

Fairouz Salameh

Anata, Jerusalem – Palestine

Academic Profile

Interdisciplinary academic researcher with an M.A. in Israeli Studies and a B.A. in Geography and Political Science. Specialized in political geography with a critical focus on settler-colonial urbanism, militarized space, and social life under occupation in Palestine. Adept at combining qualitative and spatial research methods, including GIS analysis, ethnography, and oral history. Committed to producing critical knowledge and fostering academic exchange between Palestinian and international scholarly communities.

Education

M.A. in Israeli Studies, Birzeit University, 2020–2024

B.A. in Geography (Minor: Political Science and International Relations), Birzeit University, 2015–2020 – Distinction (GPA: 85.4)

High School Certificate – Anata Girls Secondary School, 2015

Research Interests

- Settler-colonial spatial control in Palestine
- Militarization and political geography
- Social patterns under occupation
- Border studies and economic geography
- Gendered memory and political participation

Research Experience

Researcher & GIS Analyst, Institute for Palestine Studies, Apr 2024 – June 2025

- Conducted spatial and political analysis of Israeli colonial infrastructure in the West Bank using GIS.

- Led data visualization and mapping initiatives for an upcoming research publication.
- Coordinated with archival teams and senior researchers for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Research Assistant, Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS), 2023

- Contributed to a regional project on gender and political memory in Palestine.
- Conducted interviews, transcribed oral histories, and managed literature reviews.
- Prepared annotated bibliographies and synthesized qualitative data.

Documentary Researcher, Al-Hadath Newspaper – Women’s Oral History Project

- Collected and analyzed personal narratives from Palestinian women under occupation.
- Produced short documentary-style profiles for publication and archival use.

Research Trainee, Palestine Research Center (PLO)

- Participated in archival digitization and metadata organization.
- Supported research team in historical document classification and project coordination.

New Generation Fellowship Program, ACSS (2020–2024), supervised by Dr. Abaher Al-Saqa

Publications

- “Geopolitical Determinants of the Deal of the Century”, Palestinian Affairs Magazine, Issues 278–279 (2019–2020)
- “A Critical Review of the Most Important Works of Hussein Abu al-Naml”, Palestinian Affairs Magazine, Issue 208 (2020)
- “Prisoner Martyrs”, Palestinian Studies Magazine, Issue 131 (2022)
- “The Image of the Israeli Policeman among Palestinians”, Mada al-Carmel (2023)
- “The Road to the Colonial State”, Forthcoming, Institute of Wisdom Knowledge, Lebanon

Conferences, Training & Workshops

- Critical Security Studies Workshop, ACSS – Beirut, 2022
- MDLAB Training, Lebanese American University, 2022
- Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute – Political Analysis & Policy Paper Writing, 2018–2020
- Scientific Research and Editing Training – Palestine Research Center, 2020
- National Dialogue Project – Civic Dialogue & Conflict Mediation

Teaching & Community Engagement

- Right to Education Campaign – Faculty of Arts Student Representative, Birzeit University
- Volunteer Educator – Hazma High School for Girls
- Civil Defense First Aid Training – Birzeit Civil Defense Center

Skills

- GIS Mapping, Data Visualization
- Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop
- Academic writing, project coordination, oral history
- Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), Hebrew (Proficient)

References

- Dr. Amira Salmi – asilmi@birzeit.edu
- Dr. Munir Fakher Eldin – mfakhereldin@birzeit.edu
- Dr. Abdul Rahim Al-Sheikh – aalshaikh@birzeit.edu
- Dr. Ibrahim Rabaia – ibr20002000@gmail.com
- Dr. Mtanes Shihadeh – mtanes.shihadeh@gmail.com