resistance and collective creativeness to politicize "the crisis" and fuel the re-appropriation of the spaces of politics and social reproduction.

Organizer: Rita Calvário

Chair: Giorgos Velegrakis, Harokopio University, PhD Candidate.

#### Cases:

**Rita Calvário**, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Autonomous University of Barcelona, PhD Candidate: "Beyond celebration and skepticism: alternative economic spaces and transformative politics in times of crisis".

**Melissa García Lamarca**, University of Manchester, Associate Professor: "(De) mortgaging life: financialisation, biopolitics and political subjectivisation in the Barcelona metropolitan area".

**Santiago Gorostiza**, Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, PhD Candidate: "Water and energy supply in Madrid and Barcelona during the Second Spanish Republic (1931 – 1939)".

**Salvatore de Rosa**, Department of Human Geography, Lund University, PhD Candidate: "Building alliances for increasing resistance and self-organization in the Land of Fires".

405 09:00-10:30

T5 B-4

### Radical Rethinkings of Corporeal Violence in Social and Spatial Thought

Corporeality; Primitive Accumulation; Gender, Race

Pointing towards new theorizations of corporeality in critical geography and social theory this panel combines intertextual conceptual analysis and case studies. Panelists rethink the place of marked bodies and flesh in the social arena as they outline new insights into: gendered, racialized and sexual violence as a material logic that has worked alongside territorial and capitalist logics over the longue duree; how the study of alcoholism, dispossession and violence in Tamil Nadu opens the door for a new theory of transcorporeality; and a study of women in Indian right wing movements points to the pivotal role of pain, suffering and patriarchal embodiment.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Punam Khosla

**Punam Khosla**, York University, Scholar and Activist: "Abstract violence: A New Materialist Theorization of the (Un)making of Gendered, Racialized, Queer bodies".

**Ned Dostaler**, Institute for Social and Culture Anthropology and Magdalen College, University of Oxford, Graduate Student: "Alcohol and Bodies in Tamil Nadu, India: Towards a theory of transcorporeality".

**Akanksha Metha**, Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS, University of London, PhD Candidate: "The Gendered Spatial Aesthetics of "Everyday" Politics: Bodies, Visuals and Right-Wing Movements".

406 09:00-10:30 T8 B-5

### The Contested Politics of War Memorials

Memory and Trauma; (anti-) Memorials; (art-)Activism

Taking memorials and heritage as departure point, the papers in this panel focus on the relationships between war, collective memory and space as well as

the ways in which acts of remembrance are experienced and contested.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Sahar Qawasmi

**Christina-Maria Kontogianni & Konstantina Mitrokanelou**, Department of Geography, University College of London, Graduate Student / Researcher: "City and soul, constructing memories in space and time".

**Feras Hammami**, University of Gothenburg, Researcher: "Geographies of Heritage and Heritage Activism".

**James Riding**, University of Sheffield, Research Fellow: "Art in Nature: The Contested Landscape of Northwest Bosnia".

**Sahar Qawasmi**, Akademie Schloss Solitude, Research Fellow: "Anti Monuments".

407 09:00-10:30 T8 B-6

### Radical Experiments for Collective Housing in the Face of Capital Encroachment

(In-)Formality; Privatization; Commoning

This panel explores the ways experiments in collective housing challenge state/market power interventions. As such these papers trace social practices of dwelling, shifts and impacts of property relations and ownership, as well as tensions between the formal and the informal.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Clara Iarazábal

**Matthew Thompson**, Department of Planning, University of Manchester, Lecturer and PhD Candidate: "Collective dweller control as the struggle against abstract space: politicising neighbourhood as a spatial project".

**Keith Woodwards & Elsa Noterman**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Assistant Professor / University of Wisconsin-Madison, PhD Candidate: "Christiania and Post-Crisis Commoning".

**Clara Iarazábal, Irene Sosa & Lee Schlenker**, City University of New York, Assistant Professor / Middlebury College, Professor / University of Toronto, Professor: "The sleek tower and the makeshift shack: Rhizomatic collisions in Caracas' Torre David".

408-a 09:00-10:30 T9 A-1

### The City as Site of Decolonization: Colonial/Modern epistemologies and urban imaginaries – 1 / 2

City-space; Colonization/ decolonization; Coloniality of power

These two activities – the first a panel of four papers, the second a more open discussion – focus on the city as a site of de/colonization in an interdisciplinary and multidimensional way, engaging in particular the realities of capitalism, imperialism, race, heteropatriarchy and modernity. The presenters will examine Lefebvre's premise that "the city will only be rethought and reconstructed on its current ruins when we have properly understood that the city is the deployment of time", with special attention to the "decolonial turn" in critical theory. Standing on the ruins of our colonial/post-colonial geographies, we seek to identify new ways of thinking and questioning for the emancipatory production of the city within the coloniality of our present.

Organizer: Hazem Alnamla & Noa Ha  
Chair: Hazem Alnamla, Graduate Institute-Geneva, PhD Candidate.

**Anaheed Al-Hardan**, American University of Beirut, Assistant Professor: "Decolonial Theory and the Arab World".

**Kanishka Goonewardena**, University of Toronto, Associate Professor: "The Right to the City and De/colonization".

**Noa Ha**, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University Berlin, Postdoctoral Researcher: "The coloniality of the neoliberal city".

**Rami Salameh**, Graduate Institute-Geneva, Birzeit University, PhD Candidate: "Spatial – Subjects: Palestinians' everyday life realities".

## Wednesday Morning

007

11:00–12:30

K.T. Auditorium

### PLENARY:

#### Building Transnational Solidarity: Palestine, BDS, and Beyond

In October 2003 –during the second Intifada and in the peak of the “war on terror”— Palestinian academics and intellectuals issued a statement for a comprehensive economic, cultural and academic boycott of Israel. More than a decade has passed and the Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) campaign has become a veritable success in terms of putting Palestine back on the agenda and reinvigorating the extraordinary tenacity of Palestinian resistance on the ground. This plenary will explore the history, logics, goals and milestones of BDS as well as the tests ahead. More importantly it will discuss the critical ways in which the BDS campaign has grown as a complex and challenging space of politicization, building movement and alliances, and knowledge creation. As such the panel will think about different forms of critical and political engagement with Palestine as well as strategies to strengthen and advance the building of genuine solidarity alliances with other critical political struggles around the globe.

**Sylvia Marcos**, Senior Researcher and Activist on indigenous struggles in Latin America, and Professor at Universidad de la Tierra - Chiapas and National Autonomous University of Mexico.

**Lisa Taraki**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the PhD Program in the Social Sciences, Birzeit University.

**Omar Barghouti**, founding committee member of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) and a co-founder of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

**Haneen Maikey**, Activist and Director of alQaws for Sexual & Gender Diversity in Palestinian Society.

**Lena Meari**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Social and Behavioral Science and Institute of Women's Studies, Birzeit University.

008

13:15–18:45

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SESSION 8

408-b 09:00-10:30

T1 C-1



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For more details please refer to 408-a.

Organizer: **Hazem Alnamla & Noa Ha**

Chair: **Hazem Alnamla**, Graduate Institute-Geneva, PhD Candidate.

Cases:

**Kanishka Goonewardena**, University of Toronto, Associate Professor: "The right to the city, settler colonialism, colonial geography".

**Noa Ha**, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University Berlin, Postdoctoral Researcher: "What is the city, when is the city, where is the city, military urbanism and the role of surveillance and violence".

501 09:00-10:30

T2 B-2

Thinking Through Economies and Spaces of Work

Work; Labor; Unemployment

This panel explores how different kinds of labour, including unemployment, are shaping economic geographies in different parts of the world.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Ståle Holgerson**

**Ethan Morton Jerome**, University of Arkansas, PhD Candidate: "Trials and tribulations: Palestinian workers in Israeli settlement industrial zones demand their rights".

