

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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ONLINE EDITION

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Welcome

We hope this conference is a space for sharing resistance research and knowledge — but also for experiencing connection, solidarity and mutual care. In a world that is growing darker, being here together is a moment of hope.

We encourage participation with academic rigour, and equally an openness to the many forms that deliberate exchange between research and activism can take — whether within organised groups, communities, everyday relationships, or creative expression. The conference is structured to make space to get to know new people and to carry collaboration and solidarity forward beyond the event itself.

We hope you will feel joy and hope, feel cared for, and leave recharged for your own journey of research and action.

Peace, love, solidarity and resistance,

The Organising Committee

Monica Carrer · Stellan Vinthagen · Matt Meyer

This guide is your map to the online programme — how to join, what's on, and how to share your work and connect with others.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The University of Massachusetts Amherst acknowledges that it was founded and built on the unceded homelands of the Pocumtuc Nation on the land of the Norrwutuck community. We begin with gratitude for nearby waters and lands, including the Kwinitekw — the southern portion of what's now called the Connecticut River. We recognise these lands and waters as important Relations with which we are all interconnected and depend on to sustain life and wellbeing.

The Norrwutuck community was one of many Pocumtuc Indian towns, including the Tribal seat at Pocumtuc (in present-day Deerfield), Agawam (Springfield), and Woronoco (Westfield), to name just a few. The Pocumtuc, who had connections with these lands for millennia, are part of a vast expanse of Algonquian relations. Over 400 years of colonisation, Pocumtuc Peoples were displaced, many joining their Algonquian relatives to the east, south, west and north.

Today, Indigenous Nations in southern New England continue to employ diverse strategies to resist ongoing colonisation, genocide, and erasure begun by the English, French, Dutch, Portuguese and other European Nations, and that continued when Tribal homelands became part of the United States. This land has always been, and always will be, Native Land. We also acknowledge that UMass Amherst is a Land Grant University: through the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, Tribal lands from 82 Native Nations west of the Mississippi were sold to provide the resources to found and build this university.

This Land Acknowledgement is a first step in the Resistance Studies Initiative's commitment to practice intellectual humility whilst working with Tribal Nations toward a better shared future on Turtle Island. We aim to foster understanding, deep respect, and honour for sovereign Tribal Nations; to develop relationships of reciprocity; and to be inclusive of Native perspectives and thriving Native Nations far into the future. Members of Massachusetts-based Tribal Nations who are kin to the historic Pocumtuc contributed their insights in composing this acknowledgement — namely Tribal representatives from Mashpee, Aquinnah, and Stockbridge Munsee. As an active first step toward decolonisation, we encourage you to learn more about the Indigenous peoples on whose homelands UMass Amherst now resides and the Indigenous homelands on which you live and work.

We carry this acknowledgement into the work of this gathering. **There can be no resistance without confronting the colonial structures** on which displacement and dispossession were built. We strive to engage with the traditional owners and custodians of this land as

partners in that work, and we honour the long histories and living knowledges of resistance that Indigenous peoples — here and around the world — have always held and continue to carry forward.

Joining online — the Zoom hub



SCAN TO OPEN THE HUB

One hub for everything

There is a single link, to the lobby of our Zoom Events hub, where you'll find all the sessions in one place. **Please don't register** — you're already registered for the conference. You'll be added and will receive an invitation by email, and you'll be asked to authenticate. Once you log in you'll see every session together, and you can bookmark your own session and any others you're interested in to receive email reminders.

Before the conference: please find the Zoom lobby and make sure you know how to get back to it in advance — especially before your own session. Watch for a Zoom email in the week beforehand (check your spam), and tell us if you haven't been able to log in by **Monday 15 June**.

GOOD TO KNOW

How sessions run

- There is a **facilitator in every Zoom session** to host, keep time and support presenters.
- **All sessions are streamed** — including the keynotes and the in-person (hybrid) panels and workshops — so you can join anything in the programme.
- **Missed a session?** Sessions are recorded, and recordings will be shared afterwards with all registered participants.

TIMES The programme is ordered in **Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, UTC-4)** — the Amherst clock and the shared reference for every session. For online papers we also show the **presenter's local time** as submitted. Please **double-check your own local time** — automatic conversions can be off (e.g. daylight saving). Programme provisional and subject to change.

Programme

Everything below is joinable online via the Zoom hub. **ONLINE** sessions run live on Zoom; **HYBRID** sessions happen in Amherst and are streamed. Workshops are marked. Times are EDT; online papers also show the presenter's local time.

Thursday 18 June

2:30 – 3:15pm EDT

Opening — Land Acknowledgement and Prayer · Auditorium · streamed

Massasoit Saddam Mtakom al Gaddafi (Wampanoag) will begin with short words on the history of the lands we're on. Vivian Tatiana Camacho Hinojosa (Quechua) will conclude with a ritual for our time together.

Massasoit Saddam Mtakom al Gaddafi is a Turtle Islander of the Mattakeesett band of the Massachusetts Tribe, the Nemasket band of the Wampanoag Tribe, a direct descendent and great grandson of Massasoit Ousamequin through his son and successor Massasoit Metacomet. Saddam is also President of the United Nations of Turtle Island and a member of the Spirit of Mandela Coalition.

