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The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Gender

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Class outline

- Refugees
- Gender and politics
- Gender in Palestine
- Gender in Israel
- Sexuality and politics

Weekly assignments

- Due on Mondays at 10pm (Czech time)

African refugees



- Discuss in groups
 - What are the arguments in favor of strict policies vis-à-vis the asylum seekers? Do you consider them persuasive?
 - How would you relate these practices to the Jewish history?

Current situation

It's so badass when people stand in front of shit they destroyed



Gender and Politics

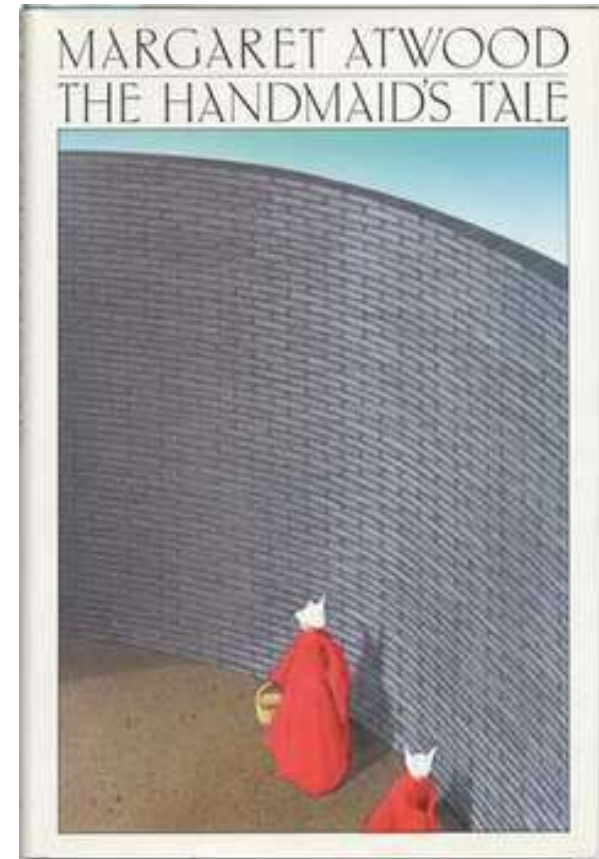
- What is gender?
- How is it different from sex?

- In what ways is gender a political issue?



#MeToo

“Men are afraid that women will laugh at them. Women are afraid that men will kill them” (Margaret Atwood)



Palestinian Women

- According to the article by Richter-Devroe, what are (some of) the hardships faced by the Palestinian women?

Gendered Impact of the Israeli Occupation

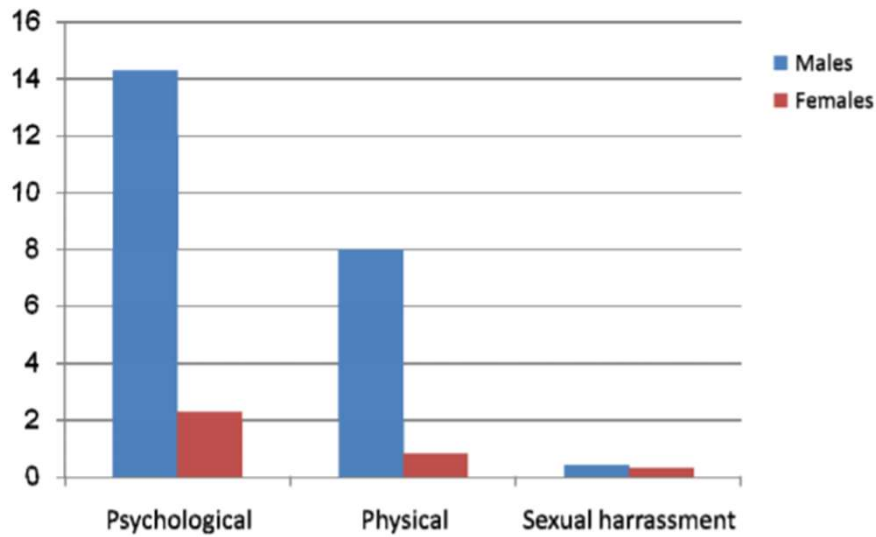
Main Findings of Violence survey in the Palestinian Society, 2011:

http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/portals/_pcbs/pressrelease/el3onf2011_e.pdf

