

Palestinian Bedouin at risk of forced displacement

CALL FOR CHAPTER ABSTRACTS FOR AN EDITED VOLUME

Against the backdrop of the Israeli-Palestinian setting and the protracted occupation of Palestine, the Palestinian Bedouin community of the West Bank faces unique challenges, including the risk of forcible transfer and forced urbanisation. As a result of widespread impunity for a host of international law violations affecting the Palestinian Bedouin communities directly and indirectly since the 1940s to the present day, these groups exist in deteriorating humanitarian conditions and precarious day-to-day lives. Intertwined with the implementation of Israeli expansionist plans in Area C, the violations of Bedouin socio-economic and political rights have increased in the last decade, especially in the Jerusalem Eastern periphery. These communities have been the target of home demolitions, denial of rights and services, discriminatory zoning policies, relocation plans, interruption of economic livelihood and grazing, and Israeli settler violence, which cumulatively facilitate the expansion of Israeli settlements and control in that part of Palestine. A high-profile example of this is found in the Israeli plans to demolish and evict the inhabitants of the Bedouin village of Khan al-Ahmar, famous for its 'tyre school', and the resulting international and local mobilisation to resist such plans. Consequently, the situation of the Palestinian Bedouin has attracted global attention, including scholars, advocates, activists, international political and humanitarian involvement by European states, international NGOs, as well as the International Criminal Court. As such, there is an urgent need to better understand the historical, socio-political, and geo-legal dimensions of the Palestinian Bedouin question per se as well as in relation to broader considerations about justice in Palestine.

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The project team are now inviting abstract submissions (350-500 words) to be developed into chapters for the project's edited volume, with a working title of *Palestinian Bedouin at risk of forced displacement*. Adopting an interdisciplinary approach, the volume seeks to engage with the burgeoning academic discourse around Palestinian Bedouins, with a focus on Palestinian Bedouin communities in the Jerusalem Eastern periphery. We encourage contributions that critically analyse themes of displacement in Palestine, international accountability, humanitarian vulnerabilities, Bedouin *sumud*, and spatial-political agency. We welcome submissions from researchers at any stage in their career that offer an interdisciplinary, comparative, and/or historical perspective to the study of the Palestinian Bedouin question, utilising frameworks and theories from a range of fields, including, but not limited to, human rights, international law, humanitarian aid, gender, space (human geography), culture, ethnography, environment, urban studies, and development. We also welcome co-authored submissions by researchers

juxtaposing different disciplinary specialisms. We especially welcome single-authored and co-authored submissions by members of the Palestinian Bedouin communities .

Suggested questions/ areas of inquiry of the edited volume include, but are not limited to:

- International law and politics, and protection of Palestinian Bedouin communities;
- The interrelationship between the Israeli settlement enterprise and the socio-economic conditions of the Palestinian Bedouin communities;
- Illegality, informality, spatial construction, and displacement;
- Identity politics;
- Humanitarianism and international politics;
- Transformation of Bedouin life (culture, economy, society);
- Environmental degradation;
- Israeli surveillance of Bedouin communities and their space;

The volume will be edited by Dr Alice Panepinto, Dr Ahmad Amara, Dr Brendan Browne, Dr Munir Nuseibah and Dr Triestino Mariniello, and will be published by a leading academic publisher to be approached once the successful abstracts are selected.

Timeline for submissions:

- **Deadline** to receive abstracts: **15 November 2021**
- Successful applicants notified **8th December 2021**
- **Deadline** for **first draft** paper (6000 words) **30 March 2022**
- Feedback to authors on the first draft by **15 May 2022**
- **Deadline** for **final draft** (6000 words max) **15 August 2022**

Please submit your abstract, affiliation and 1-page bio, as well as any queries, to Bana Abu Zuluf at bzuluf@staff.alquds.edu by **15th November 2021**.