

Workshop

Palestine: Scenarios for the Future

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Seminar room SG 1, Department of Development Studies, Sensengasse 3, 1090 Vienna

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The year 2018 marks the anniversary of critical and catastrophic developments in Palestinian history: more than 50 years of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, the 70th anniversary of the Nakba and the 71st anniversary of the United Nations division of Palestine.

Since the beginning of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict the quest for solutions and visions of how to end the conflict has never stopped but without any success. The apparent failure of the Oslo agreement, the useless Palestinian-Israeli negotiation process that shadowed the agreement, and the continuation of resistance to the Israeli occupation has led to a continuous search for future perspectives of the conflict. Hence, main questions that will be discussed in the workshop, are as follows: What are different scenarios that will shape the Palestinian-Israeli conflict? What are local, regional, and international changes that have occurred over the years? How do these changes affect the shape of future perceptions?

The workshop intends to examine possible scenarios about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A general overview of the concept of scenario construction will be presented, followed then by a discussion of two main scenarios and sub-scenarios.

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The workshop is hosted by the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna. Please register for the workshop and send an e-mail to helmut.krieger@univie.ac.at