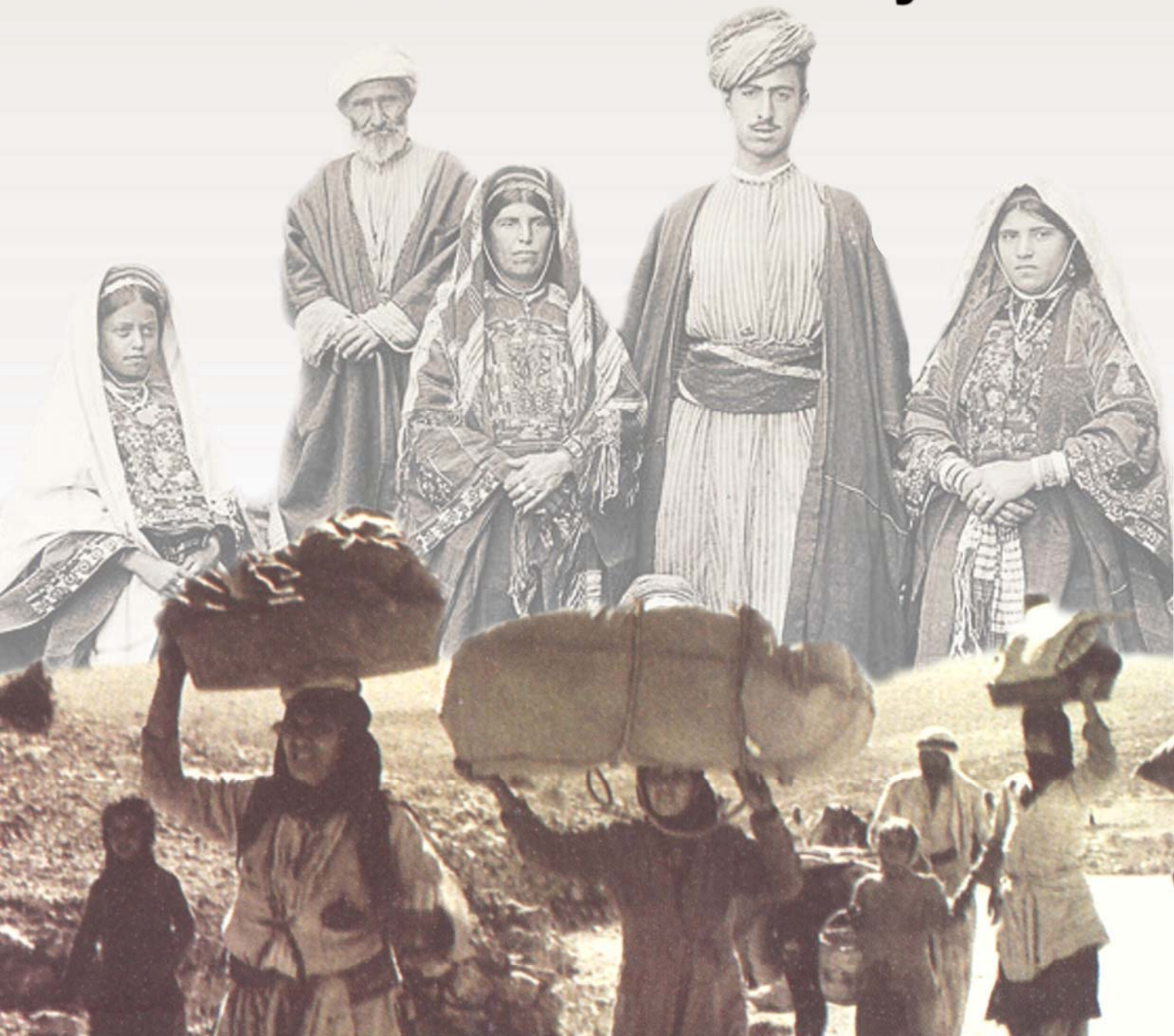




Invitation

The Center for the Study of Palestinian Society & Heritage in Inash
El-Usra Society invites you to the

The Role and the Future of the Palestinian Family



Date: Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 20, 21, 22. March 2009

Place: In Inash El-Usra Society, Al-Bireh

Welcome



**The Society of Inash El- Usra
The Center for the Study of Palestinian
Society and Heritage**

**Conference
On the Role and the Future of the Palestinian Family**

Palestinians have gone through conditions, during the last one hundred years, which have led to their dispersal and to the virtual destruction of their society. The same forces and powers are still intent on the complete sociocide, if not genocide, of the Palestinian people. The family is the one still surviving and viable social institution among them. There are those who praise the Palestinian family and consider it the main survival mechanism of the Palestinian people; but there are also those who condemn it the source of internal division and conflict among them and work for its destruction and dissolution.

