

Palestine, Britain and Empire c.1841-1948

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14th May 2008 - Day 1

9.45 -10.15 Registration

10.15-11.00 Welcome Jan Palmowski (Head of School of Humanities, King's College London)

Keynote paper Roger Owen (Harvard), *Britain and Palestine: some unasked questions* (chair: Sarah Stockwell, King's College London)

11.00-11.30 Coffee (River Room and Senior Common Room)

11.30-13.00 **Missions, Society and Topography** (chair: John Stuart, King's College London)

In the presence of HRH Princess Anne, Patron of the Museum of the British Empire and Commonwealth and Chancellor of the University of London

- Dr Abu Sitta, (Palestine National Council), *Map and Grab: The Foreign Quest for Palestinian Land*
- Heleen Murre van den Berg (Leiden), *"Our Jerusalem" Bertha Spafford Vester and Christianity in Palestine.*
- Michael Marten (Stirling), *Creating Gender Identities in Colonial Contexts*

13.00-14.30 Lunch (River Room and Terrazzo)

14.30-16.00 **Governance, Administration and Memory** (chair: Roger Louis, Austin)

- Ghada Karmi (University of Exeter) *In Search of Fatima: Memories of the Mandate*
- Susan Pedersen (Columbia), *The Powers and Uses of the Mandates System*
- Penny Sinanoglou (Harvard), *Half a Loaf? Re-evaluating the Peel Commission's Inquiry and Partition Proposal, 1936-1938*

16.00-16.15 Tea (River Room and Senior Common Room)

16.15-17.45 **Development and Economy** (chair: B.R. Tomlinson, SOAS, London)

- Martin Bunton (Victoria, Canada), *Vilayet, colony, or home?: Progress and delay in Palestine's land settlement operations, 1928-1936*

- Amos Nadan (Tel Aviv University) *The Fallacy of Growth in the Palestinian rural Economy, 1920s-1930s*
- Roza I.M. El-Eini (London), *'Foreign Country': Considering Development, was Palestine Part of the British Empire?*

18.00-19.00 Reception in 'Chapters', King's College London

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Thursday 15th May 2008 - Day 2

09.30-11.00 **Palestine in Two World Wars** (chair: Ludmilla Jordanova, King's College London)

- Antoine Capet (Rouen), *Views of Palestine in British art from peacetime to wartime, 1841-1948*
- Eitan Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion), *Palestine, 1917: Revisiting the 'Last Crusade'*
- James Renton (Edgehill), *The Balfour Declaration*

11.00-11.30 Coffee (River Room and Senior Common Room)

11.30-13.00 **Counter-Insurgency** (chair: David Killingray, Goldsmiths College, London)

- John Knight (Eastern Michigan), *Riots, rebellion and reform: policing in Mandate Palestine*
- Matthew Hughes (Brunel), *British Armed Forces and Brutality in Palestine During the Arab Revolt, 1936-1939*
- Simon Anglim (Reading), *Orde Wingate and Anglo-Jewish Cooperation in the Palestine Arab Revolt, 1936-1939*

13.00-14.30 Lunch (River Room and Terrazzo)

14.30-16.00 **Palestine in British Decolonisation** (chair: John Kent, LSE)

- Rory Miller (King's College London), *'An Oddity of Resemblance': How the Palestine issue was viewed in terms of the Irish Question pre-1948*
- Motti Golani (Haifa), *Palestine 1945-8: view from the Government House Window*

- Saif Al Bidwawi (Sharjah University, UAE), *Gulf reactions to the Palestine Crisis, 1919-1948*

16.00-16.30 Tea (River Room and Senior Common Room)

16.30 Presentation by the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum

5.00 Conclusion and summing up W. Roger Louis (Austin) (chair: Robert Holland, Institute of Commonwealth Studies)