# Quarterly Bulletin

## July-September



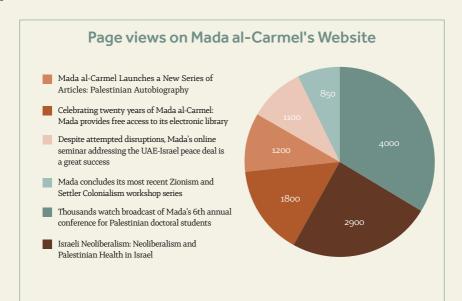
## Introduction

To our dear followers and constituents,

We must firstly acknowledge that these last months have not been easy, with the Coronavirus pandemic effecting all aspects of our lives. It has been challenging for Mada al-Carmel to operate normally in the face of all the restrictions and changes that the pandemic has brought. The center has worked hard to adapt to the current situation, proving itself more than capable of meeting the requirements of the moment. Mada has launched a number of new projects and programs in order to make up for the loss of activities that it was forced to cancel. These new projects closely adhere to the long-term vision of the center, which works on behalf of Palestinians in Israel to research the important topics that are emerging across the spheres of politics, society and academia.

This year, Mada launched a range of new projects: 'Israeli Neoliberalism,' 'Politics in the Time of Coronavirus', and 'Palestinian Autobiography' to name a few. It has also recently created a new policy unit to oversee the monthly issuing of position papers; it also intends to reactivate its gender studies program this year. In September, Mada made its back catalogue of e-books freely available for download through its website, as part of a series of events commemorating twenty years since Mada al-Carmel's founding. We have also been busy developing institutional partnerships across the region and beyond. New partner organisations include the Palestinian Museum in Birzeit, the Arab Center for Research and Policy studies in Doha, and also the European Centre for Palestine Studies at Exeter University, UK.

We would like to point out that we have been successful at not only maintaining high levels of engagement and impact through this uniquely challenging time, but we have in fact substantially grown our audience over the last quarter. This is evident in the higher viewing figures we have been receiving for our online lectures, seminars and symposia. This newsletter contains a number of charts which testify to these increases. The chart below concerns engagement with a selection of recent posts on Mada al-Carmel's website.



## **Position Papers**



July: "Dissolving the Palestinian Authority in the instance of annexation" - Dr Khaled Khalil al-Shaykh Abdallah.

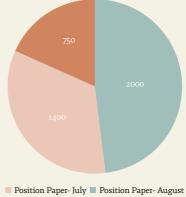


<u>August</u>: "Future implications of the Israeli-Emirati Peace agreement" – Dr Mujahid al-Hajj



September: "Health gaps in Israel and the spread of Coronavirus in the Palestinian community" – Said Suliman and the Policy Unit, Mada al-Carmel.

### Position paper page views on Mada al-Carmel's website



Position Paper- September

## Research papers and studies

"The American-Israeli 'Peace Plan': A Textual and Political Analysis" – coauthored Dr Mohanad Mustafa and the Palestinian Center for Israel Studies (MADAR).

#### Series: Israeli Neoliberalism

Mada al-Carmel launched this series in order to deepen our understanding of how Israeli neoliberal economic policies have affected the lives of Palestinians across the spaces of historic Palestine, including those living under military occupation and siege in the West Bank and Gaza, and those living within Israel. In the last two months, the following papers have been published in this series:

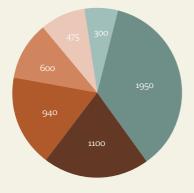


#### Series: Palestinian Papers



 "Economic Peace: A new American approach to settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict" – Raed Hilles.

## Article views on Mada al-Carmel's website (by author)



Ahlam Rahal
 Lamis Farraj
 Amir Makhoul
 Dr. Mohanad Mustafa
 Hani Ramadan Talib
 Raed Hilles

## Conferences & symposia



## Mada al-Carmel's 6th annual conference for Palestinian PhD students. (In Arabic)

Click **<u>here</u>** to watch the opening address of the conference.

Click **<u>here</u>** to watch the first session.

Click <u>here</u> to watch the second session.

Click <u>here</u> to watch the full conference on YouTube.

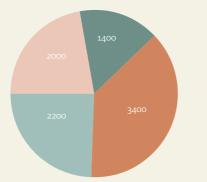
Click <u>here</u> to read about the conference on Mada's website. (In English)

## Symposium: "Palestinians in Israel and the Israeli-Emirati peace deal". (In Arabic)



Click <u>here</u> to watch the symposium. Click <u>here</u> to read about the symposium on Mada's website. (In English)

#### Facebook Live views for Mada al-Carmel's conferences and symposia



- PhD Student conference: inaugural talk
- PhD Student onference: first session
- PhD Student conference: second session
- Symposium: Israeli-Emirati peace deal

# Academic seminars and workshops



## Zionism and Settler Colonialism workshop-Final session: "Culture & Colonialism"

First session:

A lecture from Dr. Himmat Zu'bi entitled "Cultural cities in the context of colonialismthe case of Palestine".

#### Second session:

Presentation by student Lubaba Sabri – "The Hakawati Theatre and Jerusalem's Palestinian community- An anthropological study". Presentation from student Ahmed Khalayleh – "The impact of architecture on cultural perceptions of Palestinian society, from the Ottoman Tanzimat to the present day- Nablus as paradigm".

## Mada Online



To mark the passing of twenty years since Mada al-Carmel's founding, Mada has made its back catalogue of <u>e-books</u> freely available to read and download on its website.

## Academic partnerships



## Partnership with the Palestinian Museum in Birzeit

Mada al-Carmel's director Dr Mohanad Mustafa and Fathi Marshood recently visited the Palestinian Museum in Birzeit, to discuss possible avenues of partnership between the two institutions. Mada hopes to collaborate with the museum on its research program and on its ongoing digital archive program. During their visit, they met with museum director Dr. Adila Laidi-Hanieh, the director of the Research, Knowledge and Programs Nabil Barham and supervisor Marah Khalifeh. They also met with Majd Sidawey, researcher and coordinator for the digital archive project. An agreement was reached to jointly plan a program of activities and events, such as workshops, symposiums and training sessions, and to co-produce and publish articles and research findings. This partnership will facilitate the sharing of research, experience and resources, in particular in the vitally important area of archiving.



Partnerships with the European Center for Palestine Studies (ECPS) at Exeter University in the UK, and with the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS) in Doha, Qatar

Mada al-Carmel is working to finalise partnership arrangements with the ECPS and the ACRPS. These partnership programs will run for three years, and will focus on studying the Palestinian community in Israel, also known as the Arabs of '48, through the lens of settler colonialism. These programs are slated to start at the end of this year.

# Mada al-Carmel in the media

- Interview with Dr Mohanad Mustafa al-Medina newspaper, and <u>Mawteni 48</u> online.
   "20 years since the al-Aqsa Intifada, and Arab regional transformations". (In Arabic)
- Interview with Dr Mohanad Mustafa Position Report, al-Araby TV channel. "The dangers of Israeli annexation in light of internal Palestinian divisions and Arab normalization with Israel". (In Arabic)
- Interview with Dr Mohanad Mustafa –
  Position Report, al-Araby TV channel. "The Israeli-Emirati peace deal". (In Arabic)

• Interview with Dr Mohanad Mustafa – <u>Musawa TV channel</u>. "Successive crises follow the normalization agreement". (In Arabic)

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