3:45 – 5:00pm EDT

Keynote 1 — John Holloway · Resistance, Rebellion, Revolution · streamed

5:30 – 7:00pm EDT

Keynote 2 — The Occupied People's Forum · streamed

9:30 – 11:00pm EDT

ZOOM 1

ONLINE

Bangladesh & the July Revolution

- Amid Sectarianism, Does the Hope of Resistance Evanesce or the Resistance Metamorphose? Contemplation of Monsoon Rain in Bangladesh — Arafat Hossain Saykot · *Fri 07:30–09:00 UTC+6*
- Prefigurative Politics under Authoritarian Rule: The July Movement and New Forms of Resistance in Bangladesh — Tasnim Islam, Tanjim Tasnim · *Fri 07:30–09:00 UTC+6*
- Collective Resistance against Authoritarian Government in Bangladesh: integration of left, centre-left and far-right student wings in the July uprising — Mohammed Jahirul Islam, Md. Lab Hossain, Md. Faruk Mia · *Thu 20:30–22:00 UTC–5*

11:00pm – 12:30am EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

Reputation Resistance **WORKSHOP**

Brian Martin

local (lead presenter): Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+10

Friday 19 June

12:30 – 2:00am EDT

ZOOM 1**ONLINE****Inside the Machine: Everyday Resistance in Service Systems** **WORKSHOP**

Liz Schmidt

*local (lead presenter): Fri 14:30–16:00 UTC+10***3:30 – 5:00am EDT****ZOOM 2****ONLINE****Adivasi & Caste Resistance**

- Resistance in the Public Sphere: Claiming equal spaces within a repressive society — Dr. Suvarna More
• *Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+5:30*
- A Critique of the Naxalite View on Caste and DV Rao: Need for a More Inclusive Marxism — Pradip Basu
• *Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+5:30*
- Everyday Bureaucratic Resistance and the Defense of Adivasi Commons under Digitized Land Governance in Jharkhand — Sushmita Kindo · *Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+5:30*
- Peace Beyond Order: Solidarity and Resistance Against Statist-Brahmanical Hegemony — Zeus Hans Mendez
• *Fri 08:30–10:00 UTC+1*
- Reconfiguring Resistance under Repression: Dialectics of the Anti-Caste Movement in India — Divyang Potdar
• *Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+5:30*
- Subaltern Politics in Subaltern Political Ecology: Understanding Human-Wildlife Conflicts in India — Lalatendu Keshari Das
• *Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+5:30*

5:00 – 6:30am EDT**ZOOM 1****ONLINE****Palestinian Solidarity & Advocacy**

- Five Ways This Moment in the Palestinian Movement Is Different — Nisreen Haj Ahmad · *Fri 10:00–11:30 UTC+1*
- Resisting Restraint: Youth Activism and Everyday Forms of Resistance in Kyoto — Hasnaa Abd. Halid
• *Fri 18:00–19:30 UTC+9*
- Global intifada: Why Palestine became a center of global resistance to empire — Mazin Qumsiyeh
• *Fri 11:00–12:30 UTC+2*
- Resisting Israeli State Terrorism: Knowledge, Power and the ‘Public Secret’ — Richard Jackson · *Fri 21:00–22:30 UTC+12*
- Struggling against genocide at the University of Granada (2023–2025) — Diego Checa, Belén Habboob Martos
• *Fri 10:00–11:30 UTC+1*

6:30 – 8:00am EDT**ZOOM 3****ONLINE****Safeguarding Academic Freedom Against Transnational Repression** **WORKSHOP**

Sing Hang Tam, Mandy Lee

*local (lead presenter): Fri 10:30–12:00 UTC+0***8:00 – 9:30am EDT****ZOOM 1****ONLINE****Digital Resistance & Surveillance**

- (Re)assembling Algorithmic Resistance: An Integrative Review of Research-Machines — Thomas Zenkl
• *Fri 13:00–14:30 UTC+1*
- Faux-Social LLMs and the Resistance of Rejection — Dylan Orchard · *Fri 12:00–13:30 UTC+0*
- From Underground Press to Encrypted Networks: Popular Education Media as Resistance Infrastructure — Anastasya Eliseeya · *Fri 14:00–15:30 UTC+2*
- Rethinking Method in Resistance Studies: The role of Intermediality and Multimodality — Georgios Toumanidis
• *Fri 14:00–15:30 UTC+2*
- Resistance to Contextual Strategies of Power — Janiya R. Peters · *Fri 07:00–08:30 UTC–5*

ZOOM 2**ONLINE****Labor, Economic & Workplace Resistance**

- Decolonizing Carceral Resistance: Bridging Political Economy and Decolonial Criminology — Mohammed Jahirul Islam · *Fri 07:00–08:30 UTC–5*
- Problematizing the Notion of Resistance in Post-Reforms India: Revisiting Formal and Real Subsumption of Labour under Capital — Samyo Basu · *Fri 17:30–19:00 UTC+5:30*
- Anarchic Worker Behavior as an Individual Activism — Deborah Kelly Nascimento Pessoa · *Fri 09:00–10:30 UTC–3*
- Tracing the changes in the modes of protests: the resistance at Kattupalli port in North Chennai, Tamil Nadu — Aditya Lakshmi R · *Fri 17:30–19:00 UTC+5:30*

ZOOM 3**ONLINE****Discursive, Narrative & Language Resistance**

- Decolonizing Resistance: The Palestinian Popular Struggle against the Israeli Apartheid Wall through Anti-Colonial Discourse — Aisha Merhani · *Fri 07:00–08:30 UTC–5*
- “Fango e Cenere” — The Four Days of Naples and the Southern Question — Remy Biggs · *Fri 12:00–13:30 UTC+0*
- Resistance as Knowledge: Neocolonial Epistemic Formations in South Asia and Counter-Narratives in Urdu Literature — Shakeel Hussain · *Fri 17:00–18:30 UTC+5*
- Spectral Dissent: Rakkhosi, Petni and the Ghostly Women of Bengali Folklore as Resistance to Patriarchal Silencing — Romi Chaudhuri · *Fri 17:30–19:00 UTC+5:30*
- Resistance through De-securitization: Ethiopian Muslim Movements and the Securitization of Islam (2011–2018) — Jemal Muhamed Adem · *Fri 15:00–16:30 UTC+3*

8:30 – 10:00am EDT**AUDITORIUM****HYBRID****Resistance to the War Machine: Shaping a World BEYOND War**

