

**Religious Claims, Nationalism and
Human Suffering in Political
Conflict:
Perspectives from South Africa**

October 9-10, 2015

Workshop Conveners:

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The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and
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in collaboration with the Wits Institute for Social and Economic
Research (WiSER) in Johannesburg, South Africa

Friday, October 9th, 2015 – WiSER Seminar Room, Wits

- 9:00 – 9:15 am** **Coffee and Welcome Gathering**
- 9:15 – 9:45 am** **Opening Remarks**
- Nadim N. Rouhana
Sarah Nuttall
David Theo Goldberg
- 9:45 – 11:45** **Session I – Chair: (Achille Mbembe)**
- Nomboniso Gasas
- Mark Gevisser
Rainbowism, Sexuality and Nationalism in South Africa and Palestine/Israel
- Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
Aesthetics of Violence and Religion in Settler Colonial Contexts: The Case of Occupied East Jerusalem
- 12:00 – 1:30** **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 3:30pm** **Session II – Chair (Ali Banuazizi)**
- Liam O’Dowd
How Does Religion Matter? Comparative Lessons from the Northern Ireland Conflict
- Khaled Hroub
Religious Discourse and Claims within Nationalist and Islamist Palestinian Movements
- Nadim N. Rouhana
The Settler Colonial, the National, and the Religious in Zionism’s Encounter with Palestine
- 3:30- 4:00** **Break**

4:00- 6:00 pm

Session III

Dhammamegha Annie Leatt
Gods of Mutuality, Gods of Destruction

Naeem Jeenah

Kelly Gillespie

7:30 pm

Dinner

1, 9th Avenue, Parktown North

Saturday, October 9th, 2015 – WiSER Seminar Room, Wits

9:00 – 11:00 am

Session IV – Chair (Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian)

Steven Friedman

The Promised Land: Zionist Religious Themes in Afrikaner Nationalist Ideology

Achille Mbembe

The Politics of God and the Theology of the Nation State

Raef Zreik

Herzl and Religion

11:00 – 11:15am

Coffee Break

11:15 – 1:15 pm

Session V – Chair (Sarah Nuttall)

Ran Greenstein

Nationalism, Religious Claims and Political Conflict: South Africa and Israel/Palestine Compared

Hlonipha Mokoena

'Prisoner No. 2382981: Government Property': Winnie Mandela and Her Exile in Branfort

Ali Banuazizi

Nationalism and the Vicissitudes of Political Islam in the Middle East

1:15 – 2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Session VI – Chair (Raef Zreik)

David Theo Goldberg

Theo-Polities

Amos Goldberg

The Sacralization and Secularization of the Holocaust

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Coffee Break

4:30- 5:30

Closing Comments -Chair (Nadim N. Rouhana)

Dilip Menon

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian

David Theo Goldberg

6:00 pm

Closing Dinner