

THE WAR ON GAZA

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MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE WAR ON GAZA Propaganda, public opinion and foreign policy

This conference gathers academics, journalists, researchers, policy makers and civil society groups to discuss the coverage of the war on Gaza by various international news media organisations and its implications on public opinion and foreign policy.

Covering the Arab-Israeli conflict remains one of the hot issues on the international news agenda. The issue has generated more attention as well as complaints about media coverage than conflicts in other parts of the world. The region has one of the highest concentrations of journalists in the world, reflecting the intense worldwide interest in the conflict. There are over 350 foreign news organizations based in Jerusalem alone, employing some 800 reporters, cameramen and technicians.

But how have they all been covering the on-going war on Palestinians? This conference aims to unpack the media management of this war by the different players. It looks at the stance Western media have taken in covering the conflict as compared to the Arab media? Whether broadcasters and the press learnt the lessons from the Iraq conflict? What alternative have new media been providing in covering this war? What alternative news come from the Palestinian resistance groups in Palestine and beyond about what is happening on the ground? How much does the media coverage resonate into public opinion formation and, hence help influence policymakers' actions and decisions? What should be the role of a responsible journalism vis-à-vis the conflict?

Conference themes:

- History of the conflict: Palestine the land and the people before and after the British Mandate
- Zionism, Jewish settlements, the Nakba (Palestinian catastrophe) and the emergence of the state of Israel (1948) ... roots of the conflict
- Mediating the conflict: Western media and public opinion
- Arab media and the portrayal of the on-going occupation
- Arab VS Western media: are we watching the same war?
- Israeli media management and the international public opinion?
- Palestinian and Arab diaspora and the mediation of the conflict?
- Blogging, YouTube, social forums, what role have such platforms been playing?
- Resistance/Citizen journalism and the mediation of the Palestinian narrative
- Media coverage and policy making in the West: What implications?

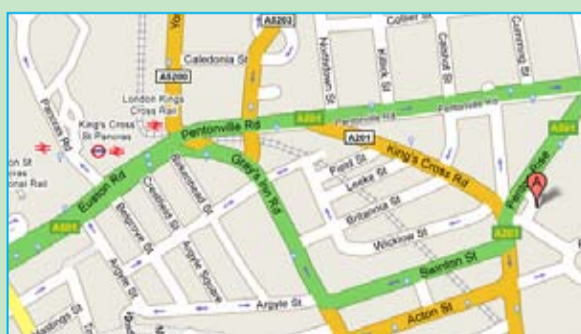
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Confirmed Speakers

- Dr Makram Khouri-Machool, University of Hertfordshire, UK
- Dr Yusuf Devran, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey
- Prof Mohamed Kirat, University of Sharjah, UAE
- Mr Ragi Omar, Al-Jazeera International (tbc)
- Dr Alaa El Shamy, Qatar University, Doha
- Mr Sharif H. Nashashibi, Arab Media Watch, London
- Mr Hosam Sokkari, Head of BBC Arabic Network
- Prof. Hamza Çakır, Erciyes Üniversitesi Rektörlüğü, Kayseri, Turkey
- Dr Nouredine Miladi, University of Northampton, UK
- Mr Michel Massieh, QC, London
- Mr Carl Arendel, Islam Channel (tbc)
- Mr Mahir Othman, Al-Quds, London
- Mrs Ivonne Ridley, Press TV, London
- Dr Syed Abdul Siraj, Allama Iqbal University, Islamabad
- Ms Marisa Consolata Kemper, Ramattan News Agency, Cairo
- Dr Naila Hamdy, American University in Cairo, Egypt
- Ms Dalia Yusuf, IslamOnline.net
- Ms María Teresa Nicolás, University of Navarra, Spain
- Dr Arturo Marzano, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy
- Ms Giuliana Tiripelli, University of Glasgow

Date: Saturday 20/6/09
Time: 9:30am - 5:30pm
Venue: School of Oriental and African Studies,
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