David Swanson, Sellah Kingoro, Kathy Kelly, John Reuwer

ROOM 1**HYBRID****Gen Z Revolt: Trigger Events, Structural Crisis, and Youth-Led Nonviolent Change**Ram Bhandari, Julius Okoth **REMOTE**, Ketakandriana Rafitoson **REMOTE****ROOM 2****HYBRID****Effective Nonviolent Resistance Under Harsh Authoritarian Rule: Lessons Learned from the Ground****WORKSHOP**Gregory Francois, Simon Bayingana **REMOTE**, Abdourahman Mohamed Guelleh **REMOTE**, Claude Muhigirwa **REMOTE****ROOM 3****HYBRID****Democracy, the Right to Know, and Digital Data: Nonviolent Resistance Strategies That Work**Nikhil Dey **REMOTE**, Vineet Bhambu, Aruna Roy **REMOTE**, Hussein Khaled **REMOTE****ROOM 4****HYBRID****From Local Struggles to Global Networks: Coalition-Building for People Power and Social Justice****WORKSHOP**Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh, Ali Pahl **REMOTE**, Chanborey Pen **REMOTE**, Kim Piseth **REMOTE****ROOM 5****HYBRID****The Palestine Movement: Repression and Resistance**

- The Student Pro-Palestinian Movement: Institutional Repression and Resistance — Stephen Zunes
- Unarmed Civilian Protection in Palestine — Mahmoud Soliman **REMOTE**
- Palestine as Portal of Decolonizing Resistance: Dying Colonialism or Living Systems? — Sean Chabot, Stellan Vinthagen

10:30am – 12:00pm EDT**Keynote 3 — Vivian Camacho Hinojosa · The Health of Mother Earth · streamed****12:30 – 2:00pm EDT**

ZOOM 1**ONLINE****Resistance in Palestine, Diaspora & Refugees**

- Lived Resistance Against the War on Palestinian Children — Heidi Morrison · *Fri 10:30–12:00 UTC–6*
- Tahawwul: Performing Palestinian Placelessness — Leila Mire · *Fri 08:30–10:00 UTC–8*
- Grassroots sports group participation as everyday non-violent resistance — Louise Brown · *Fri 17:30–19:00 UTC+1*
- Beyond Failed Peace Processes: Joint Civil Resistance as the Path to Conflict Transformation in Israel–Palestine — Carla Habib · *Fri 13:30–15:00 UTC–3*
- Life beyond martyrdom: the poetics of necroresistance in Palestine — Juliette Ainslie · *Fri 16:30–18:00 UTC+0*

ZOOM 2**ONLINE****Care, Mutual Aid, Solidarity & Community**

- Community, Power, and Animal Welfare in Times of Global Fracture — Brooke Moreland · *Fri 11:30–13:00 UTC–5*
- Subverting the Superpower Syndrome: A Jailbreak from Malignant Normality — Dean Hammer · *Fri 11:30–13:00 UTC–5*
- Visibilizing the invisible: grassroots leaders' resilience and mutual aid through the shift to online during COVID-19 — Rusa Jeremic · *Fri 11:30–13:00 UTC–5*
- Reparative Resistance: Care, Embodiment, and Relational Practices in Climate Justice Organising — Henna-Elise Ventovirta · *Fri 17:30–19:00 UTC+1*
- Living Resistance: The Power of Everyday Solidarity — Mridula Manglam · *Fri 22:00–23:30 UTC+5:30*
- Contemplative Resistance: Nonduality, Nonattachment, and Endogenous Critique in Neoliberal Capitalism — Charles Lee · *Fri 08:30–10:00 UTC–8*

ZOOM 3**ONLINE****What Can Arts Do When Freedom is at Stake? Hongkongers' Cultural Resistance in Authoritarian Times**

Lesley Cheung, Sing Hang Tam, Loretta Lau, Mandy Lee

*local (lead presenter): Fri 16:30–18:00 UTC+0***1:30 – 3:00pm EDT****AUDITORIUM****HYBRID****Our Stories as Resistance: A Liberatory Theatre Workshop****WORKSHOP**

Lori Wynters

ROOM 1**HYBRID****Feminist Resistance**

- Abortion Pill Revolution — Carrie Baker
- Hanging Skirts, Inflatable Frogs, and Sex Toys: Why Creative Nonviolent Resistance is Needed More than Ever — Lisa Finley **REMOTE**
- Deliberately Disturbing the Patriarchal Peace(s): Criminalizing Feminist Solidarity in Egypt — Nehal Elmeligy

ROOM 2**HYBRID****What is Bruce Lee's Authentic Self-Expression and What Could It Offer Intergroup Solidarity?****WORKSHOP**

Lory Dance, Jackson Meredith

ROOM 3**HYBRID****From Extraction to Empowerment: Grassroots Nonviolent Action Against Resource Exploitation**Rasha Ahmed **REMOTE**, Jeanelle Brisbane, Garry Augiste **REMOTE**, Farai Maguwu **REMOTE**, Remberto Ramirez **REMOTE****ROOM 4****HYBRID****Anarchism & Resistance Theory**

- Differentiated Rule and the Architecture of Anti-Anarchism: Governing Autonomy in Revolutionary Mexico — Carlos Cruz
- Circumvention as Resistance: Rethinking the Politics of Exit — Ryan Sporer
- Theorizing Domination and Resistance with the Many Headed Hydra — Ryan Knight **REMOTE**
- Toward a Democratic Space: Re-theorizing Hardt and Negri's Multitude — Salman Sikandar

ROOM 5**HYBRID****Illegal Practices & Transgressive Resistance**

- Lebanon's bank-raids phenomenon as dispersed resistance against the economic crisis — Yara Zebian **REMOTE**
- Geographies of Resistance across Italy and Lebanon for the liberation of Palestine — Giorgia Porcaro **REMOTE**
- Extra-Legal Anti-Fascism: Jewish Gangsters and the Tactics of Resistance, 1919–1948 — Lorrie Lynn King

3:30 – 5:00pm EDT

ZOOM 1

ONLINE

Political Subjectivity: The Interphase Between Social Struggle and Singular Lives

WORKSHOP

Diana Marcela Agudelo Ortiz, Jess Notwell, Esteban Ramos, Tina Ngata

local (lead presenter): Fri 20:30–22:00 UTC+1

ZOOM 3

ONLINE

The Body as Ally: An Embodied Toolkit for Resistance

WORKSHOP

Henna-Elise Ventovirta

local (lead presenter): Fri 20:30–22:00 UTC+1

AUDITORIUM

HYBRID

Unarmed Civilian Protection: Models, Strategies, and Organizing in Exile

WORKSHOP

Rasha Ahmed [REMOTE](#), Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh, Adrienne Kinne, Ayman Nijim, Salka Barca

