Migrations in Jordan: (counter-)narratives of whom and for what?

Symposium Program
2-3 May (IFPO – ITHACA)

Tuesday 2 May 2023 (Salle Abd al-Rahman Munif, IFPO)

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and registration

9:15 – 9:30 Opening Remarks: Amal Khaleefa (IFPO, ITHACA) & Valentina Napolitano (IRD-LPED, ITHACA)

9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Presentation: After 75 Years of Ongoing Nakba: Reflections on the UN’s Role in Documenting, Protecting and ‘Containing’ Palestinian Refugees, Lex Takkenberg (ARDD, UNRWA)

Panel 1. Humanitarian actors, migrants archives and representations

Moderator: Falestin Naïli (University of Basel)

10:30 – 11:30 Retracing UNRWA’s History: Archives, Social History, and Visual Culture on Palestinian Mobilities and Humanitarianism, Maria Chiara Rioli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, ITHACA co-PI) & Francesca Biancani (Bologna University, Department of Political and Social Sciences)

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30 Archiving Project in Collaboration with Palestinian Youth, Valeria Cetorelli (UNRWA)

12:30 – 13:15 Representations of Refugees in the UNRWA’s Archives, Jalal Al-Husseini (IFPO)

13:15 – 15:00 Lunch Break

Panel 2. Production of narratives and archives in the margin and “from below”

Moderator: Valentina Napolitano (IRD, ITHACA)

15:00 – 15:45 Messages instead of traces: migrant narratives as a challenge to the archival order of things, Falestin Naïli (University of Basel)

15:45 – 16:30 Archives of Melkite humanitarianism towards Palestinian refugees: narrative on refugees, narrative of refugees, Norig Neveu (CNRS-IREMAM)

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break
Closed Policy Council Event (PCE) (IFPO, Library)

Moderators: Amal Khaleefa (IFPO, ITHACA), Federica Manzoli (University of Modena & Reggio Emilia, ITHACA), Valentina Napolitano (IRD-LPED, ITHACA), Maria Chiara Rioli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, ITHACA)

17:00 – 19:30 Voices of Migrants in Jordan: The Role of Archiving and Narrating for Enhancing Political and Humanitarian Actions

Speakers: Francesca Albanese (UN Special Rapporteur), Myriam Abou Samra (ARDD), Rasmyeh Al-Khateeb (Community Development Committee, Zarqa Camp), Adnan Bazadog (Archivist of Circassian history), Francesca Biancani (Bologna University., Dep. of Political & Social Sciences), Valeria Cetorelli (UNRWA), Sayed Hossain (Social activist, Pakistani Neighborhood), Nawal Jbour (National Library of Jordan), Naser Naser (Independant activist, Zarqa Camp), Mubarak Ricky (Sawiyan NGO), Lex Takkenberg (UNRWA-ARDD)

Wednesday 3 May 2023 (Salle Abd al-Rahman Munif, IFPO)

9:15 – 9:30 Welcoming Coffee

Panel 3. Representations and Lived experiences

Moderator: Jalal Al-Husseini (IFPO, ITHACA)


10:15 – 11:00 Min wen enta/enti? Narratives of Racialization of Black Refugees in Jordan, Solenn Al Majali (IFPO, ITHACA, Telemme Aix-Marseille Université)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

“We were guests, we are now refugees!” Representations, social status and solidarity among Syrians settled in Jordan in the 1980s, Valentina Napolitano (IRD-LPED, ITHACA)

11:15 – 12:00 Humanitarianism in Jordan: A Bureaucratic Reason, Hana Josefine Berg (PhD student, Graduate Institute, Geneva) (Online presentation)

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch Break
Panel 4. Production of Spaces and Norms

Moderator: Amal Khaleefa (IFPO, ITHACA)

14:30 – 15:15 Between Camps and Cities: The Narratives of Syrian Refugees in Amman, Ayham Dalal (German University in Cairo) (Online presentation)

15:15 – 16:00 A Double-Edged Sword? The Role of Digital Technologies in Marriage and Divorce Among Syrian Refugees in Jordan”, Ruba Akash (University of Yarmouk),

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00 ‘They Laughed at Us’: Humour, Labour and Ideological Critique in the Case of Syrian Refugee Workers in Rural Lebanon, Jake Cassani (Leeds University)

17:00 – 17:30 Closing remarks: Valentina Napolitano (IRD-LPED, ITHACA) - for the symposium, Federica Manzoli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, ITHACA) for the PCE

17:30 – 19:00 Visit to Hay Al-Muhajireen and discovery of the 'Tales of Amman' project https://talesofamman.com

Organizational Committee: Amal Khaleefa (Post-doctoral Researcher, IFPO, ITHACA), Valentina Napolitano (Researcher, IRD - LPED, ITHACA), Zineb Abbar (M.A Student, University Paris Cité)

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