

Public Talk

ON TIME IN PALESTINE

This talk examines time in Palestine as a condition shaped by genocide, dispossession, environmental destruction, and the deliberate narrowing of livable space. Moving across Gaza, the West Bank, Jerusalem, and southern Lebanon, it traces how bombardment, starvation, toxic debris, settler violence, and forced displacement alter the experience of duration itself. Time does not move forward evenly. It trembles, stretches, accumulates, and bears the weight of catastrophes that remain unresolved.

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