ROOM 1

HYBRID

Prefigurative Resistance Today

WORKSHOP

Michael Beer, Bianca Peracchi

ROOM 2

HYBRID

July 4, 2026: Declarations of Resistance to Ongoing and Future Genocides

WORKSHOP

Matt Meyer, Jihad Abdulmumit, Zoharah Simmons

ROOM 3

HYBRID

From Mexico to the Kurdish Freedom Movement: Redefining Resistance from Below

George Ygarza, Carlos Cruz, Edith Avalos-Rodriguez, Yeter Tan

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Pedagogy & Education Resistance

- Shadows of Resistance: Tactical Silence and Narrative Subversion in Clinical Training — Tasha R. Wyatt
- Building educational infrastructures for scaling up nonviolent resistance networks in Latin America — Jeffrey Pugh [REMOTE](#)
- Resisting Pessimism, Practicing Hope: the Role of Political Education — Aimee Shalan [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 5

HYBRID

Art, Culture & Creative Resistance

- People's Art Forms: An Alternative for the Reinvention of Democracy — Daniel Rodríguez [REMOTE](#)
- Between Resistance and Simulation: Resistance Art in the Age of the Hyperreal — Yosr Ben Abdallah [REMOTE](#)
- Resurgence and Dissolution: Indigeneity and the Post-colonial Cases of Ireland and Indonesia — Kalani Scheffler

6:30 – 8:00pm EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

The Land Teaches Resistance: Living Wildly and Sowing the Seeds of Revolution

WORKSHOP

Jess Notwell

local (lead presenter): Fri 17:30–19:00 UTC–5

Saturday 20 June

12:30 – 2:00am EDT

ZOOM 1

ONLINE

Collective Wellbeing Coinnovations: Creative Counter-stances to Systemic Inner Resistances

WORKSHOP

Chitra Chandrashekhara

local (lead presenter): Sat 10:00–11:30 UTC+5:30

2:00 – 3:30am EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

Verb-ing Care: A Map to Nurturing Collective Care WORKSHOP

Parvathy

local (lead presenter): Sat 11:30–13:00 UTC+5:30

3:30 – 5:00am EDT

ZOOM 1

ONLINE

Grassroots Media for Global Resistance: Building Commons of Communication in Times of Repression WORKSHOP

Anastasya Eli

local (lead presenter): Sat 09:30–11:00 UTC+2

ZOOM 3

ONLINE

Informal Practices and Repertoires of Resistance: The Politics of Informality

Louis Vuilleumier, Matteo Savoldelli, Miria Gambardella, Marco Allegra

local (lead presenter): Sat 08:30–10:00 UTC+1

5:00 – 6:30am EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

Enlightened Anarchy WORKSHOP

Safoora Arbab

local (lead presenter): Sat 16:00–17:30 UTC+7

ZOOM 3

ONLINE

Feminist & Gender Resistance

- Burning Flames Behind the Veil: The Secret Struggle and Resistance of Afghan Women — Muhammad Kashif
• Sat 14:00–15:30 UTC+5
- Towards a Lived Anti-Masculinism: Men Learning to Resist Patriarchy in Reactionary Times — Ian Puis Farrés
• Sat 10:00–11:30 UTC+1
- Mocking Gender, Defending Norms: Everyday Resistance and the Social Construction of Gender in Bangladesh — Jubayer Hossain
• Sat 15:00–16:30 UTC+6
- Echoes of Solidarity: Feminist Resistance and Collective Action in Narir Dake Maitree Jatra — Samira Sifat
• Sat 15:00–16:30 UTC+6
- Negotiating online attacks: Everyday resistance of women journalists in select cities in India — Amrutha K J
• Sat 14:30–16:00 UTC+5:30

8:30 – 10:00am EDT

AUDITORIUM

HYBRID

Movements of Movements of Resistance WORKSHOP

Matt Meyer, Suren Moodliar

ROOM 1

HYBRID

Dialogue on Small-Hearted Resistance

Sohyeon Peik, Merose Hwang, Anuj Chudal REMOTE, Soomin Lee REMOTE

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Beyond Regime Change: Securing Democratic Consolidation in Africa and Beyond

Ahmadullah Archiwal, Rasha Ahmed REMOTE, Simon Bayingana REMOTE, Claude Muhigirwa REMOTE, Aliou Barry REMOTE

ROOM 3

HYBRID

Resistance Under Repression & Authoritarianism

- Iranian Women's Resistance Against Gender-Based Digital Authoritarianism — Harsha Tripathi REMOTE, Shivika REMOTE
- Release, Rehearsal, and Radical Happiness: Offline Public Play as Situated Hope — Bukan Main Games REMOTE
- Alternative Resistances in Narratives of America's Afghan War — Mujib Abid
- When Children's Literature Resists: Genre, Memory, and the #NeverAgain Bundle — Ma. Cherry Amparo REMOTE
- Keeping Each Other Alive: Rethinking Resistance beyond Protest and Revolution — Lorrie Lynn King

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Violence, Nonviolence & Armed Resistance

- (Dis)entangling (Non)violence in Resistance: Four areas of contestation — Daniel Santos [REMOTE](#), Alexandre Christoyannopoulos [REMOTE](#)
- The Moral Economy of Street Rebellion: The Mendiola and Ayala Bridge Riots — Zed Bisenio [REMOTE](#)
- An Ecology of Resistance: Armed Rebellion in the Naga National Movement — Leivon Victor Lamkang [REMOTE](#), Leivon Albert Lamkang [REMOTE](#)
- Centring women's epistemology in global resistance studies scholarship — Avanthi Kalansooriya [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 5

