Invitation to the sixth annual lecture of the Centre for Studies of Home

The lecture is part of the QMUL CritiQues programme on ‘Home for Refugee Children.’

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian

‘Invaded Homespace: Palestinian Childhood in the Home/Land’

Thursday 9th February 2017 at 6.30pm
Room 126, Geography Building, Mile End Campus

Through the analyses of the various voices, narratives, and reports, the talk examines the inscription of state power over Palestinian children’s homes, bodies and lives; marking the connection between biopolitics, domopolitics and geopolitics. The analyses of the collected data in occupied East Jerusalem suggest that knowledge about child maltreatment and the violations of children’s rights, including their arrest and home arrest, cannot be dislocated from the history, politics, and structure of settler colonialism. The talk concludes by arguing that living a childhood situated in an invaded homespace and homeland, aims at engraving pain over children’s bodies and lives, to maintain a necropolitical regime of dispossession. Such necropolitics is confronted by children’s mundane power to speak back, and challenge their unending uprooting.

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Ticket Information
This event is free but you must book tickets online in advance if you wish to attend. Please click the button on the right and follow the instructions to make a booking. You will then be emailed an e-ticket and you should bring this with you on the day. A drinks reception will follow the lecture.

Map and Directions
This event takes place at our Mile End Campus. Please click on the icon below for the map and directions

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