**Wilson Sherwin**, Graduate Center, Columbia University, Graduate Student: "Spaces of unemployment".

**Livia Cangiano-Antipon**, State University of Campinas - Unicamp, Postgraduate Researcher: "The Popular Sales

of Food in the Center of Campinas: Shelter and Resistance in the Unequal City".

**Ståle Holgerson**, Institute for Housing and Affiliation Urban Research, Uppsala University, Postdoctoral Fellow: "Marxist planning theory?"

502 09:00-10:30

T3 B-3

Embodying Migration

Migrant bodies; Borders; Queer politics

This panel takes an embodied approach to questions of migration by calling critical attention to how migrant bodies, subjectivities, and psyches become materially produced in the processes of mobility, asylum seeking, and resettlement.

Organizer: **ICCG**

Chair: **Anna Secor**

**Nicola De Martini Ugelotti & Serena Nicolosi**, University of Bath, PhD Candidates: "The Space Silence Takes: Post-Colonial Subjectivities, Memory, and Violence in Refugees' Reception in Italy".

**Chiara Giubilato**, University of Milano-Bicocca, Research Fellow: "Another spatiality is possible. The Mediterranean between regimes of visibility and subversive imaginations".

**Mariska Jung**, Department of Development Studies, SOAS, University of London, Activist: "Queering the asylum system: queer asylum seekers and migration activism in the UK".

**Anna Secor, Patricia Ehrkamp & Jenna Loyd**, University of Kentucky, Professor / University of Kentucky, Associate Professor / University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Associate Professor: "Remapping the trauma of war: The admission and resettlement of Iraqi refugees in the U.S.".

503-a 09:00-10:30

T4 A-2

Mapping Environmental Conflicts: Violence, Resource Extraction and Environmental Justice – 1 / 2

Environmental conflict; Violence; Environmental Justice

Bringing together a wide range of empirical cases, this panel focuses on environmental conflict and historical socio-environmental change as a lens into broader processes of environmental violence, governance, resource extraction and management, mapping and resistance.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Danya Qato**

**Madeeha Merchant**, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Research Associate: "Conflict Infrastructure".

**Lucia Arguelles Ramos & Leah Temper**, Institut de Ciencia Tecnologia Ambientals, UAB, PhD Candidate / Environmental Justice Atlas, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Researcher: "Winning concessions, notwithstanding repression: mapping and understanding outcomes and responses to ecological resistance".

# Thursday Morning

**Carolina Prado**, UC Berkeley, PhD Candidate: "Environmental Justice Across Borders: Social Movement Networks and Binational Governance on the U.S.-México Border".

**Danya Qato**, Postdoctoral Researcher: "Geography, Health, and Environmental Epidemiology in Palestine".

504 09:00-10:30 T5 B-4

## Israeli Militarism

Militarism; Israel/Palestine; Security

This panel poses the question of Israel's significance in global patterns of militarism and its insertion into the global security economy. Papers are based on extensive field research and original data from both within and outside Israel, examining the transmission of Israeli practice to other Western militaries as well as to control and surveillance in the Global South and in metropolises. The papers critically examine the claim that Israel has a unique role and expertise in these domains, considering carefully the specific actors involved and the way in which such practices travel and adapt through a variety of social contexts.

Organizer: **Lisa Bhungalia**, Syracuse University, Postdoctoral Fellow  
Chair: **Lisa Bhungalia**

**James Eastwood**, SOAS, University of London, PhD Candidate: "Moral armies? Israeli military ethics and Anglo-American militarism".

**Erella Grassiani**, Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, Postdoctoral Researcher, Lecturer: "Commercialized Occupation Skills: Israeli Security Experience as an International Brand".

**Rhys Machold**, Balsillie School of International Affairs, PhD Candidate: "Reconsidering the Israel-as-laboratory thesis".

505 09:00-10:30 T6 B-5

## Subaltern Urbanism: Slums, Informality and Urban Struggles in Southeast Asia

Informal settlements / Slums; Dispossession / production of space; Political struggles

This panel explores struggles over the production of space in informal settlements in the Southeast Asia region. More specifically it focus on questions of dispossession, political subjectivities and mobilizations around land, housing, and livelihood amongst the urban poor and working classes.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Christopher John Chanco**

**Christopher John Chanco**, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Graduate Student: "Squatters of Capital: Regimes of Dispossession an the production of subaltern sites in urban land conflicts in the Philippines".

**Malav Kanuga & Hussain Indorewala**, City University of New York, Assistant Professor / Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute of Architecture and Environmental Studies, Assistant Professor: "Rethinking Urban Theory from the Bottom Up: 'Subaltern Urbanism', Autonomy, and Emerging Political Possibilities on the Shifting Grounds of Indian Cities".

**Lisa Tilley**, University of Warwick, PhD Fellow: "Immanent politics in a "world without spaciousness": contesting social translation in the incommensurable world of the Jakarta slum".

506 09:00-10:30 T8 B-1

## Re-Imagining Palestinian Space: Identity, Immobility and the Nation

Space; Identity; Nation

Cultural production reconfigures space insofar as it is placed and has its origin within space itself. This panel wants to explore the potential of Palestinian artistic expression to challenge and reshape space, as well as to destabilize official meaning and open the floor for the construction of a spatial counter-narrative to the Israeli geographical primacy. The panel will question how

different arts (Performance and Literature) relate to the Palestinian landscape. At the same time, the panel will look at current issues of identity construction and autobiographical narration in relation to space and will frame them within Palestinian narratives of the nation.

Organizer: **Irene Fernández Ramos**  
Chair: **Irene Fernández Ramos**

**Sophia Brown**, University of Kent, Associate Lecturer: "'Living the High Life': The Radical Reconfiguration of Palestinian Space in Larissa Sansour's Nation Estate".

**Kristin Flade**, Freie Universität Berlin, Research Associate: "To Dislocate the Skies: Sending Messages of Resistance".

**Irene Fernández Ramos**, SOAS, University of London, PhD Candidate: "Performing Immobility: Palestinian Representations of Movement Restriction in Theatrical Production".

507 09:00-10:30 T9 B-6

## Fluid Realities: Questioning Epistemic Agendas

Identity; Resistance; Violence

Everyday life in different settings is non-linear, unexpected, implicated in multiple identities, grounded on different knowledge inventories and intertwined in hierarchies of power and knowledge. The papers on this panel focus on the fluid realities of knowledge production in context of violence and political struggle.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Sylvia Marcos Tueme**

**Oscar Jarzmik**, University of Toronto, PhD Candidate: "The Palestinians of Occupied Jerusalem between 'Co-Existence' and 'Resistance'".

**Akanksha Mehta**, SOAS – University of London, PhD Candidate: "The Reflexivity of Discomfort. Ethics, Methodology, and Pedagogy of 'Difficult' Narratives in Feminist Research on Politics and Space".

**Zainab Ramahi**, University of Waterloo: "The Violence of Denied Complexity: Constructing identity and

social knowledge in an increasingly deterritorialized world".

**Sylvia Marcos**, Universidad de la Tierra - Chiapas and National Autonomous University of Mexico, Senior Researcher: "Subversive Cosmology: Radical Political Contributions of Ancestral Mayan Cosmologies in Zapatista Struggles for Justice".

## SESSION 9

508-a 11:00-12:30

**T1** B-1

### The Production of Settler Colonial Space in Palestine – 1 / 2

Palestine; Settler Colonialism; Space

The papers in this panel series focus on the impacts as well as on the symbolic and material ways in which settler colonialism consolidates itself in the Palestinian context.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Ghazi Falah

**Rami Salameh**, Graduate Institute-Geneva, Birzeit University, PhD Candidate: "The Production of the Colonized Palestinians' Everyday Life Spatial Subjects and Practices".

**Ghazi Falah**, Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies, The University of Akron, Professor: "Hebrewization of Arabic Place Names in Palestine/Israel".

**Jamal Barghouth**, Palestinian institution for cultural landscape studies, Researcher: "The space of Palestine, and Indigenous Epistemic Turn".

**Gary Fields**, University of California, San Diego, Associate Professor: "'Making the Desert Bloom': Tree-Planting and Bedouin Dispossession in the Naqab".

