

## Lecture and Workshop

# Engaged Research in and about Palestine

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**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 11–14 o'clock

**Venue:** "Skype-Room" (015G010080, Resowi-Building, Section G, First Floor)

### Abstract

By drawing on the experiences of the APPEAR project entitled Rooting Development in the Palestinian Context (see <http://rootingdevelopment.com/>), in our workshop we will deal with the issue of transformative methodologies and epistemologies under basic conditions of colonialism and war. It thus provides a space for critical reflections on practical experiences as well as social science knowledge production in/on Palestine in general.

We will focus on the following questions:

- What are main lessons learned from our project from a gender critical perspective?
- Who should take a leading and formative role in research designs and questions? What research methodologies do we use? How are these methodologies gendered?
- What is the aim of conducting research from a gender critical perspective? Who will/shall benefit from research? Who will/can exploit results?
- What ethical and political responsibilities do we carry when researching in/on Palestinian communities?
- How did we deal with the challenges and contradictions mentioned above in our project?

By using different teaching methods, the participants of the workshop will learn how to deal with challenges and limitations we were confronted with in our APPEAR project.

### Short CV

Dr. Helmut Krieger is a researcher and senior lecturer at the Department of Development Studies (DDS) at the University of Vienna. He earned his PhD from the University of Vienna's Department of Political Science, where he wrote his dissertation on the power nexus between the Israeli occupation regime, donor industries, the Palestinian Authority, and the Islamic movement in Palestine from the perspective of materialist state theories. Furthermore, he was DDS' coordinator in a research and cooperation project entitled Rooting Development in the Palestinian Context, funded by APPEAR from 2015 to 2018 (see <http://rootingdevelopment.com/>). Currently, he is the project coordinator of KnowWar (Knowledge Production in Times of Flight and War – Developing Common Grounds for Research in/on Syria), a research project with Palestinian and Syrian academic as well as NGO partners (see <https://www.know-war.net/>). Recent publications include: 'Exkurs: Globale Ungleichheit und die Debatte um imperiale Herrschaft' (2019) [Excursus: Global Inequality and the Debate on Imperial Rule], 'Food Sovereignty and Alternative Development in Palestine' (2018) as a special issue guest editor and as co-editor 'Krise, Revolte und Krieg in der arabischen Welt' (2017) [Crisis, Revolt, and War in the Arab World].

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