HYBRID

Faith & Spiritual Resistance

- Faith as Infrastructure for Nonviolent Resistance under Protracted Conflict — Julie Nalubwama
- Remembering the 'Soul of the Chinese Malaysian' in Postcolonial Malaysia — NG Ke Liang [REMOTE](#)
- Resistance as Inner Revolt: The Decolonial Politics of Refusal — Suchismita Ghoshal [REMOTE](#)
- Faith as Resistance: The Ahmadiyya Community in Malabar, Kerala, India — Hafeesha Thoppil Babu [REMOTE](#)

10:30am – 12:00pm EDT

AUDITORIUM

HYBRID

Data Storytelling in Palestine Solidarity Work: Art and Activism for Countering RepressionMaura James, Wesam Ahmed, Jennifer Bing, Zoe Jannuzi [REMOTE](#)**ROOM 1**

HYBRID

Occupied Peoples & Anti-Settler Resistance

- Strategies of the Stateless: Counter-Sovereignty and Counter-Hegemony — Shehrbano Asif [REMOTE](#)
- Resistance to Contemporary Military Occupation and Colonization: A Literature Overview — Dorian Williams [REMOTE](#)
- Resisting Academic Repression in India: Institutional Childcare in Kashmir — Perna Gautam [REMOTE](#)
- A Genealogy of Decolonizing Resistance: Historical Waves of Repertoires — Sean Chabot, Stellan Vinthagen

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Civilian Protection & Anti-Militarism

- Requiem for draft registration — Edward Hasbrouck
- From War Economies to Peace Pathways: The Warfree Project in the Mediterranean — Erika Degortes [REMOTE](#), Nicholas Atzei [REMOTE](#)
- Unmaking NATO: Transnational resistance to the Euro-Atlantic military alliance — Tamara Lorincz [REMOTE](#)
- Military Bases: Resistance and Closure — Robert Fantina [REMOTE](#), Mohammed Abunahel [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 3

HYBRID

Queer Resistance & LGBTQ+

- Queer Vernacular Resistance through Humor in Thailand's Community of 'Nong' — Tinnaphop Sinsomboonthong [REMOTE](#)
- Looping Futures: Queer 'Failure' and Speculative Resistance — Mariah Robinson

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Indigenous Resistance & Land

- Stories, Seeds, and Sanctuary: Indigenous-Led Pathways of Resistance and Resilience — Aleeyah Amanda Ali [REMOTE](#)
- Collective Land Rights in Contemporary Indonesia: the Toba Highland, North Sumatra — Tongam [REMOTE](#)
- The People's COP: Counter-Colonial Climate Resistance in the Brazilian Amazon — Danielle Assis

ROOM 5

HYBRID

Women Defending Communities and Land Across Africa: Grassroots Nonviolent Resistance and LeadershipOlanike Olugboji-Daramola, Nassimbwa Hamidah [REMOTE](#), Ruth Mumbi, Bergeline Domou [REMOTE](#)

11:00am – 12:30pm EDT

ZOOM 1**ONLINE****Autonomous, Anarchist & Prefigurative Resistance**

- Relational Nonviolence and the Contrapuntal Archive: Tracing Prefigurative Resistance in the Mediterranean (1970–2025) — Virginia Fiume · Sat 16:00–17:30 UTC+1
- Community-Led Recovery and Everyday Agency in Times of Collapse: Post-Crisis Lebanon — Sara Ghalayini · Sat 18:00–19:30 UTC+3
- The Zapatista Movement and the anti-passive revolution practice: constructing the autonomous project — Davi Demuner · Sat 12:00–13:30 UTC–3
- Building Peace in the Midst of War: Yurumanguí's Resistance and Stand for Autonomy in Buenaventura — Linda Posso Gomez · Sat 10:00–11:30 UTC–5
- The “Aazariyeh Commune”: A Demo for a “Resistant” Cooperative Society — Yara Assaad · Sat 17:00–18:30 UTC+2

ZOOM 2**ONLINE****Everyday & Hidden Resistance**

- Between Duty and Dissent: The Subversive Bureaucrat — Belinda Rawson · Sat 15:00–16:30 UTC+0
- Daoist Resistance: wu wei, shi, ziran — and the feeling of living otherwise — Tim Weldon · Sat 16:00–17:30 UTC+1
- Migration as Resistance: Power, Governance, and Survival in the Global South — Jannattul Ferdous · Sat 21:00–22:30 UTC+6
- Reconceiving Resistance By Understanding its Real Target — Sanjay Lal · Sat 10:00–11:30 UTC–5
- From Sensory Disruption to Sensory Resistance: A Critical Enquiry from Partition to Contemporary Majoritarianism — Sayan Parial · Sat 20:30–22:00 UTC+5:30
- Negotiation Tactics as Everyday Resistance: Challenging the Victimhood Narrative of Female Sex Workers in Tehran — Nafiseh Karimi · Sat 18:30–20:00 UTC+3:30

ZOOM 3**ONLINE****Youth & Generational Resistance**

- Ku'er Guerrilla: Policing Chinese Higher Education, Queer Youth Community-Building as Resistance — Heng Wang · Sat 07:00–08:30 UTC–8
- Resistance Through Walls — Shweta Sheel · Sat 20:30–22:00 UTC+5:30
- Widespread Gen Z Protests: Contemporary Resistance to Ambassadors of an Unknown Future — Julius Okoth · Sat 18:00–19:30 UTC+3
- Hope, Disappointment, and Resistance in Post-Aragalaya Sri Lanka — Lars Waldorf · Sat 15:00–16:30 UTC+0

12:30 – 2:00pm EDT**ZOOM 1****ONLINE****Epistemic & Academic Resistance**

- Queer Autoethnography on Knowledge Production and the Limit of Resistance — Heng Wang · Sat 08:30–10:00 UTC–8
- Pathology of Resistance Movements from University to Discourse and Its Impact on the Global Order — Edriss · Sat 21:00–22:30 UTC+4:30
- Building Collaborative Worlds: Everyday Practices of Hope and Resistance in Academic Writing — Judith Jordà i Frias · Sat 17:30–19:00 UTC+1
- I am coloniality: embracing discomfort in my methodological praxis — Judith Jordà i Frias · Sat 17:30–19:00 UTC+1