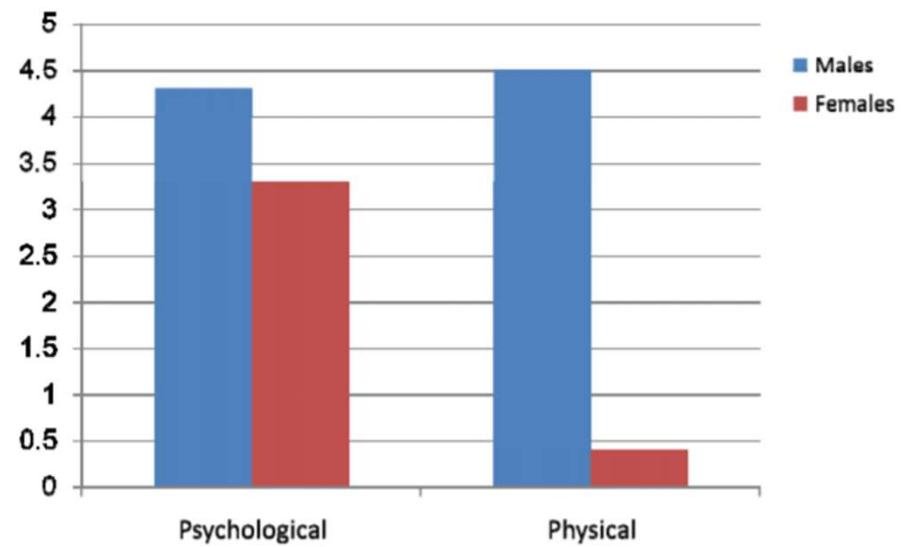
Graphs based on the report taken from:

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/Jordan_Mar2012/Presentations/Panel%202.a/Panel%202.a_3_Palestine_VAW.pdf

