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***Development and/as Resistance:
Experiences of an APPEAR-project on
Palestine***

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Based on wide-spread criticisms articulated by (Palestinian) scholars and activists at the Oslo process and its dominant development model, one of the main tasks of our APPEAR-project entitled *Rooting Development in the Palestinian Context* was to work out different meanings of alternative development in the Palestinian context from a wide range of perspectives.

By following a transdisciplinary approach and including academic actors as well as Palestinian popular movements and social initiatives from communities within and outside of Palestine, we aimed at reconceptualizing the relation between the contested concepts of development and resistance. What should an alternative development agenda based on notions of development as resistance include given the basic conditions of decades of Israeli rule in the occupied Palestinian territory and the severe living conditions in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan? This and other questions are to be discussed in our lecture.

More information on the project is available at the following website: <http://rootingdevelopment.com/>