1:30 – 3:00pm EDT**AUDITORIUM****HYBRID****Climate Justice, Land, and Water Rights in Latin America: Nonviolent Strategies for Change**María Garrido **REMOTE**, Danielle Assis, Juan Manuel Tobar Manzo **REMOTE**, Linda Posso Gomez **REMOTE****ROOM 1****HYBRID****Resisting Trump: Support / Discussion / Action Group** **WORKSHOP**

Elliot Benjamin

ROOM 2**HYBRID****Resistance to ‘automatic’ draft registration**

Edward Hasbrouck, Matt Meyer

ROOM 3

HYBRID

Reimagining Accountability for Violence from the Ground Up: Survivor-led Transformative Justice

Ram Bhandari, Simon Robins [REMOTE](#), Priscilla Yagu [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Space, Geography & Urban Resistance

- Tracing Resistance: deep-mapping contestation in a postwar social housing estate — Matthias Lamberts [REMOTE](#)
- Everyday Resistance, Everyday Peace: Spaces of Encounter in Conflict-Affected Societies — Eric Lepp [REMOTE](#), Jasmin Ramovic [REMOTE](#)
- Resistance under Urbicide: Everyday Resistance in Reza Shah's Tehran — Mohsen Naddaf [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 5

HYBRID

Beyond 'Resistance': Queer Anti-Imperialism, State Repression, and the Afterlives of Revolution

Soheil Asefi [REMOTE](#), Bob Lederer

2:00 – 3:30pm EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

Music & Sound Resistance

- The Soundscape and Its Importance in the Civil Resistance Power Paradigm: We Exist Because We Sound — Juan Manuel Tobar Manzo · Sat 13:00–14:30 UTC–5
- Transnational Rap as Cultural Resistance: Diaspora Youth, Urban Marginality, and Solidarity in Southern Europe — Victoria Silva Sánchez · Sat 19:00–20:30 UTC+1
- “Hit Me With Music”: Techno-Fascist Resistance in the Age of Music Streaming — Kadallah Burrowes · Sat 13:00–14:30 UTC–5
- The Limits of Protest-Based Resistance: Embodied Rhythms and Movement Longevity — Veriko Dundua · Sat 20:00–21:30 UTC+2

3:30 – 5:00pm EDT

AUDITORIUM

HYBRID

Community Resistance & Grassroots

- Practicing Slow Peace: Counter-Carceral Care in Rural Virginia's Opioid Response — Laura Mahan
- Commoning as Organized Resistance: Nonviolent Collective Insurgency for the Common Good — Daniel Reilly
- When Does Civil Resistance Work? Lessons from the Lawyers' and Pashtun Tahafuz Movements in Pakistan — Ahmadullah Archiwal, Chet Thurber [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 1

HYBRID

Race, Blackness & Anti-Racism

- Everyday Resistance to Brazilian Gray Racism — Seth Racusen
- Resistance to Terrorist Racialization and Surveillance: Bangladeshi Muslim Immigrants Post-9/11 — Pia Furkan
- Belonging, Difference, and Resistance — Ashley Johnson [REMOTE](#)

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Latin America — Movements & Counter-Power

- Right-Wing Youth as Resistance in Bolivia: Political Violence Across Historical Contexts — Reynaldo Tapia
- Military and police defections during presidential breakdowns in Ecuador — María Garrido [REMOTE](#)
- Resistance on the margins: the anti-fascist and anti-racist march in Argentina (2025) — Ana Laura Lareo [REMOTE](#)
- Collective Protection as Nonviolent Resistance: Indigenous Models in Post-Accord Colombia — Siena Mann

ROOM 3

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Democratizing Strategic Nonviolent Resistance Education: Building the People-Powered Training Platform

WORKSHOP

Jamila Raqib, Alia Braley

ROOM 4

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Structural Innovations for Resilient Global Resistance to Fascism

Barbara Pearson, Chuck Pennacchio, Octavia Coleman, Kate Benson

ROOM 5

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The Occupied People's Forum: Building a World Without Colonies

Sami Awad, Sumaya Said Selma, Esreen Ghadri, Luis Rosa Pérez · facilitated by Matt Meyer & Siena Mann

5:30 – 6:45pm EDT

Keynote 4 — **Abdulummit & Simmons** · Organize! Organize! Organize! · streamed

Sunday 21 June

3:30 – 5:00am EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

Climate & Ecological Resistance

- The Voices That Cannot Speak: Proxy Resistance and Defending Nature — Pia Lundbom, Nina Luostarinen
· Sun 09:30–11:00 UTC+2
- Resistance and Recognition of (Non)Violence: Climate Justice Resisters in Portugal — Daniel Santos
· Sun 07:30–09:00 UTC+0
- Ecofeminism and the Navdanya Movement in India: a form of Spiritual Ecological Resistance — Ritama Basu
· Sun 13:00–14:30 UTC+5:30

6:30 – 8:00am EDT

ZOOM 1

ONLINE

Rooted: Local Histories, Memory and Community Action

Amy Cortvriend, Michael Lawrence, Tré Ventour-Griffiths

local (lead presenter): Sun 10:30–12:00 UTC+0

8:00 – 9:30am EDT

ZOOM 2

ONLINE

Nonviolence Theory & Strategy

- The Role of Civil Resistance in the Establishment of Democracy and Advancement of Democratization — Dr. Virendra Kumar Gandhi · Sun 17:30–19:00 UTC+5:30
- Bolivia in 1967: a Nonviolent Perspective — Charlie Parker · Sun 12:00–13:30 UTC+0
- Beyond Resistance: Rethinking Modes of Confronting Power — Mohamad Yazdaninasab · Sun 15:30–17:00 UTC+3:30
- Arendt, Autonomism and Withdrawal — Dan Marijanovic · Sun 07:00–08:30 UTC–5

8:30 – 10:00am EDT

Discussion groups — **moving forward together** · Monica Carrer · streamed

10:30am – 12:00pm EDT

Keynote 5 — **Stellan Vinthagen** · The Future of Resistance · streamed

Keynote sessions

Five keynote conversations anchor the conference, framed by an opening ceremony on Thursday and a closing reflection on Sunday. All are streamed live.

