

ICA Pre-Conference

Anti-Apartheid Legacies: Mediating Solidarities from South Africa to Palestine

June 4th 2026 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Location: UCT Centre for African Studies - CAS Gallery Harry Oppenheimer Institute Building,
Engineering Mall Road, Upper Campus

Organizing Committee: Fernanda Pinto de Almeida, Paula Chakravartty, Nabil Echchaibi, Adam Haupt, Rachel Kuo, Wunpini Mohammed

Virtual Reality Exhibit: "[The Phoenix of Gaza XR](#)" available throughout the day.

PROGRAM

9:00-9:30: Coffee & Welcome and Overview by Pre-Conference Organizing Committee

9:30-11: Academia & Apartheid: Complicity and Dissent

Chairs: Adam Haupt, University of Cape Town & Wunpini Mohammed, Cornell University

Speakers:

Koni Benson, University of Western Cape

Katherine Blouin, University of Toronto

Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado Boulder

Lee Ann Naidoo, University of Cape Town

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-1:00 Keynote Conversation

Resistance in the Shadow of Genocide: A Reckoning

Chairs: Fernanda Pinto de Almeida, Stellenbosch University and Paula Chakravartty, New York University

Speakers:

Kharnita Mohamad, University of Cape Town

Abdeljawad Omar, Birzeit University

Omar al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics and Political Science

Lunch Break: 1-2 (Lunch Provided for all Registered Participants)

2:00-3:30: Media and Decolonial Futures

Chairs: Dylan Valley, University of Cape Town

Speakers:

Ahlam Muhtaseb, California State University San Bernardino and Naim Aburaddi University of Colorado Boulder

Jo Bluen, London School of Economics

Simamkele Dlakavu, Scholar-activist, **University of South Africa (UNISA)**

3:30-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00-5:00 Wrap-Up and Discussion