509-a 11:00-12:30 **T1** B-5

### The Afterlives of Colonialism and Decolonization – 1 / 2

Colonialism; Decolonization

Focusing in the afterlives of colonialism and on decolonization the papers in this panel session explore the complex and contingent geographies of violence, resistance and solidarity in times of empire.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Linda Peake

**Linda Peake & Karen de Souza**, York University, Professor / Red Thread, National Coordinator: "Daily life and violence in Guyana; the implications for gendered subjectivities".

**Greg Thomas**, Tufts University, Associate Professor: "From Pan-Africa to Palestine: 'Enemy of the Sun' by George Jackson and Samih ai-Qasim".

**Audra El Vilaly**, University of Arizona, PhD Candidate: "Remembering al-ba-diyya, remembering ourselves: Politics, subjectivities, and environmental memories of the Mauritanian Haratine".

**Hadeel Abu Hussein**, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, PhD Candidate: "Law and Land Regime as Transformative Tool in Colonial Context".

510 11:00-12:30 **T2** B-2

### Spaces of Governance under Neoliberalism

Governance; Economic Development; Neoliberalism

This panel explores how different practices and spaces of governance, spanning international institutions, states and urban professionals, weave in and out of development practices and other economic transformations.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Linda Peake

**Susan Roberts**, University of Kentucky, Professor: "The 'Global Race': A critical examination of the logics of competing and partnering in neoliberal development".

**Ali Diskaya**, Central European University, PhD Candidate: "'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': The Israeli Nuclear Taboo and the Limits of Global Governmentality".

**Kostantinos Vourekas**, National Technical University of Athens, PhD Candidate: "The emerging forms of urban development in the context of the Greek debt crisis".

**I-Chih Lan & Chen-Jai Lee**, Department of Real Estate, Postdoctoral Fellow / Built Environment, National Taipei University, Professor: "The Accumulation by Dispossession under Transiting Developmental Neoliberalism: Taoyuan Aerotropolis as Contested Soft Space".

511 11:00-12:30 **T3** B-3

### Trapped in Crisis and Trapped in Refuge? Critical Views on Migration

Migration; Environmental change; Conflict

Two phenomena stand out as drivers for global migration movements in the last decades: violent intra-state conflict as well as global environmental change. The links between climate change and migration are complex and defy simple and sensationalist conclusions. Yet it is still crucial to investigate how these forms of mobility and the discourses surrounding them are influencing and shaping each other. So far, there is little dialogue between the research schools linking "environment and migration" and "violent conflict and migration". The proposed panel will therefore bring together scholars from both sides of the divide in order to critically engage with recent global migration movements in case studies and more theoretical contributions.

Organizer: Christiane Fröhlich  
Chair: Christiane Fröhlich

**Matthew R. Stevens**, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University: "Motivations, processes, and 'conflict-affected migration': Institutional definitions and lived experiences of Syrian 'refugees' in Jordan".

**Giovanni Bettini**, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University: "Unsettling futures. Climate change, migration, and the immobility of climate politics".

## Thursday Morning

**Christiane Fröhlich**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, Hamburg University: "Palestinian Refugees from Syria: Consequences of a Double Displacement".

503-b 11:00-12:30

T4 A-2

### Mapping Environmental Conflicts: Violence, Resource Extraction and Environmental justice – 2 / 2

Environmental conflict; Violence; Environmental Justice

Bringing together a wide range of empirical cases, this panel focuses on environmental conflict and historical socio-environmental change as a lens into broader processes of environmental violence, governance, resource extraction and management, mapping and resistance.

Organizer: ICCG  
Chair: Chad Boda

**Rasha Tayeh & Nick Rose**, Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance, Moreland Food Gardens Network, Researcher / Food Alliance, Deakin University, Australian Food Sovereignty, Project Coordinator: "Alliance A comparative analysis of attempts to enact practices of food sovereignty in occupied Palestine, Australia, Argentina and the US".

**Emily Eaton**, University of Regina, Associate Professor: "The slow dispersed violence of the oil economy: Acquiescence in Saskatchewan".

**Chad Boda**, Center for Sustainability Studies, Lund University, PhD Candidate: "The Politics of Landscape Creation in the History of Development along Florida's Atlantic Coast".

512 11:00-12:30

T8 B-4

### The Possibility of an Island: New Cartographies in the Artistic Imaginary

Art; Island; Community

Perhaps precisely because of its imbrication in colonial and imperial exploits of cultural resources, the island offers artists the potential for reimagining past, present, and future cultural narratives and the biopolitical forces that underpin them. While more deeply

understood in postcolonial oceanic regions like the Caribbean, the island as speculative space in the global imaginary can offer new ways of considering its critical discourses. This panel will put into dialogue these latest island imaginaries with the research of art historians and artists who examine isolated landmasses as sites for critical global discourse and art practice.

Organizer: **Elizabeth Rauh**  
Chair: **Elizabeth Rauh**

**Chanon Praepipatmongkol**, University of Michigan, PhD Candidate: "Island Sketches and the Search for Southeast Asian Art".

**Sary Zananiri**, MADA, Monash University, Artist and Scholar: "Undermining the Island: Art, Cultural Strategy and Plurality in Post-Territorial Palestinian Nationhood".

**Elizabeth Rauh**, University of Michigan, PhD Candidate: "The Island of Happiness: Constructing Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Island".

513-a 11:00-12:30

T9 C-2

### Urban Comparative Research. Going Beyond the West / non-West Divide – 1 / 2

Critical Knowledge Production; Comparative Urban Research; West / Non-West Divide

The panel focuses on re-thinking "how" we are researching and studying the urban and "how" we are teaching about the urban and the production of the urban especially in comparative research. Unconventional methods as well as critical reviews and debates of the pitfalls in the theories and research agendas which are (usually) developed in "the West" will be discussed.

Organizer: **Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**  
Chair: **Christina West**

**Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**, University of Heidelberg / Hong Kong Baptist University: "Introduction: Urban Comparative Research: a Correlative Approach (?)"

514 11:00-12:30

T9 C-1



### Academic Boycott Strategy Open Workshop

PACBI / Boycott; Solidarity; Strategizing

Over the past ten years, a number of individuals and organizations have endorsed various components of the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel. Endorsements of the academic boycott of Israel, in particular, have soared in the past two years, including, most notably, the American Studies Association's boycott resolution in 2013. Individual geographers, geography institutions such as the AAG, IGU, and RGS, and even the more radical geography specialty groups within these institutions have been largely absent from the list of endorsers or even discussions of the academic boycott. We therefore propose an open workshop to begin developing coherent, concrete action plans for moving our respective organizations forward towards adoption of the academic boycott. All attendees are invited to speak and to have a frank and open discussion on the matter; there will be no designated panelists, just facilitators. As we compile stories of past efforts and suggestions and critiques of future action plans, we will then distribute a summary of these notes to the attendees in the interest of encouraging follow up from participants. We believe it is vital to make strides towards resolutions supporting the academic boycott, and with attendees in the occupied West Bank able to witness the occupation first hand, we consider the 2015 ICCG the ideal forum to begin putting these ideas into action.

Organizers:

**Robert Ross**, Assistant Professor.

**Ron Smith**, Bucknell University, Assistant Professor.

**Angela Stienen**, University of Education, Berne: "Educationalising the City and Decoloniality".

**Tammy Wong**, ETH-Zurich: "Unfit concepts? Writing the periodisation of urbanization in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Dongguan".

## SESSION 10

508-b 13:30-15:00

**T1** B-1

### The Production of Settler Colonial Space in Palestine – 2 / 2

Palestine; Settler Colonialism; Space

The papers in this panel series focus on the impacts as well as on the symbolic and material ways in which settler colonialism consolidates itself in the Palestinian context.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Manal Massalha**

**Clemens Messerschmid & Muath Abusaada**, Institute of Hydrology, University of Freiburg, PhD Candidate / Hydro-Engineering Consultancy, Independent Researcher & Director: "Mapping out patterns of domination: 100 years of Palestinian waterscape as a zionist frontier".