Violence among youth 18-29 years at the Israeli check points

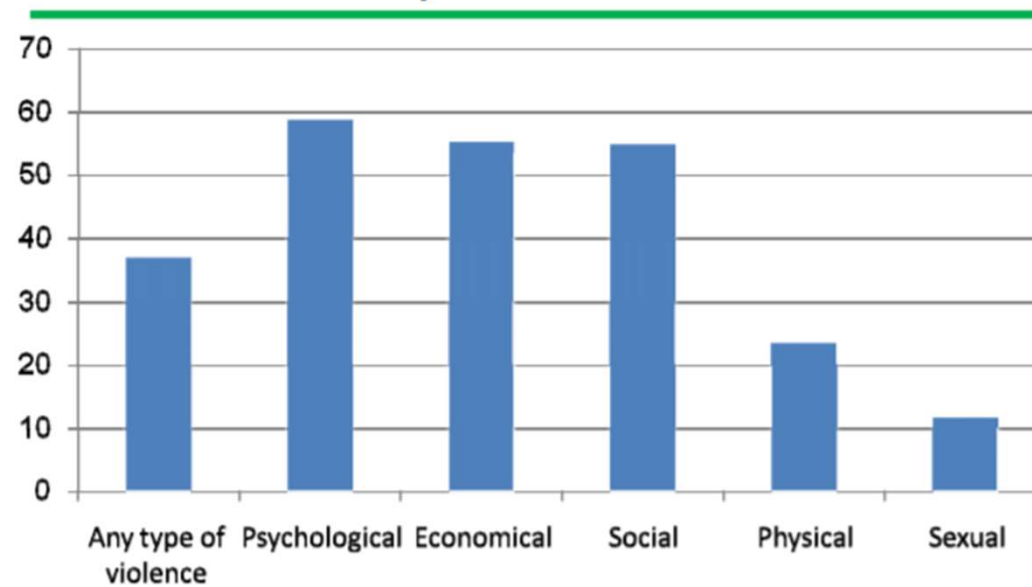


Violence among individuals 30-64 years at the Israeli check points



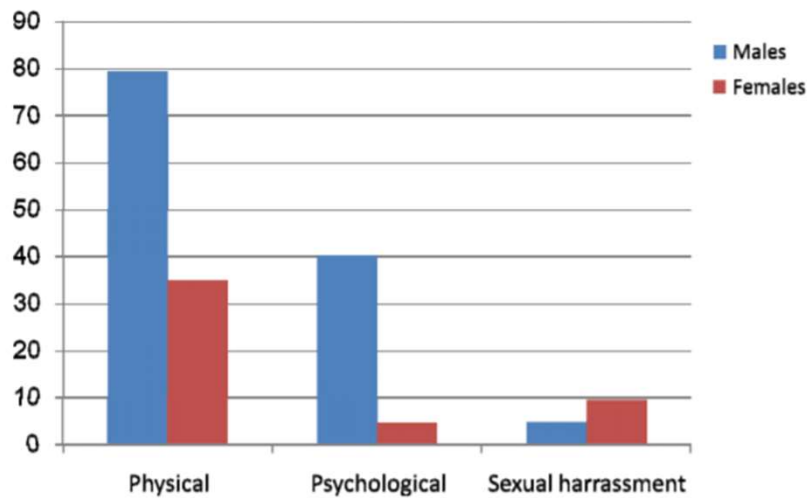
Patriarchy in Palestine

Violence among ever married women
by husband

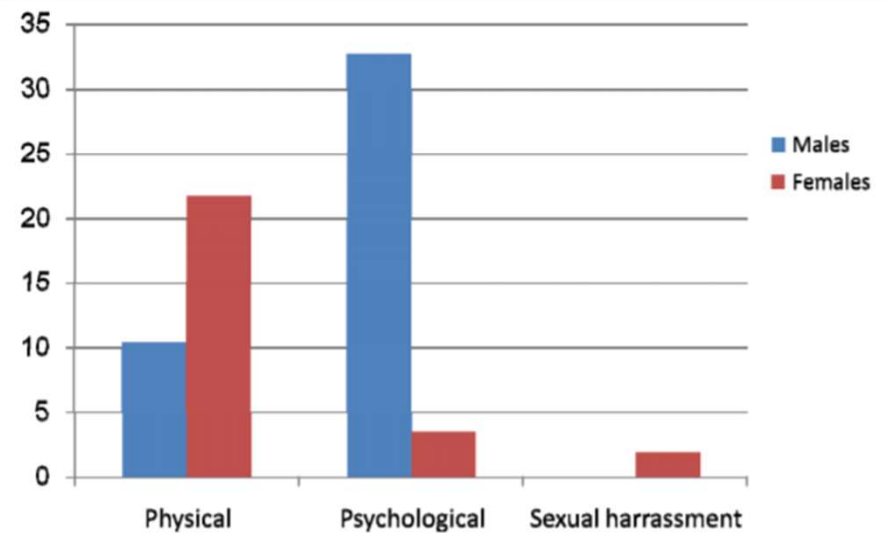


Violence in public space

Violence among youth 18-29 years



Violence among individuals 30-64 years



“A recent report by Palestinian NGO Juzoor states that 55 percent of women living in East Jerusalem have experienced domestic violence. The report, titled Empowering Women in Marginalised East Jerusalem Communities, outlined that 50 percent of these women had their first exposure to domestic violence by age 15 or younger.”

