

International Women Day Lecture, 8th March 2024

PALESTINE IS A FEMINIST ISSUE



Speaker

Dr Samah Sabawi is an award-winning playwright, author and poet, born in the besieged and occupied Gaza, living and working on the unceded land of the Bunurong Boon Wurrung and Wurundjerie Woi Wurrung peoples. Sabawi's work and voice reflect those of a growing community of researchers and writers from indigenous and marginalised backgrounds, who recognise the inseparable links between western academia and knowledge production, and the ideologies and practices of colonialism.

Details

3pm to 4pm Friday 8th March 2024

This is an online only event

Register via: [Zoom](#)

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At a UN International Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya in July 1985, leading Egyptian Arab feminist Nawal al-Saadawi was getting ready to give her talk when leading American feminist Betty Friedan came up to her and whispered “Please do not bring up Palestine in your speech. This is a women’s conference, not a political conference.” Thirty years later, Palestine, and Palestinian women, remain mostly excluded from the mainstream stages of feminism. This historic and ongoing exclusion of Palestine from a so-called progressive western agenda, has given rise to the acronym PEP, Progressive Except on Palestine. But, as the world watches the massacres in Gaza unfold in real-time, and millions follow in absolute awe, leading Palestinian women; doctors, journalists, teachers, mothers, and aid workers, courageously risk their lives in the line of duty, it is impossible to imagine this will not impact the way women in Palestine are viewed, and the way Palestine is talked about in Feminist circles and beyond.



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