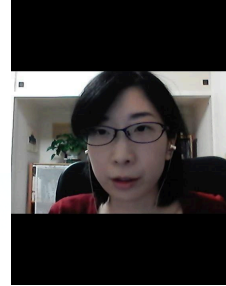


Symposium

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

Panelists

Roschanack Shaery-Yazdi
(University of Antwerp / Visiting Scholar
at TUFS)



Makiko Nambu
(Fellow, Institute of Global Studies,
TUFS)

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 (TUFS)

Chair: Keiko Sakai (Chiba
University)

Date

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Place

Room 226, Research Lecture
Building
Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies

Time

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

Language
English

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.

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.

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