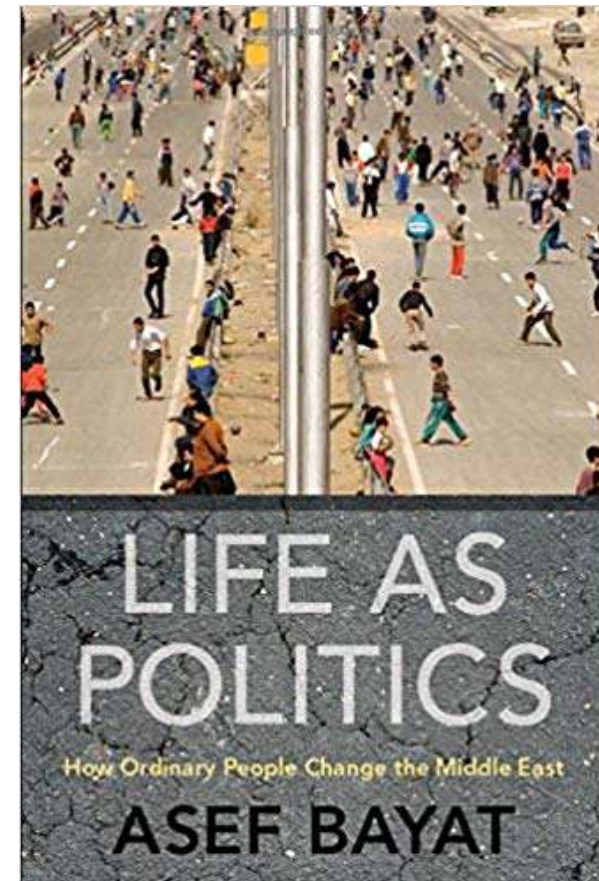
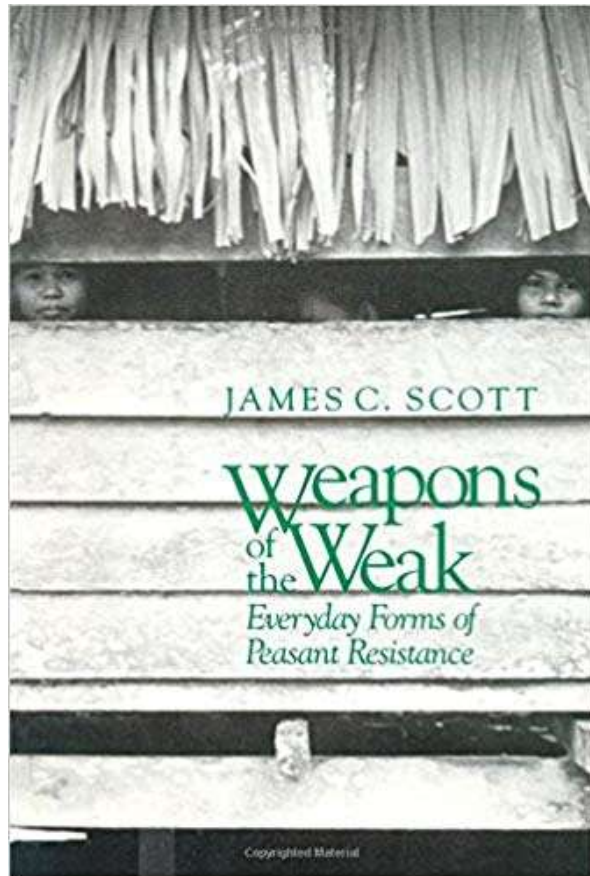
<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/palestinian-domestic-abuse-victims-turn-181110101842871.html>

In what ways can the Israeli occupation further worsen the problem of domestic violence among the Palestinian women?

Resistance

- What is “sumud” (as discussed by Richter-Devroe)?
- Discuss in groups:
 - What forms of resistance does the article discuss?
 - Do they qualify as resistance according to you? Why yes/not?

