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## Call for Research Papers

**Mada al-Carmel's Annual Conference – 2024**

# The Engagement and Disengagement of Palestinians within the Green Line In the Post-October 7th Reality

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The military assault that is currently taking place against our fellow Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, with its genocidal features, is ushering in a new phase in the conflict with the Zionist project. As such, it will not only have ramifications for those members of the Palestinian people who are in Gaza, but for all Palestinians, wherever they may be. The severity of the assault is unprecedented; political, academic, legal and popular actors worldwide have engaged with it in a manner that has not been witnessed since September 11th, 2001. It is thus a global event of a magnitude that will not only alter the face of the region, but could also impact international political and ethical systems.

Palestinians inside the Green Line are engaging in the current process of transformation in the conflict and in their relations with Israel, as is the Palestinian people in general. This fact prompts us to draw a line between the political and strategic interactions that are taking place and potential changes in the relationship between Palestinians in Israel and the State on one hand, and with the wider Palestinian people on the other. These political shifts and challenges could transcend existing perceptions of persecution and daily political oppression, and reach the point where they create change in understandings and meanings of citizenship among Palestinians in Israel.

This seismic event has amplified the fundamental dilemmas experienced by Palestinians; indeed, it may have brought them face to face with broader dilemmas in which the political landscape is opened up to more radical scenarios that go beyond the scope of their status in the Jewish State or the concept of citizenship. Such broader and deeper dilemmas potentially concern the meaning of liberation and justice for the Palestinian people and their own standing within it. This is likely to be reflected in their role within the Palestinian national project, in which they could find themselves engaged.

On a day-to-day level, one can see the extent to which the support that exists within Israeli society for war crimes has affected even professional relationships between Palestinians inside the Green Line and their Israeli colleagues. In addition to official, aggressive state and intelligence surveillance, individuals within Israeli society have – willingly and eagerly – engaged in various forms of popular harassment, including entrapment and spying on Palestinians at their places of

work and study, and have incited against them both as individuals and collectively. Persecution at the hands of Israeli institutions, populists and elites –which has been accompanied by the distribution of firearms to the general population without any oversight or accountability – has created a daily sense of personal and collective threat and intimidation.

The assault on Gaza has revealed a state of political turmoil within Palestinian society. This in turn has shifted the burden to civil society organizations, which have attempted to bridge the gap in terms of the daily violations that are taking place, in particular against Palestinian university students, who have faced persecution, entrapment, surveillance, threats, punishment and expulsion by these institutions and at the hands of Jewish students.

Accordingly, Mada al-Carmel's Annual Conference will discuss the following themes:

1. The potential of what has happened and is currently happening to redefine the strategic role of Palestinians inside the Green Line;
2. The meaning of liberation and justice from the standpoint of Palestinians inside the Green Line now, and its impact on the redefinition of their strategic role in the conflict and on their relationship with the State of Israel, as well as with their own people;
3. Re-conceptualizing citizenship among Palestinians inside the Green Line;
4. Transformations within Israel – opportunity or predicament? How will Palestinians in Israel deal with these transformations, politically and strategically speaking?
5. Shifts in the discourse of the Israeli left and their impact on the Palestinian political and academic fields;
6. The role played by Israeli universities during the war – analysis of the ethical dimension of the academic discourse in Israeli universities;
7. The Palestinian political arena in the shadow of the assault, between continuity and change, and whether there is a resurgence of civil society amid political weakness;
8. The tools of struggle, protest and disobedience – are current shifts pushing Palestinians inside the Green Line towards unconventional conceptions and tools?
9. Has October 7th given Palestinians in Israel the opportunity to play a global role within the international Palestinian solidarity movement?
10. Confrontation and resilience through culture, art and political expression – have they broken the silence and altered perceptions?
11. The psychological and social dimensions of cruelty, frustration and repression – a psychological and social perspective.
12. The discourse and practices of states of the global South towards Palestine and their resonance within the international community.

**Mada al-Carmel invites researchers to submit academic papers on one of the aforementioned themes in order to participate in the conference.**

### **Guidelines for participation in the conference:**

1. Please submit a proposal/abstract of a maximum of 300 words on one of the aforementioned themes, or on a related theme, by **April 15th, 2024**.
2. Applicants will be notified about the status of their abstract by no later than **April 20th, 2024**.
3. Following approval of the abstract, a research paper of a maximum of 6,000 words should be written by **May 30th, 2024** (approval of the abstract does not guarantee approval of the research paper).
4. Mada al-Carmel will provide financial remuneration to the writers of papers approved for the conference.
5. The papers will be published as both an electronic book and a printed volume after the conference.
6. Abstracts and papers may be submitted in either English or Arabic.
  - a. Please send your proposals via email to: **[jowana@mada-research.org](mailto:jowana@mada-research.org)**

Respectfully,  
The Conference's Academic Committee



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