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Venue

Auditorium A302, Building 4
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PROGRAMME

20 MAY

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome Session**

Ricardo Paes Mamede (Vice-Rector for Internationalisation - Iscte)
Ana Mónica Fonseca (Director of CEI-Iscte)
Filipe Reis (Director of CRIA-Iscte)
Giulia Daniele (Director of OPal)
Miguel Vale de Almeida (Deputy Director of OPal)

09:30 - 11:00 **Panel 1 - Charting the Genocide in Gaza**

Chair: Miguel Vale de Almeida (CRIA-Iscte, OPal)

Ghadir Abu Middain (Scuola Normale Superiore) - **Mapping the Ruins of Memory: Trauma, Erasure, and the Reconfiguration of Space in Gaza**

Abed Elkhaleq Mansour (Palestina Komiteen) - **We Learn under Rubble: Gaza's High School Generations Between Scholasticide Destruction and Epistemologies of Resistance (2023-2025)**

Randa Jamal (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies) - **Implications of the War on Gaza for the Middle Class: Human Capital Loss and Demographic Decline**

11:15 - 13:15 **Panel 2 - Global Solidarity with Palestine**

Chair: Ruy Blanes (CRIA-Iscte, OPal)

Erica Augenstein (Rice University) - **International Worker Solidarity Then and Now: Palestinian Unions and Anti-Colonial Struggle**

Basem Kharma (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) - **Connecting Palestine in Italy: The Italian Committee of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and the Circulation of the Palestinian Revolution**

Jeremy Randall (The Graduate Center, City University of New York) - **Japanese-Palestinian Solidarity since 2023: A Reinvigorated History of Struggle**

Hasna Azmi Fadhilah (Universiteit van Amsterdam) - **Julid Fi Sabilillah: Weaponizing Digital Incivility and Pop Culture in Indonesia's Grassroots Resistance Against the Gaza Genocide**

Nicola Quondamatteo & Lucia Amorosi (University of Trento) - **Power Resources for Solidarity: How Spanish and British Labour Movements Confront the Genocide in Gaza**

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13:15 - 14:15 **Lunch Time**

14:15 - 16:00 **Panel 3 - Palestine through Film and Poetry**

Chair: Ashley Dell'Orso (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Fabiana Piretti (University of Turin) - **Unarchiving the Archive. Decolonial Practices of Counter-Memory in Palestinian Contemporary Cinema**

Catherine Cornet (Sciences Po Paris / American University of Rome) - **Women Film Directors Filming Palestine in time of Genocide**

Dana Dhailieh (University of Barcelona) - **Palestinian Identity, Nakba Memory and the Counter-Archive in Jumana Mustafa's I Won't Tell You What I Saw**

Thomas Richard (Université Paris-I / Boston University) - **Image and the mediation of suffering in Gaza**

16:15 - 17:45 **Narrating the Genocide through Artistic Performances**

Introduction: Sophia Kelsch (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

George Clutterbuck (University of Sussex) & Ruba Khalid Al-Faleet (Al-Aqsa University Gaza / Universidad Málaga) - **Poetics of Survival, Resistance and Friendship (Collaborative Presentation)**

Zehra Imam (Harvard-MIT) - **Poetry of the Camps: Poems from Gaza on Homeland, Miracles, and Freedom (Poem Performance)**

Rafaela Pereira (NOVA FCSH) - **Ecossistemas de resistência na cultura palestina: o "ouro" vermelho de Gaza (Short Film)**

18:00 - 19:30 **Keynote Lecture**

"Breaking the Isolation: From Zionist Prisons to the World"

Chair: João Borralho (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Introduction: Giulia Daniele (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Keynote speaker: Basil Farraj (Birzeit University)

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09:30 - 11:30 **Panel 4 - Resistance and Censorship through (social) media and AI**

Chair: Sophia Kelsch (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Jade Saber (Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne - INHA) - **Palestinian Practices of Archiving in Response of Epistemic Injustice: Gaza Strip and Social Media Platforms as an Archive of Dissent**

Lise Dabrowski (Carism / U. Paris-Panthéon-Assas) - **Platformed Hegemony and the Struggle to Narrate the War on Gaza: Transnational News on Instagram**

Bedoor AlShebli (New York University, Abu Dhabi) - **Media Coverage of War Victims: Journalistic Biases in Reporting on Israel and Gaza**

Amira Berzi (King's College London) - **Epistemic Violence by Algorithmic Hasbara: AI, Power, and the Erasure of Palestine**

Ghada Dimashk (American University of Beirut) - **Archival Violence in an Upside-Down Archives World: AI, Social Media, and the Erasure of Palestinian Memory from Gaza to Lebanon**

