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*A.R.T & Beyond*

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## Guest Lecture - Online

### Bothaina Hamdan - Palestinian Writer & Journalist

#### Cultural & Heritage Theft in Palestine: Gaza's Enduring Legacy

In this lecture, Bothaina Hamdan will explore and discuss the ongoing war waged by Zionists against Palestinian culture and heritage since the establishment of their state on Palestinian land. Zionists have forcibly expelled thousands of Palestinians from historic Palestine, destroyed approximately 500 villages, and continue to demolish homes and seize Palestinian lands to this day. This systematic displacement and the continuous atrocities, which began even before 1948, are ultimately aimed at erasing Palestinian identity and their very existence. The question that this lecture will delve into is: How do Palestinians resist Zionist attacks and the appropriation of their cultural heritage, efforts that threaten to obliterate Palestinian existence?

#### **Bothaina Hamdan**

is a Palestinian writer, journalist, and social activist, originally a refugee from 'Annaba village in the Al-Ramleh district, now within the territories occupied in 1948. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Radio and TV and a Master's in International Relations from Birzeit University, with additional studies at the University of Vienna through the ERASMUS program. Hamdan has led impactful campaigns for human, youth, and women's rights and has published notable works, including *Nasmāt bārīda* (Cold Breeze 2009) and *Mazilna Ahya'* (We Are Still Alive 2014). With over two decades of expertise, she is widely recognized for her contributions to international relations, media, and cultural policy across diverse sectors.



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