

INTERSECTIONALITY IN PALESTINIAN FEMINIST, QUEER AND ANTI-COLONIAL STRUGGLE

An Abstract of the Thesis By

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The dire situation of many Palestinian women calls for an alternative to the policies of social support which isolate their struggle as women from their struggle of living under occupation. This investigation proposes an intersectional framework as the preferred strategy for a kind of social advocacy which understands the uniqueness of different historical and local contexts as they are lived by women's bodies.

The experience of Palestinian queer and feminist activists is put in context with the history of women's movements in the region and strengthened by a review of intersectional literature.

The case of Palestinian occupation highlights not only the advantages, but the urgency of talking about intersectional justice. Shown by local experiences of social activism, the risks of keeping a model of advocacy based in professional NGOs and colonial identity politics is directly related to the strategies of oppression used to legitimize the Israeli occupation of Palestine.