

Solidarities in Conflict and War Zones

KnowWar Final Conference

Online | 11 – 12 May 2022

02:00 - 06:00pm CEST: Vienna, Cairo, Berlin
03:00 - 07:00pm EEST: Beirut, Damascus, Ramallah

Registration 

Initiated by social movements, the revolts in the Arab world over the last decade have reinforced the relevance of inclusive political systems based on fundamental socio-economic rights. Given the massive material and immaterial destruction, the unprecedented levels of war crimes and forced displacements societies in some Arab countries are confronted with, it comes as no surprise that the initial hopes of creating just and sustained processes to overcome authoritarianism, poverty, and imperial interventions have diminished.

Furthermore, Israeli dominance on the Palestinian society in its different localities appears to be as strong as ever. However, cycles of mobilization and protests continue albeit under fundamentally changed circumstances.

In countries subject to counterrevolutions, the space for dissent has diminished to levels lower than they were prior to the conflict. In addition, the analytical confusion about conflict dynamics has made it clear that protests and uprisings in conflict zones under overall imperial conditions cannot be adequately analyzed by adopting mainstream research strategies, tools and epistemologies. Researching back by innovatively creating transformative epistemologies and methodologies has thus become one of the fundamental challenges for KnowWar.

Against this background and based on reconfiguring solidarities in conflict and war zones, the research project KnowWar rests on the following pillars:

- To research on solidarities in and between marginalized Syrian, Palestinian, and Lebanese communities in Lebanon,
- to work out a concept of solidarity economy under conditions of armed conflict in Syria and colonial occupation in Palestine, and
- to conceptualize epistemologies for transformative research strategies.

At this final online conference, we will discuss our initial research results and explore possible path ways for the future.



Wednesday, 11 May 2022

02:00 – 02:15pm CEST

KnowWar in Conflict and War Zones

Opening Remarks, English with simultaneous translation in Arabic

Helmut Krieger | Department of Development Studies | University of Vienna

02:15 – 03:15pm CEST

Emerging Solidarities in Times of Global Crises and War

Keynote Lecture, English with simultaneous translation in Arabic

Vijay Prashad | Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research

Chair: *Petra Dannecker* | Department of Development Studies | University of Vienna

03:15 – 03:30pm CEST

Break

03:30 – 04:45pm CEST

Transforming Research Epistemologies in War Zones

Roundtable, English with simultaneous translation in Arabic

Nisren S. H. | Women Now for Development

Lena Meari | Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Institute of Women Studies | Birzeit University

Helmut Krieger | Department of Development Studies | University of Vienna

Chair: *Claudia Brunner* | Centre for Peace Research and Peace Education | University of Klagenfurt

04:45 – 05:00pm CEST

Break

05:00 – 06:15pm CEST

Researching Solidarities in Lebanon

Roundtable, Arabic with simultaneous translation in English

Ramia Ismail | Syrian Center for Policy Research

Rawya Mousa | Mousawat

Raed Eshnaiwer | Center for Development Studies | Birzeit University

Chair: *Kludia Wieser* | Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology | University of Vienna

Thursday, 12 May 2022

02:00 – 03:00pm CEST

Exploring Solidarities in the Syrian Conflict

Roundtable, Arabic with simultaneous translation in English

Zafer Nahhas | Syrian Center for Policy Research

Basileus Zeno | Department of Political Science | Amherst College

Chair: *Ramia Ismail* | Syrian Center for Policy Research

03:00 – 03:15pm CEST

Break

03:15 – 04:30pm CEST

Confronting War and Colonialism – Solidarity Economy in Syria and Palestine

Panel Discussion, Arabic with simultaneous translation in English

Rabie Nasser | Syrian Center for Policy Research

Tareq Sadeq | Department of Economics | Birzeit University

Omar Dahi | Hampshire College

Chair: *Samia Al-Botmeh* | Faculty of Business and Economics | Birzeit University

04:30 – 04:45pm CEST

Break

04:45 – 06:00pm CEST

Researching Back – Contradictions and Perspectives

Concluding Discussion, English with simultaneous translation in Arabic

Ramia Ismail | Syrian Center for Policy Research

Kassem Sabah | Mousawat

Helmut Krieger | Department of Development Studies | University of Vienna

Raed Eshnaiwer | Center for Development Studies | Birzeit University

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