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Colonial Moralscapes

The Production of Humiliation and the Struggle for Dignity

featuring

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What does it mean to examine the moral landscape of colonialism as an assemblage of technologies of humiliation, and to see resistance as practices that try to preserve dignity. In this presentation I will examine how this dialectic of humiliation and dignity is played out throughout the history of colonialism in the Arab world. I will concentrate on how various Arab conceptions of dignity (*Karama*, *Sharaf*, *'Ard*) provide different articulations of existential, patriarchal and hierarchical conception of the self as a moral being, and form the ground for very different politics of resistance to colonial humiliation.

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