Resistance



Symbolic Employment of Women's Bodies

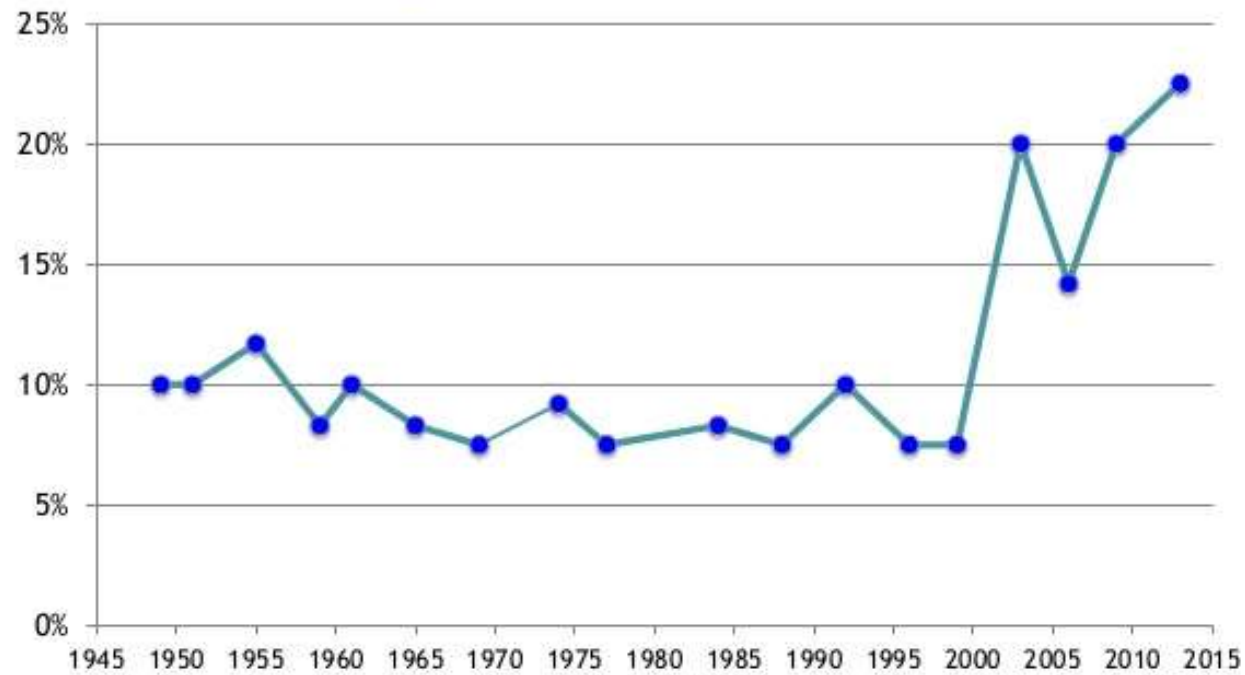
According to The Unified National Leadership of the Uprising, Intifada entails “the children and young men of the stones and Molotov cocktails; it is the thousands of women who miscarried as a result of poison gas and tear gas grenades” (quoted in Massad 1995, p. 475)

Israeli Women

“The index shows a startling rise in the frequency of cases of violence against single women (from 60 per 100,000 women in 2003 to 1000 per 100,000 in 2010) - a nearly twenty-fold increase. And according to the survey of 800 women from various sectors of the population, 76 percent of Jewish women and 79 percent of Arab women report living "in constant fear" of sexual assault. The survey found that one in every three women can expect to be sexually assaulted during the course of her life.”

<https://www.haaretz.com/1-in-3-israeli-women-sexually-assaulted-1.5197680>

Percentage of Women in Knesset



(Source: [Jewish Virtual Library](#))



makomisrael.org | [@makomisrael](https://www.facebook.com/makomisrael) | [facebook.com/makomisrael](https://www.facebook.com/makomisrael)

Women for the Temple

- What is intersectionality and how does it relate to the movement?
- Can the movement be considered a feminist one? Why yes/no?
- In what ways do Women for the Temple employ feminine qualities in a strategic, political manner?



Machsom Watch



“Machsom Watch is open exclusively to women. Our quiet but assertive presence at checkpoints is a direct challenge to the dominant militaristic discourse that prevails in Israeli society. It demands accountability on the part of the security forces towards the civilian estate, something hitherto almost unheard of.” (quoted in Naaman 2006, 177)

Women in IDF

- Based on the article by Bronis, do you consider women's participation in the IDF activities adequate?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JWTletgVM8>

Women in IDF: Empowerment?

