

Everyday experiences of conflict the daily life, legacies & textures of war

A postgraduate research symposium & exhibition
University of Oxford
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Venue: In-person | GUDTP Hub, Manor Road Building, OX1 3UQ



St John's College
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Programme:

9.00-9.30 **Introduction and welcome by organisers**

9.35-10.00 **Keynote - Dr Samuel Ritholtz, University of Oxford**

10.00-11.00 **Communication** (Chaired by Dr Zuzanna Olszewska)

Presentations are 10 minutes each with a 20 minute Q&A

Arpita Sen, University of Delhi

Searching for Safety, Looking for Home: Representations of Hazara Refugees in Literary Narratives (online presentation)

Ema Gonçalves, NOVA University of Lisbon

Everyday resistances: Queer Care and Sonic solidarity in Palestine

Sari Patnaik, University of Oxford

The "most documented genocide in history": social media and the evidentiary record in Gaza

Yaroslava Bukhta, University of Oxford

Reporting Home: The Everyday Life of Journalists Covering War in Their Own Country

11.00-12.00 **Gender and Identity** (Chaired by Dr Samuel Ritholtz)

Presentations are 10 minutes each with a 20 minute Q&A

Nat Jobbins, University of Cambridge

Disability and political life in the long aftermath of mass violence in Belfast

Nico Edwards, University of Sussex

Booth Babes, Drones and Desire: An Ethnographic Encounter with Military-Industrial (Man)Power

Adam Rouhana, University of Oxford

Disrupting Hegemonic Epistemologies: Photography, Zionism, and Palestine Today

12.00-12.40 **Lunch break and exhibition session**

12.40-13.40 **Infrastructure** (Chaired by Prof Tom Scott-Smith)

Presentations are 10 minutes each with a 20 minute Q&A

Vasiliki Poula, University of Oxford

Building Infrastructure, Constructing Peace: The Case of Peace Operations

Raghd Hilal, University of Glasgow

Within Sight, Beyond Reach: Palestinian Sensory Narratives of Restricted Places

Cristina Puntaru, University of Edinburgh

Living in the shadow of the Pearl Harbor Base: indigenous resistance to militarised insecurities in Hawai'i

13.40-14.40 **Heritage** (Chaired by Prof Paul Basu)

Presentations are 10 minutes each with a 20 minute Q&A

Andriana Lagoudes, University of Cyprus

Cypriot Bunkerologies (online presentation)

Amelie Yizhou Liu, Architectural Association School of Architecture

Tunnel Wars: Spatial Resistance, Vernacular Resourcefulness, and Historiography in 20th-Century China

Stanley Jachike Onyemechalu, University of Cambridge

Living with the Nation's Memory: Heritagisation, Family Memory, and the Everyday legacies of the Nigeria-Biafra War

Isabel Helszajn-Jewett, University of Cambridge

Unseen Palestine Photographs at the MAA: conversations about solidarity in UK museum settings

14.40-14.50 **Tea and coffee break**

14.50-15.50 Environment and Ecology (Chaired by Dr Ian Klinke)

Presentations are 10 minutes each with a 20 minute Q&A

Yirga Abebe Damtie, Addis Ababa University

"Mumps on Top of the Goiter": The Everyday Experience of Civil War in Ethiopia (online presentation)

Erman Dolmacı, University of Cyprus

Bending Barbed Military Wires: Babutsa in Divided Cyprus (online presentation)

Anasuya Virmani, University of Oxford

Too "high-risk and sensitive": Challenges in conducting an environmental ethnography in Palestine

15.50-16.50 Care (Chaired by Prof Madeleine Reeves)

Presentations are 10 minutes each with a 20 minute Q&A

Subhradeep Chatterjee, Indian Institute of Technology

Eco-Anxiety and Flood Memory: Narrating Kashmir's Jhelum as Post-Conflict Riverine Resilience

Shalanka Weerasinghe, University of Cambridge

Wifhood After War: The Intimate Labors of Soldiers' Wives in Post-War Sri Lanka (online presentation)

Irene Piedrahita-Arcila, University of Glasgow

Reconfiguring War Knowledge: Everyday Practices of FARC Ex-Combatants (online presentation)

16.50-17.00 Wrap up and invitation to continue conversation at the King's Arms Pub.