11:45 - 13:00 **Panel 5 - Reckoning with International Law**

Chair: Annelien Groten (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Walaa Buqaie (Goldsmiths, University of London) - **The Structural Limits of the International Human-Rights System in Settler-Colonial Contexts**

Jasteena Dhillon (Humber Polytechnic) - **Legal Accountability for International Crimes in Palestine**

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch Time**

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14:30 - 16:15 Panel 6 - Perspectives from and on the West Bank

Chair: Ruba Khalaf (Birzeit University)

Ricardo Esteves Ribeiro (Fumaça) - **Fauda (chaos): Mutual Aid Networks and Self-organising in the West Bank**

Mattia Ferino (Università degli Studi di Torino) - **Dwelling Against Erasure: Sumud, Genocidal Infrastructures and Counter-Archives in Masafer Yatta**

Raghd Hilal (University of Glasgow) - **Within Sight, Beyond Reach: Palestinian Sensory Narratives**

Aysheh Maslemani (Hebrew University) - **Refused to Be Erased: Silencing Jerusalem's Children During a Genocidal Time**

16:30 - 17:45 Panel 7 - Palestine is a Feminist Issue

Chair: Antónia Lima (CRIA-Iscte, OPal)

Isis Nusair (Denison University) - **Gendering the Gaza Genocide**

Ema Gonçalves (CICS.NOVA) - **Queering Feminist Transnational Solidarity with Palestine: A (Methodological) Case for Radical Hope?**

18:00 - 19:00 Book Presentation

Selective Empathy: The West Through the Gaze of Gaza

Roberto de Vogli (Università di Padova) in conversation with Giulia Daniele (CEI-Iscte, OPal) and Miguel Vale de Almeida (CRIA-Iscte, OPal)

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09:30 - 11:15 **Panel 8 - Reflections on Current Palestine after October 7th**

Chair: Shaireen Rasheed (Long Island University)

Fouad Gehad Marei (University of Erfurt) - **From "big pile of rubble" to "Riviera of the Middle East": On the Politics of Wartime Destruction and Postwar Reconstruction**

Marie Kortam (IFPO-Beirut) - **Transnational Resistance and Palestinian Political Agency in the Post-2023 Landscape**

Jamil Khader (Bethune-Cookman University) - **Myth, Geography, Ethics: Žižek's Disavowal Strategies as Western Epistemic Violence in the Gaza Genocide**

Mohammed Ashour (Altınbaş University) - **Naming the Unnameable: Epistemic Violence, Narrative Erasure, and the Struggle for Palestinian Knowledge Production during the Gaza Genocide**

11:30- 13:30 **Panel 9 - Visualising Palestine**

Chair: Ashley Dell'Orso (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Samiha Olwan (Murdoch University) - **We Are Not Numbers: life writing and the Limits of Representation**

Clarisa Danae Fonseca Azuara (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid) - **Visual Arts in Gaza as a Visual Archive of Genocide**

Franca Marquardt (Scuola Normale Superiore) - **Solidarity in a Picture: The Role of Movement Photographers in Visualising and Materialising Solidarity**

Ana Laura Rodríguez Quiñones (Université de Neuchâtel) - **"You Just Have to Be Human": Registers of Transnational Solidarity with Palestine through Contemporary Dance**

Laila Sit Aboha (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa) - **Shatat Across Generations: Critical Methodological Reflections on Researching One's Own Community**

13:30 - 14:30 **Lunch Time**

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14:30 - 16:00 **Panel 10 - The Student Intifada**

Chair: João Borralho (CEI-Iscte, OPal)

Ruben Janze Lindberg & Dunia Daghlas (Ghent University) - **Decentring the Student Intifada: A Comparative Case Study of Student Protests in Belgium in 1968 and 2024**

Sofia Bacchini (Università di Napoli l'Orientale) - **Intimate Memories, Collective Myths: Negotiating the Heroic among Palestinian Students in Italy**

Daniel Calò (Scuola Normale Superiore) - **How We Mourn: Diasporic Counter-memories as Resistance against German Memory Politics in Times of Genocide**

16:15 - 17:30 **Book/Project Presentation**

From Palestine to the World: A Global Map of Resistance against Silencing

Giulia Daniele (CEI-Iscte, OPal), Shaireen Rasheed (Long Island University), Sophia Kelsch (CEI-Iscte, OPal), João Borralho (CEI-Iscte, OPal), Ashley Dell'Orso (CEI-Iscte, OPal), Ruba Khalaf (Birzeit University)

17:30 - 18:00 **Final Remarks**

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