



Support for our Palestinian Sisters  
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Dear AMEWS Community,

Please find below our statement in support of our colleagues in Palestine, who struggle under Israeli settler colonialism and patriarchy:

The Association for Middle East Women's Studies endorses the call from Palestinian civil society for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) as part of its work for social justice and human rights for all. AMEWS works at the intersections of fields such as postcolonial, settler colonial, ethnic, Indigenous, feminist, queer, and area studies. It recognizes the colonial history of racism, misogyny, and Orientalism in the military assaults and occupations of the Middle East, North Africa, and West Asia. It stands with other feminist academics against sexual and gender-based violence within Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, the Golan Heights, and the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians displaced during the 1948 Nakba. AMEWS believes that the time-honored, non-violent tools proposed by the BDS movement will further our vision of a common future in which all the people of Israel/Palestine can live in peace and security with equal rights for all.

In Solidarity,  
The AMEWS Board