The planning committee of the conference believes that there is a need for a critical evaluation of the nature of the Palestinian family and the role it has played in their struggle for survival. This will be the subject of the fourth International Conference to be held at the Center for the Study of Palestinian Society and Heritage in the Society of Inash al- Usra, Al-Bireh, Palestine, March 21 & 22, 2009.

The following are suggested themes for the conference, which are not necessarily binding:

- **Traditional family structure:** Was there a uniquely Palestinian traditional family structure? What were its unique characteristics compared to other Arab peoples? How did that uniqueness evolve?
- **Points of strength and positive roles:** The role of the family in the absence of central authority at any time in the past. The role of the family in adjustment and survival among the Palestinian diaspora: physical survival, survival of the culture and collective memory, survival of collective identity, maintenance of contact with Palestinian communities and the Palestinian homeland, continuity of the Palestinian national struggle. The role of the family in the resistance against Israeli occupation.
- **Weakness and negative roles:** The role of the family during the British Mandate days, the 1936 uprising, and the 1948 war. Manipulation of the traditional family system by political authorities since the beginning of Islam up to the present time, especially since the beginning of the British Mandate. What is happening to the family among different Palestinian groups in the diaspora? The role of the family in intra-Palestinian conflicts in the past and present.
- **Attempts at weakening or destroying the family structure:** Are there any attempts to weaken or destroy the Palestinian family in Palestine or in the diaspora by, for example, Israeli authorities, host countries, funding agencies, or foreign educational and cultural projects?

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Conference on the Role and the Future of the Palestinian Family

(20-22 March. 2009)

Program

Day I Friday 20/3/2009	
Registration and Opening Session: 08:30 – 09:30	
Farida Aref Amad, President, Society of Inaash El-Usra	
Dr. Sharif Kanaana, Director, Center for the Study of Palestinian Society and Heritage	
1st session: 09:30 – 12:00 Chaired By: Omer Musallam	
Wissam Rafeedi	Change in structure and persistence of role
Sari Hanafi	Toward the return of Palestinian refugees: The role of the family
Sobhi Sghier	Toward a new understanding of the role of the family
Ahmad Qatamish	The role of the family in Palestinian resistance
lunch Break 12:00 – 02:00	
2nd session: 02:00 – 04:30 Chaired By: Norma Masriyeh	
Grace Oyama	The deterioration of the traditional family role and structure
Ahmad Ashkar	Attempts at destroying the Palestinian family
Nabeel Al-Jundi	Disruption of the family in Jerusalem
Abdul Kareem Mezael	Palestinian families headed by women
Day II Saturday 21/3/2009	
1st session: 09:00 – 11:30 Chaired By: Munir Fasheh	
Lotte Buch	National and religious discourses of loss among wives and mothers of political prisoners in the Occupied Palestinian Territory
Pina sodano	The Palestinian family in Italy: a case study in Rome
Rula Abu Dahou	Place and identity in refugee families
Janan Abdu	The Palestinian family in Haifa: under siege on the Fringes of the Judaized city
Break: 11:30-11:45	
Plenary Speaker: Helena Lindhom Schulz 11:45-01:00	
Lunch: 01:00-02:00	
2nd session: 02:00 – 04:30 Chaired By: Zuhair Sabbagh	
Ahmad Adarbah	The epic of Fatemeh
Sonia Nimer	Family history and national history
Hadeel Heneiti	Displacement of the Jahaleen bedouins
Nabeel Alkam	Emigration to American: A case study

Day III	
Sunday 22/3/2009	
1st session: 09:00 – 11:30	
Chaired By: Hamdan Taha	
Hamad Moaed	Palestinian refugees in Syria
Ma'moun Khalaf	Palestinian refugees in Jordan
Jaber Suleiman	Palestinian refugees in Iraq
Moslih Kanaaneh	Family and kinship among refugees in '48 areas
Break: 11:30-11:45	
Plenary Speaker: Iyad Al-Sarraj	
11:45-01:00	
lunch	
01:00 – 02:00	
2nd session: 02:00 – 04:30	
Chaired By: Hanan Jaraisi	
Toine van Teeffelen	Communicating Palestine: The strategic role of the Palestinian family
Sylvain Perdigon	Palestinian refugee families and the new studies of kinship
Nadia Shamasna	Psychosocial effects of cyberspace relationship on family
Sharif Kanaana	Writing the history of your family

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