

**Conference programme**  
***Resisting the Silencing of Palestinian Children: 1-3 September 2025***  
**UCL EAST (Marshgate Campus) & ONLINE**

<b>Monday 1 September</b>	<b>LAUNCH EVENT   <i>Palestinian Childhoods: Solidarity and Şumūd</i>   Lecture Theatre 118</b>
<b>11:00 – 1:00 PM EST</b> <b>4:00 – 6:00 PM UK TIME (In person)</b> <b>6:00 – 8:00 PM JERUSALEM TIME</b>	<b>Dr Ghassan Abu-Sittah</b> , <i>The Ghassan Abu Sittah Children's Fund &amp; University of Glasgow Rector</i> <b>Malak Mattar</b> , <i>Palestinian painter, illustrator, and author of Sitti's Bird: A Gaza Story</i> <b>Lewisham Young Advisors</b> , <i>support the Young Mayor in implementing her manifesto and making important decisions regarding the lives and wellbeing of young people in the borough of Lewisham</i>
<b>Tuesday 2 September</b>	<b>CONFERENCE DAY 1   ROOM 511   04:30am-12:00 noon EST   9:30am-5:00pm UK   11:30am-7:00pm Jerusalem</b>
<b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>9:30 – 09:45 AM UK</b>	<b>For in-person attendees</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>  <b>4:45 – 5:00 AM EST</b> <b>9:45 – 10:00 AM UK</b> <b>11:45 – 12:00 JERUSALEM</b>	<b>Conference steering committee</b>  Dr Rana Abu Zhaya, UCL Dr Feryal Awan, UCL Professor Janette Habashi, University of Oklahoma Professor Heidi Morrison, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
<b>SESSION 1</b>  <b>5:00 – 6:30 AM EST</b> <b>10:00 – 11:30 AM UK</b> <b>12:00 – 1:30 PM JERUSALEM</b>	<b>Panel: Childhoods in Gaza</b> <b>Chair: Feryal Awan, UCL</b>  <b>Weaving life through stories Lamlamah</b> <i>Abeer Musleh, Bethlehem University, Palestine</i>  <b>Role of media expression under adversity among young Palestinians in Gaza</b> <i>Nitin Sawhney, Uniarts Research Institute, Finland</i>  <b>Childhood stolen: Israel's genocide harvests Gaza's children</b> <i>Yousef Aljamal, American Friends Service Committee</i>  <b>Decolonising international child protection during genocide and ecocide: Attempting decolonial, childist participatory research with Gazan adolescent girls in Cairo</b> <i>Kristen Hope, University of Bath, UK</i>

<p><b>SESSION 2</b></p> <p><b>6:30 – 8:00 AM EST</b>  <b>11:30 – 1:00 PM UK</b>  <b>1:30 – 3:00 PM JERUSALEM</b></p>	<p><b>Special Session: Book Launches</b></p> <p>This session features the launch of three new books centered on Palestinian children, youth and families.</p> <p><b>Lived Resistance Against the War on Palestinian Children</b>  <i>Edited by Heidi Morrison</i></p> <p><b>Rethinking Human Rights: Critical Insights from Palestinian Youth</b>  <i>By Erica Jimenez</i></p> <p><b>No Way but Forward: Life Stories of Three Families in the Gaza Strip</b>  <i>By Brian Barber</i></p>
<p><b>Lunch</b>  <b>1:00 – 2:00 PM UK</b></p>	<p><b>Served in the staff room</b></p>
<p><b>SESSION 3</b></p> <p><b>9:00 – 10:30 AM EST</b>  <b>2:00 – 3:30 PM UK</b>  <b>4:00 – 5:30 PM JERUSALEM</b></p>	<p><b>Panel: Palestinian Childhoods as sites of healing</b>  <b>Chair: Heidi Morrison</b></p> <p><b>Palestinian child and family resistance to Genocide: Emancipatory and collective approaches</b>  <i>Cindy Sousa, Bryn Mawr College, &amp; co authors</i></p> <p><b>Palestinian childhoods in diaspora: Stories from therapeutic practice and research</b>  <i>Jeeda Al Hakim, Lynn Hamdallah &amp; Rhawann El Hakim, City St Georges UoL, UK</i></p> <p><b>Pilot evaluation: Children and Grief Manual for adolescent prolonged grief during COVID-19, the genocide in Gaza, and increased military and settler violence in the West Bank</b>  <i>Ghassan Abdallah, CARE Center for Applied Research in Education, Palestine &amp; Ian Barron, University of Amherst, USA</i></p> <p><b>The predicting value of emotional-regulation in pathological usage of social media among Palestinian adolescence</b>  <i>Mohamed Marie, An-Najah University, Palestine</i></p>
<p><b>SESSION 4</b></p> <p><b>10:30 – 12:00 EST</b>  <b>3:30 – 5:00 PM UK</b>  <b>5:30 – 7:00 PM JERUSALEM</b></p>	<p><b>Special Session: Connecting Palestinian Children to their Ancestors: Childhood Experience through the British Mandate</b>  <b>Professor Janette Habashi, University of Oklahoma</b></p> <p>Professor Habashi will discuss <i>The Palestinian Childhood and Community Archive During the British Mandate Project</i>, which aims to engage children with the documentation of Palestinian childhood history during the British colonization of Palestine (1920-1948).</p>

Wednesday 3 September	CONFERENCE DAY 2   Lecture Theatre 118   9am–12.00pm   2-5:00pm UK   4-7.00pm Jerusalem
<b>SESSION 5</b>  <b>9:00 – 10:00 AM EST</b> <b>2:00 – 3:00 PM UK</b> <b>4:00 – 5:00 PM JERUSALEM</b>	<p><b>Panel: Palestinian childhoods: between silencing and unchilding</b>  <b>Chair: Rana Abu Zhaya, UCL</b></p> <p><b>Guilty by default: The legal process of unchilding Palestinians</b>  <i>Shahrazad Odeh, Queen Mary University of London, UK</i></p> <p><b>Grappling with the colonisation of Palestinian children’s care</b>  <i>Janette Habashi, University of Oklahoma</i></p>
<b>SESSION 6</b>  <b>10:00 – 11:30 EST</b> <b>3:00 – 4:30 PM UK</b> <b>5:00 – 6:30 PM JERUSALEM</b>	<p><b>Panel: Relational worlds: Palestinian childhoods and their networks of care</b>  <b>Chair: Janette Habashi, University of Oklahoma</b></p> <p><b>Aida ABCs: Creativity in the face of war</b>  <i>Amahl Bishara, Tufts University, USA</i></p> <p><b>In search for life: Father-child dialects amidst Genocide in Gaza - A reassembling read</b>  <i>Abeer Otman, Independent Researcher</i></p> <p><b>Humanitarianism, care, and the silencing of Palestinian mothers’ labor</b>  <i>Elizabeth Wehbe, Rutgers University, USA</i></p> <p><b>Narrating a New Palestine: Children’s Accounts of World War I’s Aftermath</b>  <i>Julia Shatz, California State University, Fresno, USA</i></p>
<b>CLOSING COMMENTS</b> <b>11:30 – 12:00 PM EST</b> <b>4:30 – 5:00 PM UK</b> <b>6:30 – 7:00 PM JERUSALEM</b>	<p><b>Collective discussion and looking forward</b></p>