Unfree in Palestine: Registration, Documentation and Movement Restriction

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Salle/Room Guigues 201  12h00-13h15

Through a visual tour and narrative presentation, Professor Nadia Abu-Zahra shares the highlights of her new book -- co-authored with Adah Kay -- which chronicles how millions of Palestinians have been denationalized through the bureaucratic tools of census, population registration, blacklisting and a discriminatory legal framework. Based on first-hand accounts and extensive fieldwork, Unfree in Palestine shows how identity documents are used by Israel as a means of coercion, extortion, humiliation and informant recruitment.

“After this book, no one could fail to understand the centrality of these mechanisms in the occupation of the Palestinian lands” – John Torpey, Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Center, City University New York

“A bold and uncompromising account of mass denationalisation from both ends of the telescope” – Jane Caplan, Professor of Modern European History, St Antony’s College, Oxford

Professor Nadia Abu-Zahra teaches in the School of International Development and Global Studies at the University of Ottawa. She is the author of 12 articles and book chapters on mobility and human rights, and has worked with projects affiliated with Oxfam, Oxford University, the EU, UNICEF, and CIDA, across the Middle East, Asia, and Central America. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

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The seminar will take place in English, but the audience will be able to ask question in French / Le séminaire se tiendra en anglais, mais l’audience pourra poser des questions en français.