**Omar Tasdell**, Department of Geography, Birzeit University, Assistant Professor: "Nature Reserves, Cultivation, and the Production of Space in the West Bank".

**Manal Massalha**, Urbanist and Activist: "In suspension: depriving the Palestinians the right to the city and its impact on their socio-economic, cultural and political formation – the case of Umm el-Fahem".

**Fabrizio Eva**, University Cà Foscari Venice, Treviso Campus, Professor: "Solving the Israel-Palestinian issue is easy in practice; almost impossible according to Iconographies of both parts. Let's be creative!"

509-b 13:30-15:00

**T1** B-5

### The Afterlives of Colonialism and Decolonization – 2 / 2

Colonialism; Decolonization

Focusing in the afterlives of colonialism and on decolonization the papers in this panel session explore the complex and contingent geographies of violence, resistance and solidarity in times of empire.

Organizer: **ICCG**  
Chair: **Kevin Gould**

**Hussein Al-Rimawi**, Birzeit University and Palestinian Geographical Society, Associate Professor: "New

States of the Arab World in times of the so-called 'Arab Spring'".

**Zoe Holman**, University of Melbourne and SOAS, University of London, Doctoral Researcher: "A long friendship: British (neo)colonialism and counter-revolution in Bahrain".

**Kevin Gould**, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University, Associate Professor: "Whitening Spaces: race, nation and the colonization of northern Guatemala during the Cold War".

**Hazal Ilgaz Dolek**, Sociology Department, Bogazici University, Graduate Student: "The Colonial Desires of the Turkish State's Paternalistic Rule: The Love Houses Project".

515 13:30-15:00

**T2** C-1



### Shifting Grounds: Open Roundtable Discussion of the Book 'Absolut Recoil' by Slavoj Žižek

Žižek; Absolut Recoil; Reading group

Open roundtable discussion of the book 'Absolut Recoil' by Slavoj Žižek. We will shortly present our readings of the book and relate it to critical articulations and spaces of capitalism.

Book blurb: "Few thinkers illustrate the contradictions of contemporary capitalism better than Slavoj Žižek." – John Gray, New York Review of Books

"Philosophical materialism in all its forms – from scientific naturalism to Deleuzian New Materialism – has failed to meet the key theoretical and political challenges of the modern world. This is the burden of philosopher Slavoj Žižek's argument in this pathbreaking and eclectic new work. Recent history has seen developments such as quantum physics and Freudian psychoanalysis, not to speak of the failure of twentieth-century communism, shake our understanding of existence."

In the process, the dominant tradition in Western philosophy lost its moorings. To bring materialism up to date, Žižek – himself a committed materialist and communist – proposes a radical revision of our intellectual heritage. He argues that dialectical materialism is the only true philosophical inheritor of what Hegel designated the "speculative" approach in thought.

Absolute Recoil is a startling reformulation of the basis and possibilities of contemporary philosophy. While focusing on how to overcome the transcendental approach without regressing to naïve, pre-Kantian realism, Žižek offers a series of excursions into today's political, artistic, and ideological landscape, from Arnold Schoenberg's music to the films of Ernst Lubitsch."

Everybody is very welcome to participate in the 'reading group'!

**Anders Lund Hansen**, Lund University, Associate Professor.

**Kirsten Simonsen**, Roskilde University, Professor.

**Lasse Koefoed**, Roskilde University, Associate Professor.

## Thursday Afternoon

516 13:30-15:00

T3 B-3

### Spatialities of Ethnic Conflicts: The Case of Jerusalem

Geopolitics; Spatial Planning; Jerusalem

Jerusalem's prolonged military occupation has unleashed several spatial repercussions, caused unprecedented rural-urban migration rates, and created complex system that impede mobility of the indigenous population in favour of facilitating that of Israeli settlers. This panel aims at parsing the chronic and wicked challenges related to issues of mobility and displacement in Jerusalem, and unpack new strategies and policy recommendations that could help ensuring the right to the city to all inhabitants.

Organizer: Ahmad El-Atrash

Chair: Ahmad El-Atrash

**Salim Tamari**, Institute for Palestine Studies, Research Associate: "The Green Zone in the Ottoman, Mandate, and Zionist Planning of Jerusalem".

**Jad Issac**, Applied Research Institute, Director General and Professor: "Gerrymandering as a tool for De-Palestinization of Jerusalem".

**Ahmad El-Atrash**, Bard College and Al-Quds University, Assistant Professor: "Urban Struggles in the Occupied Palestinian Community of East Jerusalem. The Case of Houd Al-Tabil in Beit Hanina Neighborhood".

**Christine Leuenberger**, Cornell University, Senior Lecturer: "Mapping Divided Cities and their Separation Walls: Case Studies from Berlin and Jerusalem".

517 13:30-15:00

T5 B-4

### Disrupting Dis-ease: Health, Subjectivity & Social Citizenship

Health; Agency; Stigma

This panel discusses innovative resistant subjectivities of pathologized people in mental health, disease, drug use and urban public health: debates about definitions of gender, dysphoria and transgendered bodies in the mental health diagnostic manual (DSM 5); cholera and the making of modern subjects in 19C

Japan; testimonies of healing among queer breast cancer survivors; state induced precarity among HIV positive Intravenous Drug Users in South Africa.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Gisele Eugenia O'Connell

**Berenice Bento**, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte - Brazil, Researcher: "The review process of the DSM 5: Is gender a cultural or diagnostic category?"

**Akio Onjo**, Kyushu University: "Cholera, Surveillance and Subject Formation in Modern Japan during late 19th century".

**Adilia Torres**, California Institute of Integral Studies: "CIELO: Testimonios of the Queer Breasted Experience".

**Gisele Eugenia O'Connell**, National University of Ireland Maynooth, PhD Candidate: "Precarious (In)Visibilities: Intravenous Drug Use and the Spaces of AIDS in South Africa".

518 13:30-15:00

T7 B-6

### Material Configurations of Precarity and Displacement

Displacement; Everyday Life; Materiality

Focusing on precarity and displacement as a foundational component of the modern urban experience, this panel focuses on the contingent and ongoing material-discursive processes that shape social identities and the practiced dimension of space.

Organizer: ICCG

Chair: Nida Sinnokrot

**Dominika Blachnicka**, Goldsmiths, University of London, PhD Candidate: "Following, mapping and performing memories – towards the emancipatory geographies of Palestine/Israel?"

**Elisa Fiore**, Utrecht University: "Material reconfiguration(s) of race/gender entanglements. The case of Rome's Banglatown".

**Nida Sinnokrot**, Artist and Filmmaker: "Caravans: Divine Debt and the Institutionalization of Precarity in Palestine".

519 13:30-15:00

T2 A-1

### Revolution Inside Out: Shifting the Struggle from Tahrir Square to the Everyday Spaces of Capital

Egyptian Revolution; Public space; Capital

Four years after the rise of the Egyptian revolution in January 25th, 2011 the same demands of: bread, freedom, and social justice remain unchanged. Given such fact together with the drawback of basic human rights, freedom of speech, and the recent verdict of Hosni Mubarak, observers announced the death of the Egyptian revolution. While these facts are true, this panel aims to challenge this early conclusion by explaining how the revolution's demands moved from the main public square to the everyday spaces of capital. Based on ethnographic research and fine analysis, this panel is presented by young researchers and activists who themselves were active participants in Tahrir Square.

Organizer: Omnia Khalil, City University of New York.

Chair: Mohammed Ezzeldin

**Momen El-Husseiny**, American University in Cairo, PhD Candidate: The Right to the City" inside Gated Communities: Redefining "Utopia" after the Egyptian Revolution.

