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FROM CONNECTIVITY TO CONNECTIVE TRAUMA CRITICAL PATHWAYS ENGAGING ARAB FAMILIES AND SELVING

DR. SUAD JOSEPH
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

DISCUSSANTS

LIVIA WICK, American University of Beirut

ZINA SAWAF, Lebanese American University

The lecture contextualizes Joseph's trajectories of research in the socio/political/ and intellectual contexts from the 1970's to the present. It particularly focuses on the theorization on the Arab family, the relational self, connectivity, patriarchal connectivity, the kin contract, citizenship, civil society, and relational rights. It traces this genealogy to her current work on foundational concepts of STEM and rethinking western conceptualization of refugee trauma.

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BIOGRAPHIES



Suad Joseph is Distinguished Research Professor at the University of California, Davis. She is the founder and founding president of the Middle East Research Group in Anthropology (aka: Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association), founder and founding president of the Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS) and founder/director of the Arab Families Working Group. She founded and directed the University of California Davis Arab Region Consortium, including the American University of Beirut, the American University in Cairo, the Lebanese American University, Birzeit University, American University of Sharjah, and UC Davis. She was president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America in 2010-2011. She is co-founder and founding president of the Arab American Studies Association and co-founder of the Association for Middle East Anthropology and the Journal of Middle East Women's Studies. She is General Editor of the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures. She has edited or co-edited 12 books, and published over 100 articles in journals and books, most recently *Arab Family Studies: Critical Reviews* (2018); the award-winning *Arab American Women: Representation and Refusal* (2021); *The Politics of Engaged Gender Research* (2022); *Handbook of Middle East Women* (2022). She is the founder and founding director of the Middle East/South Asia Studies Program at UC Davis, co-founder of the Feminist Research Institute. She was awarded the UC Davis Prize – the largest undergraduate teaching and research prize in the United States; the Middle East Studies Association Jere L. Bacharach Life Time Service Award in 2019; the Association for Middle East Women's Studies and the Arab American Studies Association life time service awards; and the UC Davis Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship for 2020-2021.



Livia Wick is associate professor of anthropology in the Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies Department at the American University of Beirut. She grew up in Ramallah, Palestine, earned a BA from Brown University, an MA from the Institut National des Langues and Civilisations Orientales in Paris and a PhD from MIT. She started working at AUB in 2007. Her research and teaching interests lie in the overlapping themes of health and illness, birth, gender and oral history. She conducted field research in Palestine and Lebanon. She also serves as director of the Reproductive Health Working Group in Arab Countries and Turkey (RHWG). Her book entitled *Sumud: Birth, Oral History and Persistence in Palestine* just came out with Syracuse University Press.



Zina Sawaf is Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies at the Lebanese American University. Her research and teaching span the disciplines of social anthropology, gender studies and gulf studies. She has written and published on ethnographic practice in the Arab region, divorce and the state in Saudi Arabia, and the history of anthropology in Lebanon. Her book project, *Encountering the State: Women and Intimate Lives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*, based on long-term ethnographic fieldwork in the Arabian Peninsula, is a study of embodied encounters between women and the processes, offices, and officials of the state, as well as its material culture.

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