



Representations of Indigeneity in Settler-Colonial Contexts

The Case of the Naqab Bedouin

10 April, Friday, 9am – 6.00pm

Knox Hall 208, Columbia University

*Please note that there will be no paper presentations. The sessions will be devoted to discussion of the individual papers, all of which must be read in advance of the workshop. Each paper giver will be allocated 3 minutes at the beginning of his/her session to frame the discussion and highlight a key issue. Please contact Palestine@columbia.edu if you do not have access to the papers.

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Keynote talk (as part of Columbia workshop “Comparative Settler Colonialism)

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Mada al-Carmel—Arab Center for Applied Social Research

- Palestinian Indigeneity, Israel’s Settler Colonialism and Bedouin Children’s Politics of Liberation

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8:45 - 9.15 Breakfast

9.15 - 9.30 Welcome and Introductions: Lila Abu-Lughod, Columbia University and Sophie Richter-Devroe, University of Exeter

9.30 - 11.15 WRITTEN VS. ORAL REPRESENTATIONS: THE ARCHIVE AND EMBODIED PERFORMANCE

Chair: Omar Tesdell, Columbia University and Birzeit University

Ahmad Amara, New York University

- Reading Pre-Beersheba Bedouin Space: Bedouin Identity, Autonomy, and Ottoman State Making and the Bedouin Space, 1880-1900

Mansour Nasasra, Kenyon Institute, Jerusalem and University of Exeter

- The Bedouin between Colonialism and Nationalism: Comparing Representations in British Mandatory Documents and Palestinian Newspapers, 1917-1948

Sophie Richter-Devroe, University of Exeter

- Naqab Bedouin Women’s Oral Traditions: Challenging the Colonial Archive through Embodied Performances

11.15 - 11.35 Tea and coffee

11.35 - 12.45 INDIGENEITY & RIGHTS

Chair: Suhad Bishara, Columbia University and Adalah

Emma Nyhan, European University Institute, Florence

- Representations and Articulations of the “Indigenous Peoples” Concept *within* and *beyond* International Law: The Example of the Naqab Bedouin in Israel

Oren Yiftachel, Council of Unrecognised Villages and Ben Gurion University

- Between Rights and Denials: Bedouin Indigeneity and the Future of Israel's Internal Colonial Policies.

12.45 – 13.45 Catered Lunch in Knox 207

Afternoon Session:

13.45 – 15.00 FILM SCREENING, Ioannis Kanakis

15.00- 15.30 Tea and coffee

15.30 – 17.15 ‘NEW’ REPRESENTATION: PROFESSIONALISATION, ADVOCACY & RIGHTS

Chair: Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Mada al-Carmel and Hebrew University

Amal Al-Sane Al-Hjoor, McGill University

- Palestinian Bedouin Women Activism; Socio-political Navigation Between Colonialism and Patriarchal Structure

Richard Ratcliffe, Oxford University

- Bedouin Rights, Bedouin Representations: Dynamics of Representation in the Naqab Bedouin Advocacy Industry

Shifra Kisch, University of Amsterdam

- When Subalterns Become Professionals

17.15 – 18.00 CLOSING DISCUSSION