**Salma Abouelhussein**, American University in Cairo, Assistant lecturer: Urbanism of Emergency in Egypt.

**Mohammed Ezzeldin**, City University of New York, PhD Candidate: Deconstructing Thuggery: Revisiting Neoliberalism, Violence and Revolution in Egypt

513-b 13:30-15:00

T9 C-2

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Organizer: **Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**  
Chair: **Tang Wing Shing**

**Christina West & Tang Wing Shing**, University of Heidelberg / Hong Kong Baptist University: "Exploring the correlativity of 'urban utopia' between Germany and Hong Kong: Maoism as travelling concept (?)"

**Romola Sanyal**, London School of Economics, Assistant Professor: "Teaching Global Development: Challenges of Thinking Relationally about Injustice".

**Jasmine Desclaux-Salachas**, les Cafés-cartographiques, Director General: "Mapping Battir at Topographical Scales: a Human Collaborative Adventure, to Make Palestine Visible".

**009**

15:30–17:00

K.T. Auditorium

**PLENARY:**

**Moving the Signposts: Critical Geography as a Politically Engaged Decolonial Discipline**

In this plenary we would like to reflect on the 7th ICCG and the movement of Critical Geography towards an engaged politics of possibility. Through sharing thoughts on the conceptual learnings and political significance of gathering in Palestine, this roundtable will discuss thoughts and perspectives on how to concretize and consolidate a commitment to continued decolonial scholarship and subaltern struggles. Participants are invited to join the discussion and exploration of proposals on the framing and siting of future meetings, as well as expressions of collective transnational solidarity.

Chair: **Anna Secor**, Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky and member of the ICGG Steering Committee, ICCG 2015 Organization Team.

**Kanishka Goonewardena**, Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Director of Program in Planning at the University of Toronto, and member of the ICCG 2015 Scientific Committee.

**Joe Painter**, Professor in the Department of Geography at Durham University and member of the ICGG Steering Committee.

**Punam Khosla**, Social Movements Activist, Doctoral Candidate at York University and member of the ICCG 2015 Organization Team.

**010**

17:30–19:00

K.T. Auditorium

**ICGG / ICCG Open Meeting – 2 / 2**

This meeting constitutes an open space to discuss and strategize all the issues concerning the International Critical Geography Group (ICGG) and the International Critical Geography Conference (ICCG). For more information see page 36.

If you would like to learn about and/or share your ideas and perspectives about the ICGG/ICCG; or if you are interested in joining the Steering Committee and/or in hosting / helping in organizing a future ICCG; please feel free to attend this Open Meeting!

Chair: **Joe Painter**, ICGG Steering Committee.

# Grants & Donations

Stemming from the belief that a successful conference is a diverse one, whether in terms of thematic specialisations, positions and experiences, or ideological and cultural backgrounds; and recognising the discrepancy in levels of welfare, income, and costs of travel, ICCG 2015 approached a number of parties to secure some support for participants, and we are grateful for the generous contributions of:

**Antipode Foundation** – 22 grants under 2 schemes.

**Council for British Research in the Levante, CBRL** – 3 grants.

**Human Geography: a new radical journal** – 1 grant to a junior participant from South America.

Combined these valued approximately EUR €10,150; half of which were allocated as travel support while the other half as registration fees waiver.

We received 106 applications for these 26 Grants. Selection was made through three 'filters'. First, a blind peer review of Motivation Letters produced a pre-final list. These scores were then added to the candidate's proposal review. Second, we considered the candidate's 'location' (i.e. trip expense in relation to conference location). In the third filter, we revised top candidates in relation to indicated financial condition (i.e. whether an applicant has a paid or unpaid position). Following the principle of inclusion, none of the applicants was offered more than 1 grant. Recipients are of 13 nationalities; 70% are females; 55% have no regular income; 25% are partially paid or part-timers; and, 20% are independent practitioners.

Additionally, we received 2 grants to support the participation of 2 local students from the **Palestinian American Research Center, PARC**.

We are also very thankful to the **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung – Regional Office Palestine** for financing the participation of the Keynote, Closing Plenary and Ceremony, and the video-documentation of all plenaries, as well as for their logistical and technical support of the conference.



# ICCG 2015 Venues and Maps

## Kenyon Institute, East Jerusalem

Based in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood, the Kenyon Institute (KI) is the Jerusalem research centre of the Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL). The CBRL is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that conducts, supports and promotes research in the history, culture and archaeology of the Levant. It is registered as a charity in the UK and receives its core funding from the British Academy. The KI is a hub and resource for local and international researchers from across the fields of social sciences and humanities.

## Friends Schools, alBireh Campus

The Friends School of Ramallah and alBireh (FS) strives to be a leading educational institution in the Palestinian community. The Lower School (FGS) and the Upper School (FBS) were founded in 1869 and 1901 respectively, for the purpose of offering Palestinian youth a rigorous program guided by principles of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The FS is committed to excellence in education, developing the whole person, help each person recognize her or his responsibility to society, and equality.

## Ottoman Courthouse, Cultural Department of Ramallah Municipality

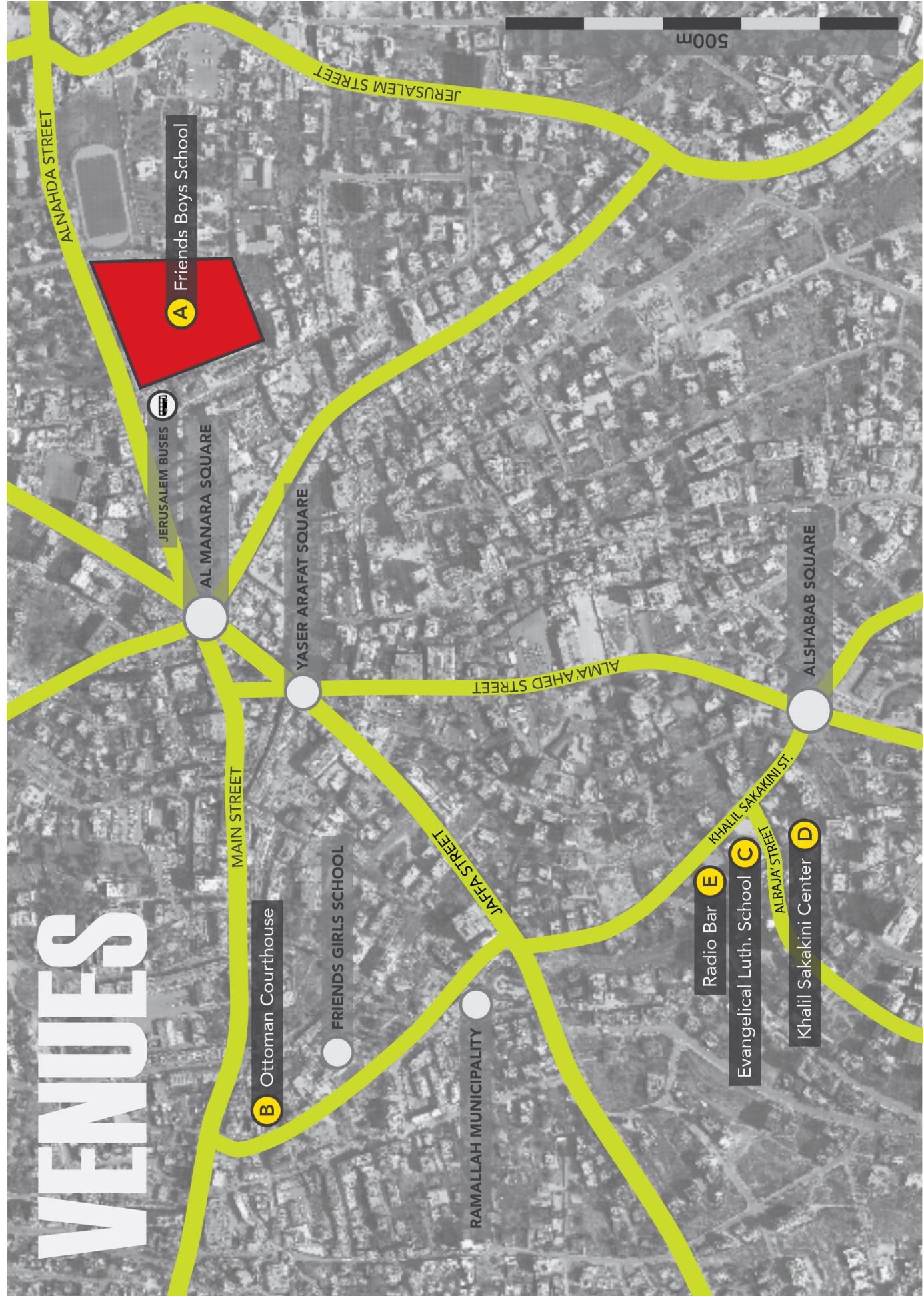
Renovated in 2003, today this building houses the Cultural Department of the Ramallah Municipality. Besides working spaces it includes a Children's Library with more than 5,000 books; an amphitheatre that is used for seminars and educational public events, and a garden for activities. All youth and children projects of Ramallah municipality are managed through the Ottoman Courthouse: Ramallah Children's Municipal Council, Ramallah Marathon, and Nuwar Nisan and Yalla A Al-Hadeeqa Child Festivals.

