

**Perspectives beyond war and crises?
Donor politics and gender orders in the
Israeli-Palestinian-Conflict**
April 17-18, 2008 in Vienna, Austria

Thursday, April 17th

6:30 p.m. Failing Peace
Sara Roy
Movie screening

Friday, April 18th

9:30 a.m. Panel 1
The role of donor aid in the West Bank and Gaza: Some reflections and recommendations
Sara Roy
International paradigms of development and donor politics and their impact on women NGOs and gender orders in the Occupied Palestinian Territories
Siham Barghouthi

11:00 a.m. Coffee break

11:30 a.m. Panel 2
Feminist perspectives on ending the Israeli occupation and getting to peace with the Palestinians
Gila Svirsky
Post-Oslo and (im)possibilities of cooperation in the context of occupation – a Palestinian perspective
Randa Siniora

1:00 p.m. Lunch break

2:00 p.m. Workshops:
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4:00 p.m. Coffee break

4:30 p.m. Final Keynote: Occupation, war and feminist perspectives
Ghada Hashem Talhami

6:00 p.m. End of the conference

Lecturers list:

Siham Barghouthi is the chairperson of the Association of Women's Action in Palestine as such has organized activities of UNDP in cooperation with the Ministry of Governance in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.


Sara Roy is a senior research scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University where she completed her doctoral studies in international development. Trained as a political economist, Dr. Roy has worked in the Gaza Strip and West Bank since 1985 conducting research primarily on the economic, social and political development of the Gaza Strip and on U.S. foreign aid to the region. She serves on the Advisory Boards of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) and the Center for American and Jewish Studies at Baylor University.

Gila Svirsky is a peace and human rights activist and former Director of Bat Shalom, the Israeli branch of Jerusalem Link. She served on the board of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, is coordinator of the Coalition of Women for a Just Peace and an active member of Women in Black movement.

Randa Siniora is the Director General of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights (PICCR) and has been the Director General of Al-Haq.

Ghada Hashem Talhami is Professor of Third World Politics and Women's Studies, Lake Forest College Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Talhami has published several books e.g. Palestine in the Egyptian Press: from al-Ahram to al-Ahali; Palestinian Refugees: Pawns to Political Actors, Syria and the Palestinians: The Clash of Nationalisms.

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