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19.00, Πέμπτη 12 Οκτωβρίου 2017
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«Η ισραηλινο-παλαιστινιακή σύγκρουση: Ορισμένες επιπτώσεις για την υγεία στη Λωρίδα της Γάζας και η μιντιακή τους εικόνα»

'The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Some Health Consequences in the Gaza Strip and their Media Images'

Στην πρώτη αυτή συνάντηση της δεύτερης περιόδου του Colloquium του Τμήματος Πολιτικών Επιστημών οι καθηγητές Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli και Yoram Carmeli διασταυρώνονται με κομβικά διακυβεύματα της σύγχρονης συνθήκης. Προσεγγίζουν κριτικά τις επιπτώσεις της ισραηλινο-παλαιστινιακής σύγκρουσης πάνω στην υγεία στη Λωρίδα της Γάζας και προσπαθούν να φωτίσουν τη μιντιακή αποτύπωση τους και τις ιδεολογικές-πολιτικές συνδηλώσεις της.

In this first meeting that initiates the 2nd period of the Colloquium organized by the School of Political Sciences, Professors Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli and Yoram Carmeli attempt to illuminate crucial challenges of our contemporary world. As they critically approach the health consequences of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Gaza Strip, they try to shed light on their representation in local media and the ideological-political connotations of these media practices.

Η διάλεξη θα πραγματοποιηθεί στα αγγλικά

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is among the longest and most highly discussed political disputes of the past five decades. One of the populations that is most deeply affected by this conflict is that of the Gaza Strip. Though Israel has withdrawn its military force from the Gaza strip in 2005, in effect, it retains full control on the movement of people and commodities across the Israeli-Gaza border, which is Gaza's main gateway to the outside world. This fact became especially crucial since 2007, when Israel imposed a blockade on the Gaza Strip, following Hamas election victory.

The economic situation in the Gaza Strip has increasingly deteriorated in this decade of blockade. The local rate of unemployment is the world's highest and the local population depends on humanitarian aid almost in its entirety. In the health sphere, drinking water is polluted and unsuitable for consumption; children suffer serious developmental problems and high incidence of bodily injuries; women suffer major reproductive health problems; cancer cannot be sufficiently treated; mental problems soar especially among women and children; the health care system is critically deficient.

Against this material-political background, the presentation will look at three health-related instances to probe their depictions in Israel's Hebrew media: i) A surge of media coverage, observed during Israel's 2008-2009 Cast Lead armed campaign, of the treatment of Gaza children in Israeli hospitals. ii) A full length Israeli documentary, which participated in numerous film festivals worldwide, that tells the story of a Gaza 'Bubble baby' who was being treated in Israel. iii) The 2017 cut in electricity supply to the Gaza Strip. Probing the timing, the scope and the content of these public presentations, the analysis will suggest their political significance as they meet both Israeli and international audiences.

Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli is a medical sociologist at the University of Haifa, Israel. Her main research interest is health policy and practice, focusing on assisted reproductive technologies and policies. More generally, she is interested in the interface of healthcare and international politics, including the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on healthcare in the region. Birenbaum-Carmeli is the author of *Tel Aviv North: The Making of a New Israeli Middle Class* (Hebrew University Press) and the co-editor of *Assisting Reproduction, Testing Genes: Global Encounters with New Biotechnologies* (with Marcia Inhorn) and *Kin, Gene, Community: Reproductive Technology among Jewish Israelis* (with Yoram S. Carmeli), both in Berghahn Books. Her current major project focuses on egg freezing in Israel and the USA. Birenbaum-Carmeli has published extensively in books and major professional journals.

Yoram Carmeli is a cultural anthropologist at the University of Haifa, Israel. His main research interest is in European travelling circuses, primarily in the UK. Looking into both, circus art and social lives, Carmeli weaves their inter-relatedness as it unfolds in daily life, in exceptional events and in circus-related artefacts. Recent changes and reconfigurations of circus elements are another focus of research. Alongside his circus studies, Carmeli has researched consumerism as well as health policies and practices in various Israeli settings. He is the co-editor of *Consumption and Market Society in Israel*, (with Kalman Applbaum), Berg Publishers and *Kin, Gene, Community: Reproductive Technology among Jewish Israelis* (with Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli), Berghahn Books. Carmeli's writing was published in major professional periodicals.