## Khalil alSakakini Cultural Center, Ramallah

Khalil alSakakini Cultural Center (KSCC) is a non profit organization that was established in Ramallah in 1996. The center – which is named after one of Palestine's leading educators and intellectuals of the first half of the twentieth century – is dedicated to the promotion of arts and culture in Palestine. The KSCC mainly works in Visual Arts, Palestinian Identity and Narrative, and organization of public activities such as art exhibits, concerts, film screenings, literary events, as well as outreach programs to encourage art societies and promote Palestinian art, culture, and heritage.

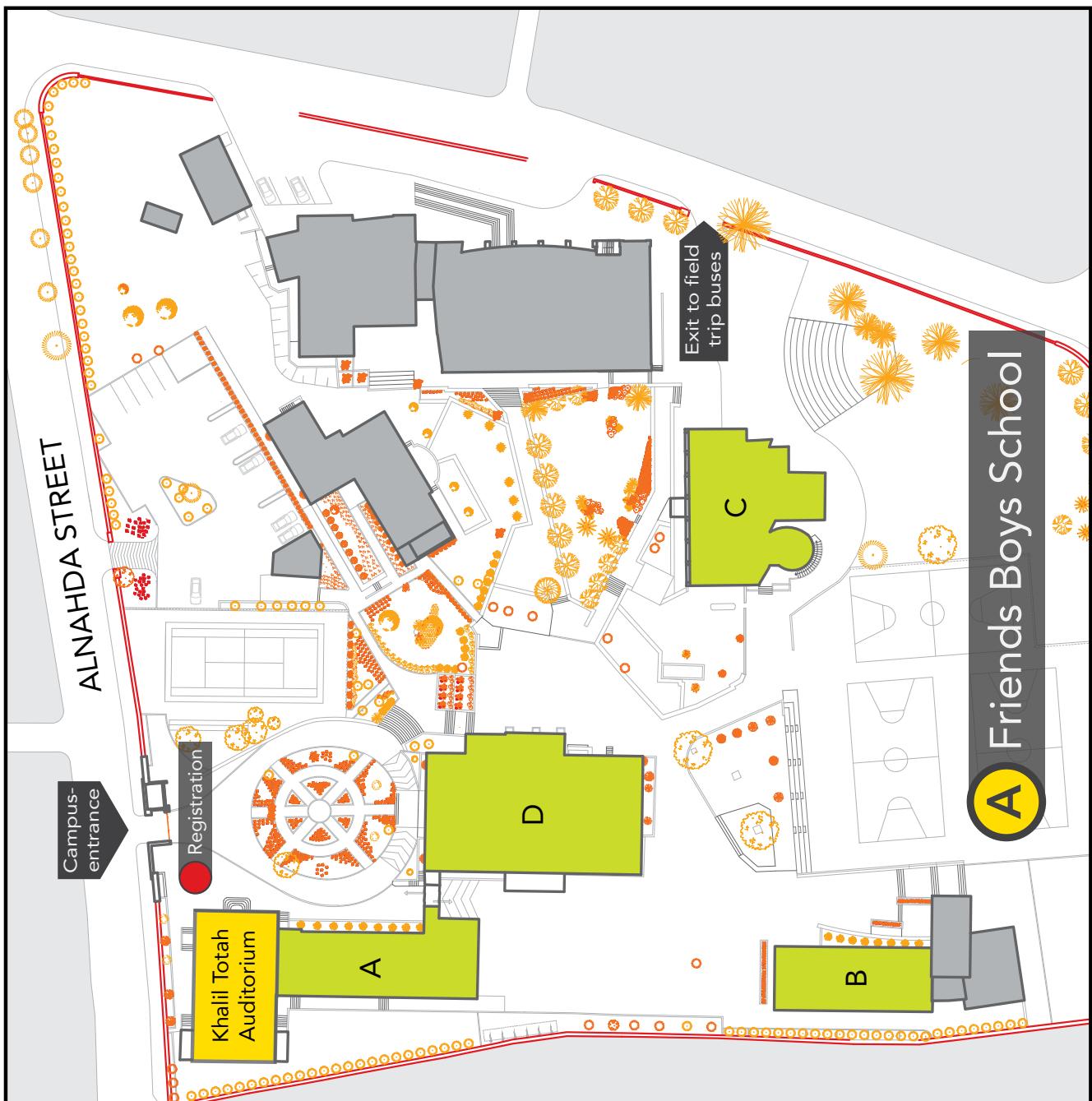
## Evangelical Lutheran School of Hope, Ramallah

In embracing and empowering students and families in the region from all religious, economic and social backgrounds, the ELCJHL Schools and Educational Programs aspire to nurture creative, and innovative students through a holistic approach to education that addresses their needs and develops their talents, competencies, inclinations, and ability to cope in an ever-changing world. The ELCJHL strives to provide quality and innovation in teaching and learning, to reinforce democracy, and encourage tolerance, co-existence, love, and respect toward others.



# SESSIONS VENUE

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# Helpful Information

## Travelling from Jerusalem to Ramallah

**Bus:** Buses travelling to Ramallah can be found in the station near Damascus Gate, about 200m from the old city walls. Buses are white with green stripes; look for buses number "218" (longer route, takes about 80 minutes), or those with number "219" (express route, 50 minutes). The ticket costs NIS 7. You have to remain in the bus until the end station that is Ramallah city, which is right next to the venue of our sessions: the Friends Schools. Buses run from early morning until 22:00 / 23:00 in the summer.

**Taxi:** Israeli taxis do not travel to Ramallah, but can drop you mid-way at the Qalandiya Checkpoint. The fare will differ depending on your starting point in Jerusalem, please ask driver about the estimate. After crossing on foot through the revolving metal gates you can take one of the Palestinian taxis waiting on the other side to your destination. Please note that these have no "taxi-meters", and some drivers might demand over-priced fares. Hence before starting your ride please agree with the driver on the price. From the checkpoint to about anywhere in Ramallah should cost around NIS 30-35, and at no point should it exceed NIS 40. This option requires less than an hour unless there is a traffic jam, which happens at rush hours. Also, there are Palestinian-Israeli drivers that drive into Ramallah. Some can be ordered spontaneously. Please check the end of this section for suggestions.

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## Getting around Ramallah

There is no systematic public transportation network in Ramallah. There are either Taxis (at all times), or mini-vans which work as shared taxis and are referred to as servees (only during day-time). Regarding fares; taxis rarely use meters, instead, they collect fixed fares. Please check the fee before jumping into a cab. Within the city the fee often ranges between 12 to 20 NIS for regular distances. For the servees, these are either orange mini-vans or yellow cars with black-colored sides. These operate on certain routes, and have fixed fares which range between 2.5 to 4 NIS depending on distance.