- 1 in 6 female soldiers in IDF reported harassment in 2017 (<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/1-in-6-female-IDF-soldiers-report-being-sexually-harassed-during-service-504693>)
- In 1993, the Maariv daily reported that only 10% of around 1,000 reported cases of sexual harassment each year are investigated (quoted in Sered 2000, p. 92)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIUoS6Jd8Ek> (2:00-2:45)



hot_idf_girls

Sledování

Příspěvky (493)

Sledující (104tis.)

Sleduji (6 646)

Israeli Army Girls IL 🔥

Israeli Defense Forces Female Soldiers & Israel's Models Page ❤️IL❤️ DM for Feature

🇺🇸 US Gun Girls Welcome 2us Tag #hotidfgirls @lions_of_zion @friedfox



girlsdefense

Sledování

Příspěvky (1 628)

Sledující (136tis.)

Sleduji (1)

GIRLS DEFENSE 📌 IDF

Welcome to the wonderful world of IDF Women IL

עמוד נשים של צה"ל חי שמעוניינת בפרסום תשלוח תמונות / וידאו בפרטי 📷

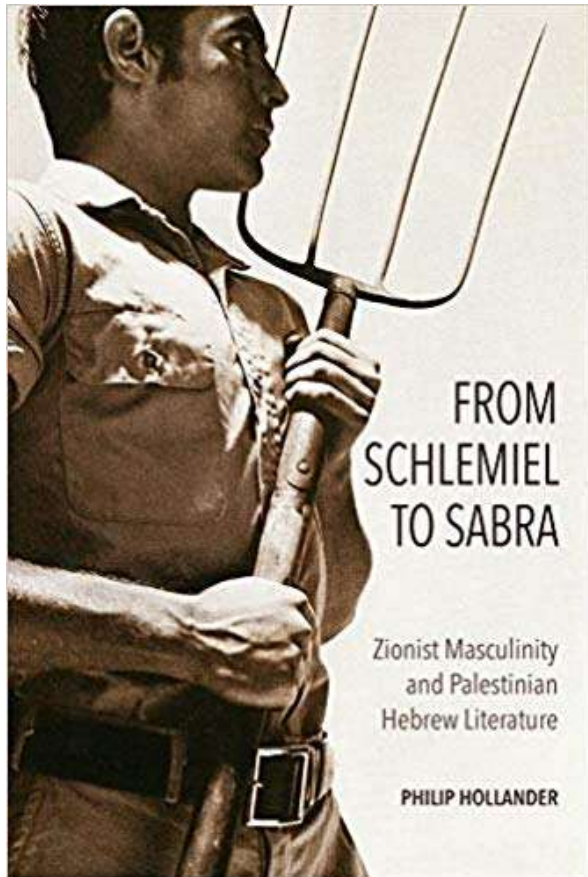
[instagram.com/weinbrg](https://www.instagram.com/weinbrg)

Weapons of mass seduction: Stunning female troops pose with huge weapons in internet craze

THESE jaw-dropping female troops have taken the internet by storm after showing off their massive guns in full military kit.



Israeli Masculinities



Suicide was top cause of death for IDF soldiers in 2016

Army releases details on 41 troops who died last year: 15 took their own lives, 4 were killed in operations, 9 in on-base accidents, 7 in car accidents, 6 died of illness

Pinkwashing

**Where In The Middle East Can
Gay Officers
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- Discuss in groups
 - Is pinkwashing an actual thing?
 - Do you find anything problematic about the whole argument?
 - How would you describe the “Avi” clip vis-à-vis these questions? Was it exposing pinkwashing or promoting it?

Homonationalism

Inclusion of the gay rights serves as a 'barometer by which the legitimacy of, and capacity for national sovereignty is evaluated' (Puar, 2013, p. 24).

