

Israel in Asia: Settler Colonialism, Mobility, and Rupture

A public lecture by

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In this talk, Magid Shihade will introduce his current work on rethinking the place of Israel in Asia, its construction as a project of Western national/colonial modernity and the role that the imagination of Israel's location has played as a local, regional, and global rupture. The paper reframes the Palestine question by connecting the location of Israel and Palestine with work on modernity, settler colonialism, race, and local knowledge, in conversation with the concept of the nomad by Deleuze and the much more encompassing conceptualization by Ibn Khaldoun.



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Magid Shihade is a faculty member at the Institute for International Studies at Birzeit University, Palestine and is currently a research fellow affiliated with the Middle East/South Asia Studies program at the University of California-Davis. He is also a postdoctoral transregional fellow at the Social Science Research Council. His research focuses on decolonization, modernity, violence, identity, and the anthropology and politics of knowledge. His book, *“Not Just a Soccer Game: Colonialism and Conflict among Palestinians in Israel,”* was published in 2011 by Syracuse University Press. He has published several articles and book chapters about topics such as Ibn Khaldoun and alternative political theory and settler colonialism in Israel-Palestine and has edited a special issue of the journal *Interface* on the Arab Spring. His new research project is a study of Palestinians in Israel during military rule from 1948-1966, tentatively titled: “Israel in Asia: Settler-Colonialism, Mobility, and Identity among ’48 Palestinians.”