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## Weather

July and August are the warmest months of the year in the region. Get your very strong sunscreens, hats, eye-drops and whatever you need against sunstrokes and dryness. Temperatures during day-time will range between 28 and 35 degrees. Nonetheless, given its elevation of about 900 meters and proximity to the Mediterranean coast, Ramallah gets cool and very humid at night with temperatures dropping to  $\pm 15$  degrees with coldish, wet breezes.

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## Clothing

There is no law in Palestine imposing a particular dressing code, but there are certain unwritten rules as to what kind of clothing is appropriate. In general, we suggest you dress somewhat conservatively, which means long trousers and tops that cover shoulders and chest. For men regular wear is fine, inside Ramallah and beyond. For women, shorts, short skirts and cleavage-revealing tops are not recommended. In some parts of Ramallah sleeveless tops and below the knee skirts / long-shorts are acceptable. But in some neighborhoods that are more conservative you will be starred at and picked on. Outside of Ramallah (e.g. when on excursions), women should wear at least half-sleeves and have legs covered. Keeping a light scarf in reach to throw over shoulders would be handy.

**Tap Water** is not always drinkable, but one can as well find bottled or filtered tap-water.

**Sewege Network** is rather old and basic, so please do NOT flush toilet-paper, rather, throw it in the baskets set aside for that purpose.

### Swimming

There are some options within the city, entry fees to pools range between 45 to 60 NIS. Bikinis are normal for females. The Dead Sea and Mediterranean beaches take a long time to reach because of the Israeli checkpoints, so it is hard to consider these an option during the ICCG 2015 program.

### People

Residents of Ramallah are generally friendly, many speak English, and mostly will help if you have questions/problems. As elsewhere around the world, this does not constitute a license for blind trust.

### Israeli Army

While recently it has become unusual to see Israeli Army units in Ramallah city during the day, if they do appear and stop – usually in a jeep or tank – please leave the area immediately. Moreover, we recommend that you have a passport with you at all times, especially when you leave the city as you will be requested to show it at checkpoints.

### Opening / Closing Hours

Official weekend in the West Bank is Friday and Saturday. In Ramallah some business and institutions may open on Friday, but close on Sunday, particularly Christian organizations, e.g. the Municipality of Ramallah and Birzeit University close on Fridays and Sundays. So there is no regular weekend, there are combinations. What is important for you to know is that Supermarkets are open throughout the week, emergency pharmacies are always available, and public transportation is more irregular (but available) on Fridays.

### Leisure and Entertainment:

Ramallah has many leisure options, and more so in the summer season. The Conference Kit you will receive upon registration will contain some information about activities on offer (exhibitions, concerts, hikes, etc.).

### Alcohol

Drinking is allowed in places that have alcoholic beverages on offer such as restaurants and bars as well as in some supermarkets and liquor stores. Drinking on public streets is not a common or recommended practice.



## Expenditure

Ramallah is relatively expensive, and prices differ significantly from popular neighborhoods to central locations. Prices of basic commodities (e.g. food) are reasonable if bought from popular markets or supermarkets, yet meals in Cafés and restaurants get pricy, especially sites frequented by internationals. Between daily transportation and food you should calculate about 70 to 80 NIS. This estimate includes neither costs of leisure activities beyond our official program, nor dinner that we will be providing daily.

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## Credit Cards and Cash

Paying with credit card works in few places only, so make sure you have cash on you. There are many ATMs around the city, but withdrawing cash from them is not always guaranteed due to Israeli restrictions on the Palestinian banking system. However, generally, you should have no problems. The Bank of Palestine which has an ATM at alManara Square works. Please note that there is no strict supervision over currency, hence you could pay in foreign currencies at supermarkets, cafés, etc. However, this is not-recommended because the exchange rate will be much higher than at an official money-exchange shops. You will see freelance exchangers on the street, these are also not recommended.

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## Medical and Other Conditions / Needs

Medical services and response-time in Palestine are not optimal, but solutions and alternatives can be arranged. Hence, if you have any condition that we need to be aware of then kindly communicate it as early as possible to our team so that we are able to make necessary arrangements.

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## Allergies:

Unfortunately the local market is poor in terms of commodities for Lactose- or Gluten- intolerant persons. But there are few shops that do sell few items (e.g. Zabaneh Supermarket, at Yasser Arafat Square). Nonetheless, in the summer season there is an abundance of tasty fruits and vegetables at very affordable prices. For vegetarians, Palestine is a great place to be.

