

**Center for Palestine Studies,  
Columbia University  
Newsletter  
A Letter for Friends of CPS**

**Summer/Fall 2014**  
*Events in our three programming areas*

**The Arts**



Palestine Film Festival Santiago, Chile  
**June 23-29, 2014**

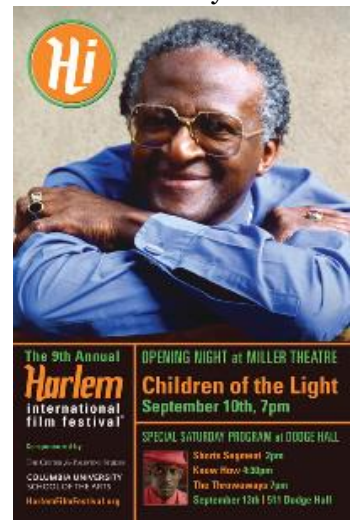
Connecting North and South America through Palestinian film, CPS organized a week-long film festival curated by our former Fellow, Noemi Artal, who for a number of years has run a similar festival in Madrid. Relying on the support of the new Columbia Global Centers | Latin America (Santiago), the event also was attended by Professor Safwan Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development at Columbia University and Carol Becker, the Dean of the School of the Arts. Post-screening discussions were facilitated by colleagues from the Arab Studies Center, University of Chile. The festival welcomed the participation of Miguel Littin, the prominent Chilean filmmaker, who is of Palestinian descent. Also on hand, and performing, was the internationally known Chilean hip-hop artist Ana Tijoux, who has a video in which she

performs with Palestinian video artist, Shadia Mansour.

“Somos Sur” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKGUJXzxNqc>

Harlem International Film Festival  
**September 10, 2014**

CPS partnered with the Harlem International Film Festival, opening night. We had begun to look into connections with our immediate Harlem neighborhood, and had previously screened a film on Gaza, with the filmmaker present for discussion, at the Maysles Documentary Center. Opening night at Harlem International, at Miller Theater on the Columbia campus, featured a film on Bishop Tutu. The Bishop kindly made a little clip in which he expressed his thanks to CPS! Also included in the evening was a short by Hany Abu Asad, the award-winning director of films such as “Omar,” which is



attached below.

“A Boy, a Wall, and a Donkey” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrAzY1pZ\\_XY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrAzY1pZ_XY)

## Law

### New Case Developments: Suspending Land & Housing Rights and Threatening Political Participation of Palestinian Citizens of Israel

#### **October 13, 2014 - in partnership with Adalah**

As the centerpiece of its longstanding commitment to legal perspectives, CPS has partnered for two years with Adalah, The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights In Israel (based in Haifa). This fall’s activity focused on a closed workshop with invited guests from the Columbia legal community and a contingent from the UN. Suhad Bishara, a principal attorney at Adalah is in residence with us this year as a Palestine Law Fellow. She and Hassan Jabareen, the founder and head of Adalah, presented their analyses of two legal developments, one concerning property rights, the other concerning the banning of an Arab woman Member of the Knesset.

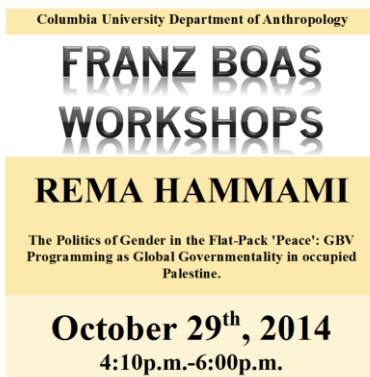
## History of the Present

### War on Gaza: Military Strategy and Historical Horizons

#### **September 19, 2014**

In the aftermath of the devastating assault on Gaza over the summer, CPS held a public forum moderated by Professor Nadia Abu El-Haj, Director of Graduate Studies Anthropology at Columbia University and with presentations by lawyer and professor Noura Erakat of George Mason University and the Edward Said Professor, and Chair of the History Department at Columbia, Rashid Khalidi. An overflow crowd in a large auditorium in Schermerhorn Hall raised many questions.

### Rema Hammami - Gender and Development Strategies in Palestine



Columbia University Department of Anthropology

**FRANZ BOAS  
WORKSHOPS**

**REMA HAMMAMI**

The Politics of Gender in the Flat-Pack 'Peace': GBV Programming as Global Governmentality in occupied Palestine.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
4:10p.m.-6:00p.m.

Sheldon Schepps Library, 457 Schermerhorn Extension  
Reception follows in the Robert F. Murphy-Morton H. Fried Anthropology Lounge, Room 465 Schermerhorn Extension  
email rema.hamami@columbia.edu for pre-circulated workshop papers

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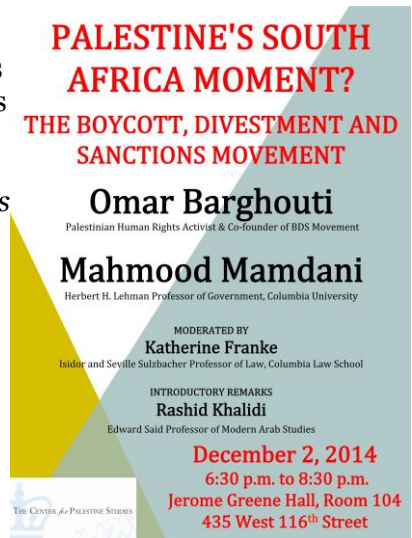
#### **October 29, 2014**

Professor Rema Hammami, Associate Professor at Birzeit University and a Carnegie Centennial Fellow for the fall semester at Columbia, presented a paper in the Department of Anthropology lecture series on issues of gender and development strategies in Palestine. Her recent publications include, *Who Answers to Gazan Women? A Study in Economic Rights and Security* (U.N. Women: New York, 2012).

