

## Symposium

# Israel's Settler Colonial Project and The Reshaping of the Middle East from Palestine to Iran

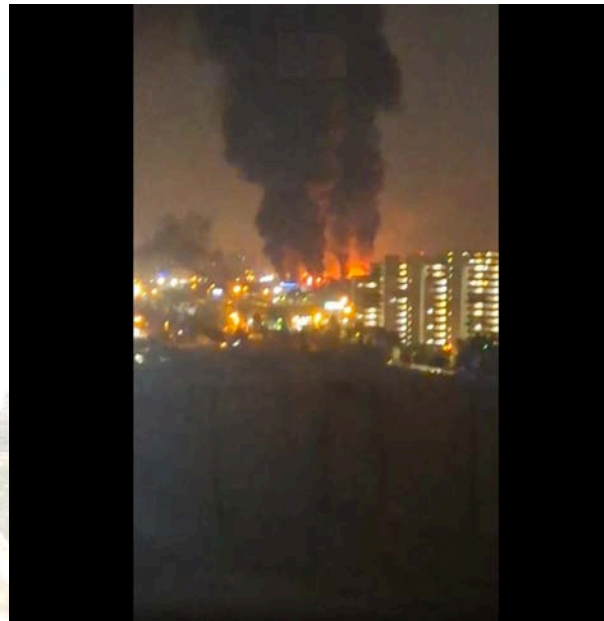
### Panelists

Roschanack Shaery-Yazdi  
(University of Antwerp / TUFS)

Makiko Nambu  
(TUFS)

Discussant:  
Yasuyuki Matsunaga (TUFS)

Chair:  
Keiko Sakai (Chiba University)



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### The Program

Decolonising Political Analysis on the  
Middle East: Documenting Human  
Stories as Testimonies (Roschanack  
Shaery-Yazdi)

Decolonial Perspective on Palestine  
and Japan's Complicity in the Ongoing  
Genocide (Makiko Nambu)

Discussions (Yasuyuki Matsunaga)

### Date

Saturday, June 28, 2025

### Place

Room 226, [Research Lecture Building](#)  
[Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies](#)  
(and online)

### Time

17:30 to 19:00  
(Room 226 will be opened at 17:00)

### Language

English

## The Synopsis

The G7 (Group of Seven) Leaders' [statement](#) from their June 17, 2025 Alberta, Canada, meeting declared that the “principal source” of instability in the Middle East region is Iran. What if they are mistaken? You would naturally say, “That’s okay,” because you are such a nice and forgiving person. But what if they are dead wrong about this? Would you just say, “Well, no one is perfect. Everybody makes mistakes”? What if, in fact, the principal source of regional instability can be, and perhaps ought to be, attributed to elsewhere? What could be the alternative sources of instability, and, moreover, of repeated wars and continuous misery of certain peoples in the region?

This symposium offers and brings forward to the discussion table an alternative perspective that is built on a critical academic perspective as well as years of intensive fieldwork and lived experiences in the region and beyond. Come and listen to our modest but sincere attempt to change the nature of our conversation about Israel's ongoing genocide of Palestinians and aggressions in Lebanon and now in Iran.

### Speaker Bios:

**Roschanack Shaery-Yazdi** is an Iranian, fleeing the Iran-Iraq war as a youth and has been living for over four decades in the diaspora. She is associate professor of the Modern Islamic World at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. Her work focuses on political violence in the Arab East. Her lecture will focus on her personal experiences and lay out the broader implications of Israel's settler colonialism in the lives of all citizens in the region and beyond.

**Makiko Nambu** is a Japanese academic and a lecturer, studying Palestinian sociocultural history, people's experiences and lives under Israel's military occupation and a broader settler colonial reality. She has conducted field work in Palestine, focusing on the conditions of Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons. Her talk will touch on state and corporate complicity in sustaining the system of settler colonialism.

### To register for online participation:

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