KEYNOTE 1

Thursday 18 June · 3:45 – 5:00pm

Resistance, Rebellion, Revolution

John Holloway

Resistance is essential, but not enough. How can we overflow to rebellion and revolution?

John Holloway is a Marxist sociologist, political theorist, and Professor at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), Mexico. His influential publications include *Change the World Without Taking Power*, *Crack Capitalism* and *Hope in Hopeless Times*, have contributed to key debates on revolution, power, labour, and anti-capitalist politics. Holloway has been deeply engaged with social movements, such as the Zapatistas, Indigenous, anti-capitalist, and autonomy-based movements that challenge state-centred and party-led models of political change.

The Occupied People's Forum: Resisting All Colonialism, Building Justice for All

Sami Awad · Sumaya Said Selma · Esreen Ghadri · Luis Rosa Pérez

Facilitated by Matt Meyer and Siena Mann

Founded in 2021, the Occupied People's Forum has been a network of grassroots resistance activists from people's movements and still-colonized territories across the planet. Transcending ideological, geographic, cultural-political, and other boundaries, OPF began by bringing together organizers from Palestine, Puerto Rico, Western Sahara, West Papua, Kurdistan/Rojava, Kashmir, Tibet, and Ambazonia, along with a few of their allies. At OPF's in-person 2025 retreat held in Aotearoa (New Zealand), they began opening up to include active participation from other peoples still under military and other forms of occupation, colonialism, and neocolonialism. This Intergalactic Resistance conference is the first public event of OPF to be held in the USA.

Sami Awad is a Palestinian activist, author, and global leader in nonviolence and social transformation. He serves as co-director of Nonviolence International and is the founder and former executive director of Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem, where he has spent decades working at the intersection of spirituality, justice, and collective healing. His father, originally from Jerusalem, became a refugee at the age of nine after losing his own father during the 1948 Nakba. Sami's mother was from the Gaza Strip, where some of his family still lives. Raised amid ongoing realities of war, occupation, and injustice, Sami was deeply influenced from a young age by his uncle, Mubarak Awad, a pioneer of nonviolent resistance during the First Intifada. Awad holds a Doctorate in Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary, a master's degree in international relations from American University in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kansas. Awad is the author of *The Sacred Awakening: Reclaiming Christ Consciousness* (2025), a work that challenges conventional understandings of empire as a structure rather than a consciousness we live in; it calls readers into a deeper journey of transformation, love, and liberation. Across his work, he brings together spirituality, nonviolence, and inner awakening as a lived path toward justice. He is also a devoted father to his three daughters, Layaar, Larina, and Lorian.

Sumaya Said Selma is a Sahrawi woman from the Western Sahara refugee camps in Algeria, where she was born and raised. Growing up in the camps shaped her deep understanding of displacement, resilience, and the daily realities faced by Sahrawi women and families living in prolonged exile. Sumaya attended the United World College Red Cross Nordic (UWC RCN) in Norway, an experience that expanded her global perspective and strengthened her commitment to advocacy, education, and social justice. Through determination and perseverance, she earned a scholarship to continue her studies in the United States, overcoming many personal, financial, and immigration challenges along the way. Today, Sumaya uses her voice to raise awareness about the Sahrawi struggle, with a particular focus on women's rights, refugee life, and the ongoing fight for dignity, visibility, and self-determination for the people of Western Sahara. Her journey reflects both the hardships and the strength of a generation of Sahrawi women determined to create change beyond the walls of displacement.

Esreen Ghadri is member of both the Kurdistan National Congress (KNK), and the Kurdistan Communities Assembly (KCA). An independent human rights advocate, researcher, and community leader, Ghadri has a multidisciplinary background in psychology, environmental and social studies, and political analysis. She is dedicated to empowering Kurdish communities and other marginalized populations through evidence-based research, public education, and grassroots engagement. Drawing from both lived experience and scholarly inquiry, Ghadri addresses systemic discrimination, promotes social justice, and fosters cultural understanding, bridging the gap between community needs and interdisciplinary solutions. She is a former executive board member of the Kurdish American Group (KAG), a nonprofit organization.

Luis Rosa Pérez is a Puerto Rican patriot, a former political prisoner of war and independence activist who spent over 19 years in U.S. federal prisons. Convicted at age 19 for seditious conspiracy as part of the Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN), he was released as part of a massive international campaign which culminated in September 1999. Born into a nurturing, matriarchal family, he became involved in political activism at a young age, leading to his arrest and a 108-year sentence. Since the moment of his release, he has continued to advocate against colonialism, linking it to human rights and community liberation. Rosa Pérez is truly a beloved, unifying figure in the contemporary Puerto Rican movement, having worked steadfastly with the Oscar Lopez Rivera Freedom Campaign and OLR Foundation, with Casa Corretjer and Casa Filiberto, with the Puerto Rican Campaign for Human Rights, and many other organizations and efforts. A founder of the Occupied People's Forum and regional representative of the Spirit of Mandela Coalition, a musician and musical director, a jack-of-all-trades, Rosa Pérez is a true internationalist—centering justice, peace, and resistance in all that he does.

The Health of Mother Earth and Ancestral Wisdom

Vivian Tatiana Camacho Hinojosa

The health of Mother Earth is an integral part of protecting all life. This includes resisting injustice, building social justice for all, affirming human dignity, and taking care of life itself. We understand that planetary health connects to Indigenous peoples' ancient ways, but also with all modern protectors of life in all its forms, including water protectors and others struggling for justice. Our integrated view of work and resistance deals not only with the fields of health or education, but with the social construction of dignity within all of our communities. Everything is connected and interconnected to and from our ancestral ways of being in the world. For us, the health of Mother Earth must involve not only our resistance acts for environmental harmony, but also with taking care of our own spirituality, with making rituals, and with giving thanks for life.

Vivian Tatiana Camacho Hinojosa (Quechua) is a distinguished Quechua physician, ancestral midwife, and an influential public health advocate from Bolivia. As the former Vice Minister of Traditional Medicine and Interculturality, she has been a pivotal force in shaping policies that recognize and integrate indigenous healing practices into national healthcare frameworks. Her work embodies a deep commitment to decolonizing health and promoting a pluralistic approach to well-being. Dr. Camacho is also a High-Level Commissioner for the Pan American Health Organization, has worked as the Coordinator of Health for the Bolivian Peoples, and has represented the Andean Region in the Latin American Coordination within the World Movement for Peoples' Health.

Organize! Organize! Organize! Building the Bridge between Protest and Movement-Building

Jihad Abdulmumit · Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons REMOTE

How do we build an independent, grassroots organizing perspective that is not tied to the systems and structures that have been part of our oppression? Connecting our rich history — from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to the Black Panthers and beyond — to the current moment of change, how do we concretely reach out and create viable relationships between movement organizations and the unorganized? Zoharah and Jihad will discuss their experiences and thoughts about developing people's alternative structures, strategies, and tactics, facing the complex situation of future creative organizing that cannot be easily undermined.

Jihad Abdulmumit is the Honorary Chairperson of the Spirit of Mandela coalition, having served as one of the key organizers of the 2021 International Tribunal on US Human Rights Abuses Against Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples. The 2021 Tribunal, held at the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Educational Center in Harlem, New York, and presided over by a panel of nine independent jurists, found the US government guilty of five counts of human rights violations, amounting to ongoing policies making the USA guilty of genocide. Abdulmumit is a community activist, motivational speaker, playwright, and retired health care provider who joined the Black Panther Party at age sixteen and eventually went underground with the Black Liberation Army; he is co-editor, with Matt Meyer and Tomiko Shine, of *Guilty of Genocide* (Africa World Press, 2026). Jihad was a political prisoner and prisoner of war and served 23 years of his life in prison for his involvement in the Black Liberation Movement. He is a member of the Muslim community, the Jama'at of the Sheu Uthman dan Fodio of West Africa, and he lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons is a founding member & member of the National Council of Elders (NCOE), a group of veteran social justice activists focused on supporting 21st-century movements, fostering nonviolent direct action, and bridging generation gaps. Now Professor Emerita of the University of Florida, she began volunteering in 1962 at the headquarters of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) alongside SNCC Chairperson John Lewis, SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman and others — eventually becoming Spelman College's representative to the SNCC coordinating committee. Simmons was one of the few female directors of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer projects, and was co-director of the controversial SNCC Atlanta Project, an early grassroots expression of Black Power. By the late 1960s, Simmons had both become a member of the Nation of Islam and a national staff person of the American Friends Service Committee, a position she kept for over twenty years. She also served as a regional coordinator of the National Council of Negro Women, prior to her work at AFSC, treasurer of the National Black Independent Political Party, and an adherent of Sufism; she is still an active member of the Bawa Muhaiyadeen Fellowship and Mosque. She and her family are the subject of *Stayed on Freedom: The Long History of Black Power Through One Family's Journey* (Dan Berger, Basic Books). She joins remotely.

The Future of Resistance

Stellan Vinthagen

This talk argues that the future of Resistance Studies is about experienced activists and radical academics collaborating, and that our strategy needs to be about both building new living systems and destroying old ones.

Stellan Vinthagen is a conference organiser, the Endowed Chair in the Study of Nonviolent Direct Action and Civil Resistance at UMass Amherst, and a founder of the Resistance Studies Initiative.

For presenters

The conference is a chance to share your research and action, gather feedback, and build connections that outlast the event. Here's how to make the most of it.



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The community platform — your home base

Everything collaborative lives at network.resistance-journal.org: upload your paper, slides or visuals, find other presenters in the members directory, and join or start thematic groups. **To log in, use the same credentials as at registration** — or just enter your email address and you'll be sent a sign-in link.

PUBLISH & COMPETE

Publishing your paper & the Best Paper Award

If you'd like to publish your conference paper with the **Journal of Resistance Studies (JRS)**, submit your full paper by **28 September 2026**. We're also re-launching the **Best Paper Award**, with the same deadline — a total prize of **USD 1,500** for one or two winners.

Papers selected for publication and considered for the Award should follow the JRS submission guidelines: roughly **8,000–12,000 words**, with a focus on resistance and engagement with the Resistance Studies literature.

- Submission guidelines: resistance-journal.org/submissions
- Browse what JRS publishes: resistance-journal.org/jrs_articles

For the conference itself, you're encouraged — though not required — to upload a paper to the platform by June, to gather feedback and build interest. Upload to the [Research & Publications group](#).

HAVE READY

Slides for your session

If you're presenting, have your slides **ready to screen-share** from your own device in the Zoom session. You're also welcome to **upload them to the community platform** (above) so others can find them, or email them ahead to conference@resistance-journal.org with your session title.

ON THE PLATFORM

Share your work & invite feedback

You can share your presentation in several ways:

- Upload your conference paper and invite feedback — especially if you plan to publish.
- Post a visual poster or social-style tiles showing your key points and ideas.
- Write a simple post with your key messages, questions, or lessons — from research for activists, and from activism for researchers.

A few tips:

1. Use a mix of formats.
2. Think of your audience — include a summary in language accessible to both academic and non-academic readers.
3. Think about the impact you want: who would you like to reach, and how can you connect with them?
4. Give feedback to others — help, support and share. Giving is always a good basis for building mutually collaborative relationships.

BEFORE YOU JOIN

Connect with your panel

Now that the programme is out: if you're in a session with others, see who else is on it and look them up in the members directory. Connect through a group message or a thematic group — or start a new one — and share your papers, visuals or posters. That way you can come prepared, start giving each other constructive feedback, and agree how you'd like to run the session with your facilitator. It's a chance to connect more closely with people working in your area, and to keep the conversation going long after the conference. Best of luck!

QUICK REMINDERS

Before you present

- Check the programme for your session's **day and time (EDT)** — and confirm your own local time.
- Find the **Zoom lobby in advance**, and join a few minutes early.
- Have your **slides ready to screen-share**, and upload them to the platform for early feedback.
- A **facilitator will be in your Zoom session** to host and help you set up.