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Fanon, Žižek, and the Question of Palestine

In thinking Žižek with Fanon, and vice versa, Zalloua will focus on the ways the figure of the Palestinian appears faceless for most Western powers and mainstream media, posing a challenge for politics, arguing for an anti-colonial reason that adopts the universal demands of politics.

For Zalloua, the Palestinian question touches us all. Refusing the Occupation must also mean refusing the global status quo and its neo-colonial carving of the world. Solidarity with Palestine, Zalloua will argue, decries all forms of exceptionalism that unjustly shrink our access to the commons, breed apartheid thinking, and forge a human matrix in its image. Palestine—from the river to the sea—remains an antagonistic site of defiance and invention only if the global affective response to the suffering of its people is matched and surpassed by an insurgent call for justice in Palestine and beyond.

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An Informal Reception to Follow