

**22/23 May
2025**

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Maggiore, 12



Activism, Dissent and Creative Practices in the Arab Region

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First workshop of the ERC-2023-STG Project MEGAMAPS
Mapping Emerging Gender Activism in the Mediterranean
Arab Public Space

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9.00 - Institutional Greetings

Roberto Tottoli (Rector, University of Naples L'Orientale) and **Roberta Giunta** (Dean of the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples L'Orientale)

9.30-10.00 - Presentation of the MEGAMAPS project, team and website
Sara Borrillo (University of Naples L'Orientale)

10.00-10.30 - Coffee break

10.30-11.45 - Keynote Speech
Hanan Toukan (The American University of Beirut Mediterraneo/Cyprus - Bard College Berlin):
Art Institutional Violence and the Logic of Dehumanization

In dialogue with: **Gennaro Gervasio** (University Roma Tre)
Chair: **Alessia Carnevale** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

11.45-13.15 - Artistic Trajectories in and from Palestine

Rana Bishara (Multimedia Artist):
Challenging Silence: Art, Activism and the Presence of Memory in Palestine under Continuous Genocide

Malak Mattar (Visual Artist):
Journey of a Palestinian Artist from Gaza: Inspirations and Struggles

In dialogue with: **Iain Chambers** (Independent Researcher)

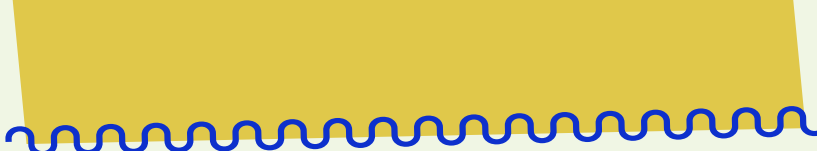
Chair: **Olga Solombrino** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

13.15-14.15 - Lunch

14.15- 15.30 - Keynote Speech
Sophie Chamas (SOAS University, London): **All Hail the Queer Arab Archive**

In dialogue with: **Daniela Pioppi** (University of Naples L'Orientale)
Chair: **Marta Tarantino** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

15.30-16.00 - Coffee break



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16.00-18.30 - Artivism in SWANA Region

Chair: **Sara Borrillo** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

16.00-17.30 - Part I

Amal Amraoui (Co-Founder Falgatna, Organizer of the International Feminist Artistic Festival Chouftouhonna, Tunis):
Art, engagement et rages collectives: récit insoumis des pratiques féministes de création dans l'espace public tunisien

Hosni Al-Moukhlis (Artistic Director for the Theatre of the Oppressed of Casablanca, El-Gorara Arts and Culture Association):
Donner le mégaphone au public: de la manifestation au théâtre de rue

Zaynab Fasiki (Comic Book Artist):
Artivism and comics for political awareness

17.30-18.30 - Part II

Screening of the film **The Silent Protest: 1929 Jerusalem** (M. Nasser-Eldin, 2019, 20')

Mahasen Nasser-Eldin (Filmmaker, De Montfort University, UK)
In dialogue with: **Monica Ruocco** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

19.30 - Dinner

10.00-11.15 - Keynote Speech

Asma Abbas (Bard College at Simon's Rock/Al-Akhawayn University, Ifrane):
Afterplace/Afterimage: Offerings toward a Synaesthetic Regime of Art

In dialogue with: **Silvana Carotenuto** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

Chair: **Sara Borrillo** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

11.15-11.45 - Coffee break

11.45-13.15 - Round Table: Art, Curation, and Artivism

Maddalena Fragnito (Institute of Radical Imagination)

Marianna Liosi (University of Essex)

Marta Federici (Independent curator)

Celeste Ianniciello (Teacher/Matriarchivio del Mediterraneo)

Tatreez_Napoli/Ricamare per resistere

In dialogue with: **Maria De Vivo** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

Chair: **Flavia Malusardi** (University of Naples L'Orientale - University of Venice Ca' Foscari)

13.15-14.15 - Lunch

14.15-17.30 - Editorial Projects and Digital Platforms

Chair: **Ersilia Francesca**
(University of Naples L'Orientale)

14.15-15.30 Part I

Ghiwa Sayyegh (Kohl Journal editor in chief): **Counter-Knowledge as Resistance: Queer Anti-Colonial Discourse in Times of Annihilation**

In dialogue with: **Paola Rivetti**
(Dublin City University)

15.30-16.00 - Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Part II - Round Table: Counter-Narratives, Knowledge Production, Dissemination

Enrico De Angelis (UntoldMag)

Olga Solombrino (Arabpop. Rivista di arti e letterature arabe contemporanee)

Gennaro Gervasio (Orient XXI)

Marta Bellingreri (SyriaUntold)

In dialogue with: **Tiziana Terranova**
(University of Naples L'Orientale)

17.30-18.30 - Wrap-up Session

19.00- 20.00 - Book Launch

Hijab Butch Blues by **Lamya H., Le Plurali (2024)** (with Paola Rivetti and MEGAMAPS team, in Italian)
The event will take place at Le Lazzarelle Bistrot, Galleria Principe di Napoli

20.00 - Dinner

Temporary exhibition:

20thMay-6th June 2025

Gaza Remains the Story
[The Palestinian Museum]

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