### Palestine South Africa Moment? The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement

#### **December 2, 2014**

CPS hosted a founder of the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, Omar Barghouti, who spoke to a packed audience. In addition to remarks by Professors Abu El-Haj and Khalidi, the other main speaker of the evening was CPS faculty member Professor Mahmood Mamdani, a world authority on Africa, who spoke, in comparative terms, about the



**PALESTINE'S SOUTH AFRICA MOMENT?**  
**THE BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS MOVEMENT**

**Omar Barghouti**  
Palestinian Human Rights Activist & Co-founder of BDS Movement

**Mahmood Mamdani**  
Herbert H. Lehman Professor of Government, Columbia University

MODERATED BY  
**Katherine Franke**  
Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS  
**Rashid Khalidi**  
Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies

**December 2, 2014**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Jerome Greene Hall, Room 104  
435 West 116<sup>th</sup> Street

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history of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. The event was attended by various news agencies, and a video has been posted on the CPS website.

## Related Programming

- **October 2014** - "The Palestinian Future After Gaza" The Edward Said Memorial Lecture with Richard Falk
- **November 11, 2014** - "Keyword: Civility" organized by CPS and Law School member Katherine Franke
- **November 19, 2014** - "Comparative Indigeneities: Dispossession, Belonging, and Human Rights in Palestine and Puerto Rico

## CPS Fellows - News

- Inaugural CPS Palestine Law Fellows, Suhad Bishara (Adalah) and Jamal Nusseibeh (al-Quds University), join us for the year
- Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Post-doctoral Fellowship renewed for two more years by the A.M. Qattan Foundation
- Omar Imseeh Tesdell, Assistant Professor of Geography, Beirzeit University, joins us for the spring semester as the fourth IAL Fellow

## Spring 2015

### The Arts

Book launch and discussion for the publication of Dr. Hatim Kanaaneh's new collection of short stories, "Chief Complaint: A Country Doctor's Tales of Life in Galilee"

**February 24, 2015**

Dr. Hatim Kanaaneh, a Palestinian doctor, writer, and activist who has for 35 years worked in providing health care to Palestinians living in the Galilee, will visit Columbia University for the publication of his new collection of short stories, *Chief Complaint: A Country Doctor's Tales of Life in Galilee*.

Inside/Outside: Six Plays from Palestine and the Diaspora

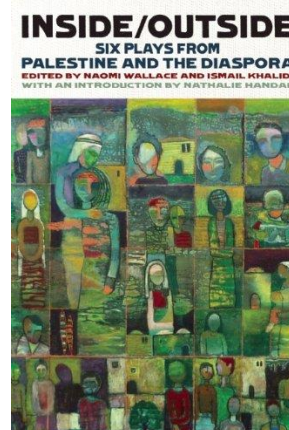
**March 2015**

Palestinian Theater. Curated by playwright Ismail Khalidi, CPS presents 3 Plays, 3 Nights, in staged readings. This ambitious drama programming is coordinated with the release of *Inside/Outside: Six Plays from Palestine and the Diaspora*, a landmark in the study of Palestinian theater, co-edited by Ismail Khalidi and award-winning playwright Naomi Wallace, and introduced by noted writer, poet and adjunct CU faculty member, Nathalie Handal.

"Palestine Cuts: A Film Workshop"

**April 2015**

New film program: "Palestine Cuts: A Film Workshop." To take advantage of filmmakers resident in or passing through New York, to screen and discuss their work. Curated by



Professors Hamid Dabashi (editor of *Dreams of a Nation*, on Palestinian film) and James Schamus, noted film producer and writer, School of the Arts.  
Inaugural filmmaker: Elia Suleiman.

Najwan Darwish: a reading and discussion with the acclaimed Palestinian poet  
**April 13 2015**

## **Law**

- **February 11, 2015** - *Developments in the International Criminal Court: Israel/Palestine*. Panel discussion on developments in the ICC regarding Israel and Palestine. Sponsored by the Columbia Law School, the Columbia Human Rights Institute, and the Center for Palestine Studies.
- **February 18, 2015** - Jamal Nusseibeh, Palestine Law Fellow, will give a talk at the Columbia Law School on the legal predicaments of the Palestinian university under occupation
- **February 26, 2015** - A lecture by attorney Hassan Jabareen, founder and director of Adalah, entitled, "The Legal Dimensions of Palestinian Citizen's Political Participation in the 2015 Israeli Elections"
- **March 4, 2015** - Suhad Bishara, Palestine Law Fellow, will give a lecture entitled, "Contested Normality: Bedouin 'Citizens' Under the Supreme Court of Israel"

## **History of the Present**

- **January 29, 2015** - Paper by Omar Imseeh Tesdell, CPS Abu-Lughod Fellow, entitled "Situating Settlement: Terrains of Arid Agriculture in Palestine and North America." Colloquium Series, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies
- **April 8, 2015** - Ghassan Hage, Professor of Anthropology and Social Theory, University of Melbourne, will present a paper for the Department of Anthropology's Boas Lecture series, entitled, "On Exterminability: The Affective Culture of Settler-Colonialism Today"
- **April 9, 2015** - Comparative Settler Colonialisms Workshop. This one-day workshop will take a comparative perspective on the question of settler colonialism across different geographical and historical domains. Keynote: Ghassan Hage
- **April 10, 2015** - "Representations of 'Indigeneity' in Settler-Colonial Contexts: The Case of the Naqab Bedouin," a workshop organized by Dr. Sophie Richter-Devroe, University of Exeter, and Visiting Scholar at Columbia University. Co-sponsored by the European Center for Palestine Studies, University of Exeter; and the Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK