



## Reimagining Palestine Lecture Series

# RESISTING DOMINATION IN PALESTINE: INTERNATIONAL AID, SECURITY, AND STATE/PEACE BUILDING AS SITES OF SETTLER COLONIAL CONTROL

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The ongoing social, political, and conceptual struggles of Palestine against a settler-colonial regime reveal a dynamic interplay between increasingly sophisticated forms of domination and the emergence of novel modes of resistance. The dialectical interaction between colonial domination and anticolonial resistance points to a clear conclusion: As Israeli settler-colonial domination persists, so does Palestinian resistance. The lecture aims to problematise three sites of control/resistance: international aid, security, and state/peace-building. A critical examination of the political economy of international aid over the past three decades, totalled over 50 billion USD, indicates that it has been used as a tool to discipline, silence, and maintain control over Palestinians. The “securitization of everything” apart from the security of the Palestinian people shows how the adopted security paradigm since the foundation of the Palestinian Authority was preset with structural defects meant to deny Palestinians any relief from the main cause of their insecurity, the Israeli occupation. Finally, as the Oslo accords have provided nothing more than a false ‘framework of peace’ that sustains settler colonialism and apartheid, the obsession with the idea of statehood as a means to realise self-determination and freedom has proved to be detrimental to the struggle of decolonising Palestine.

### Speaker:

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### Details

5:00-6:30 pm Thursday 15th August 2024

Zoom Meeting

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