

# Beyond Witness: Arabic, Queer Poetics, and Palestinian Resistance

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This talk considers concepts from the Arabic language which offer expansive ways to theorize and practice resistance. It employs a combination of poetry, research, and prose to explore the discursive and material facets of Palestinian liberation, with special attention to forms of affective and embodied resistance.

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