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## Taxis

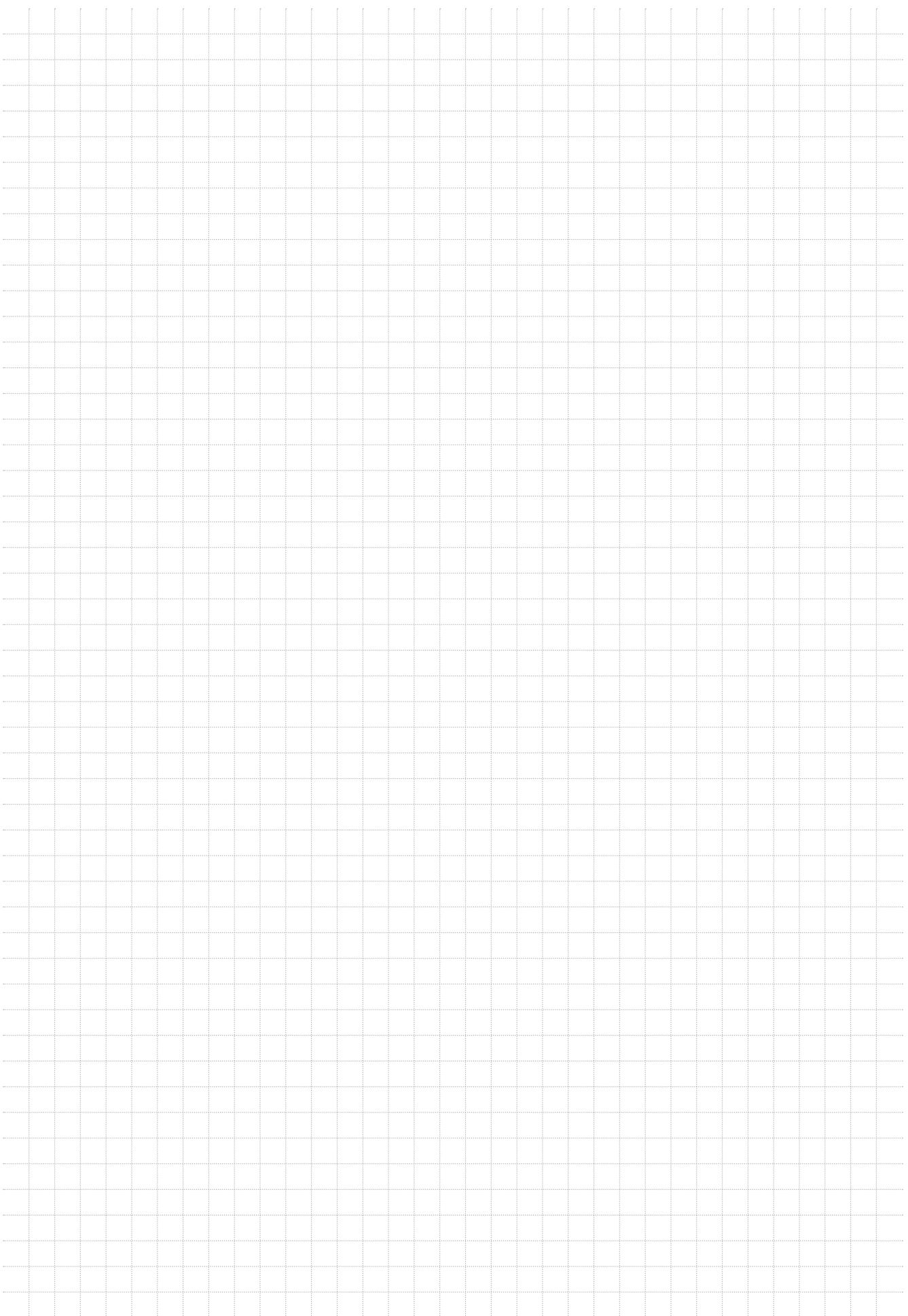
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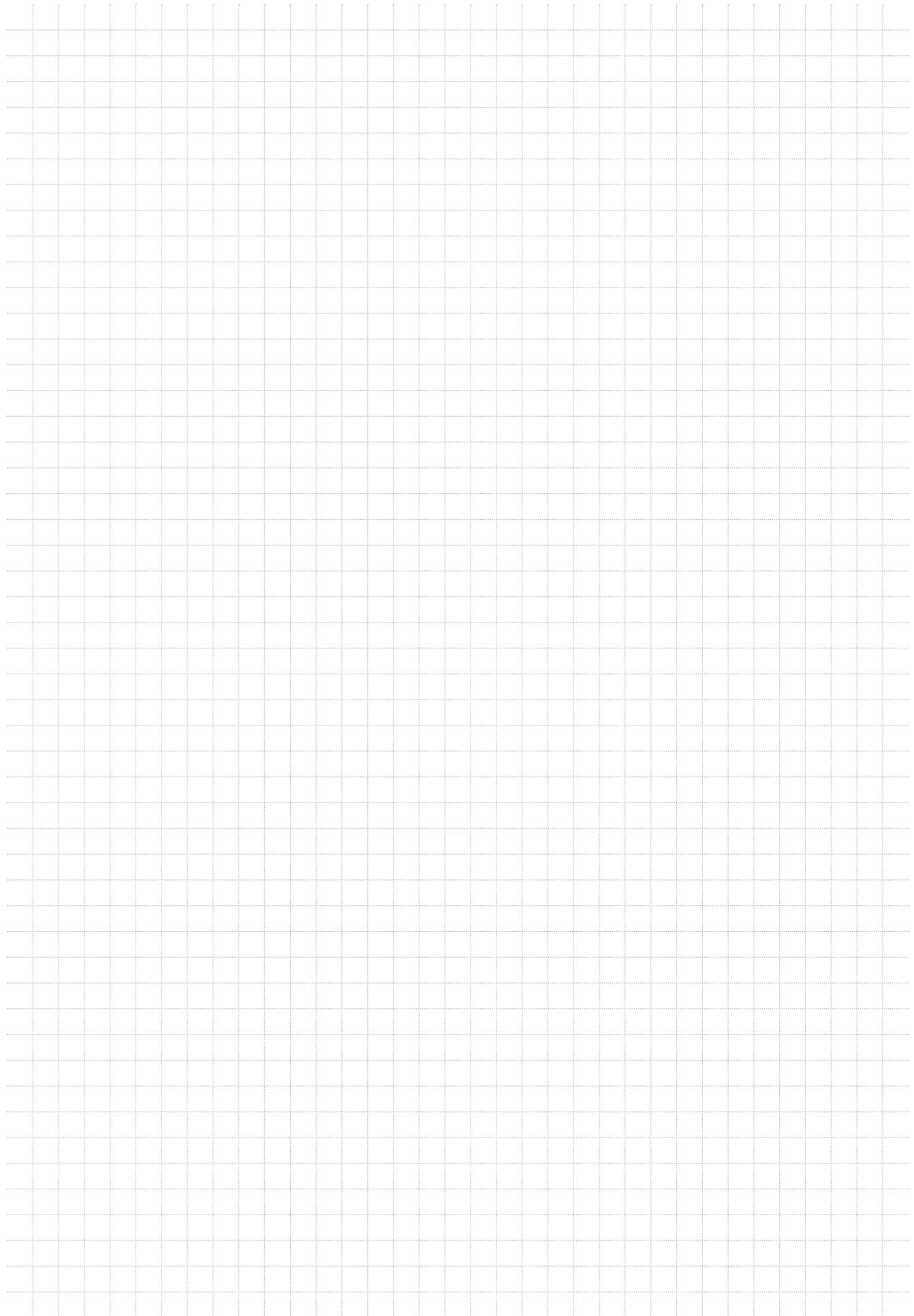
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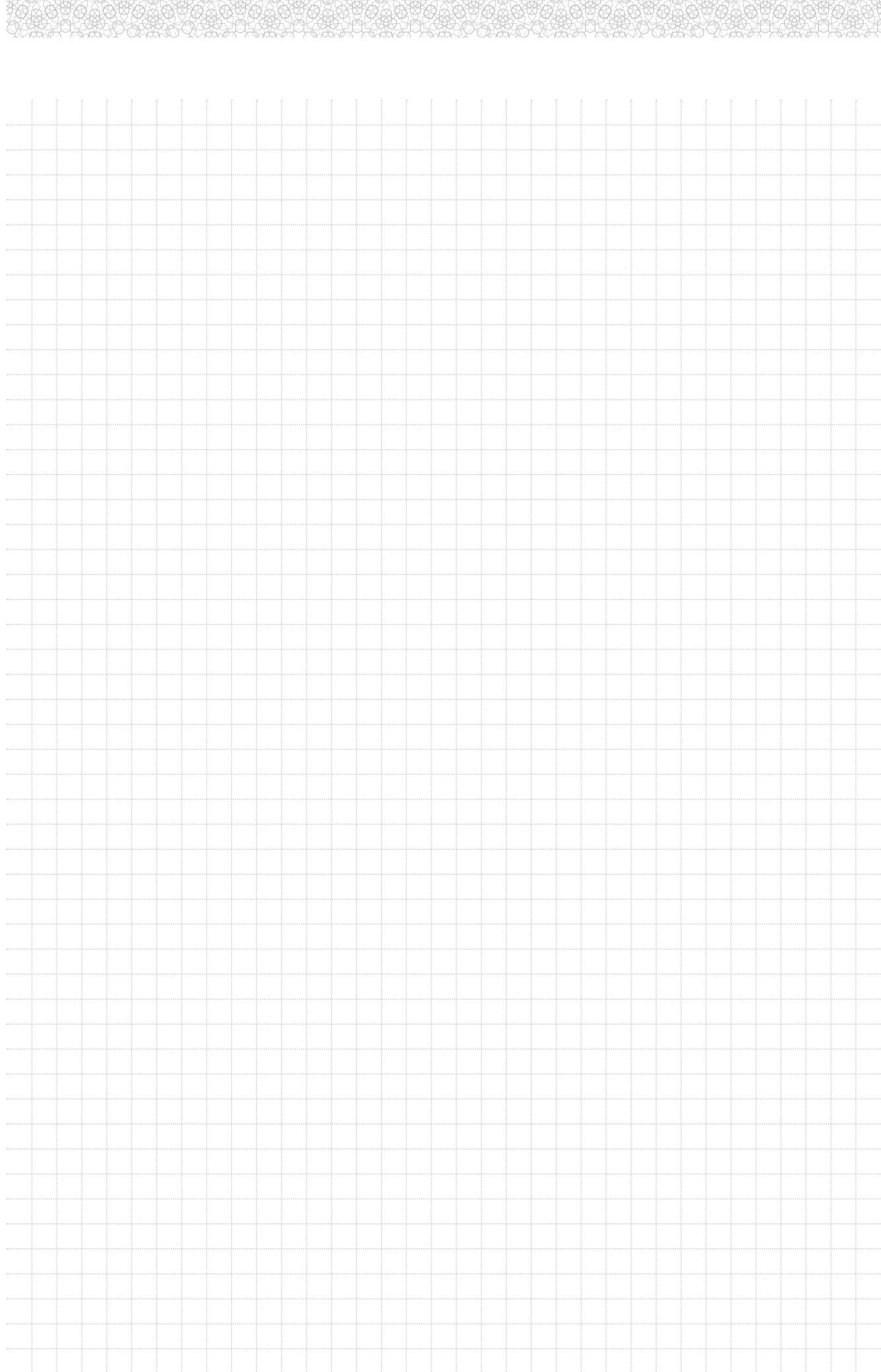
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