Palestine and U.S. Feminisms: A Critical Reading of NWSA BDS Vote

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DESCRIPTION:
On November 26, 2015, members of the National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) overwhelmingly voted (88.4%) in favor of a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) resolution proposed by Feminists for Justice in/for Palestine. The vote by the largest gender, sexuality, feminist, women’s, or queer studies academic association in the U.S. is significant in view of the historical fraught and complicated relationship of U.S. feminisms and Palestine. What were the conditions that produced such a vote? Employing activist ethnography, this paper will historicize and contextualize the internal and external dynamics of NWSA that produced the BDS vote.