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OFFICIAL CALL FOR PAPERS
**PAN-AFRICAN/PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITIES:
COLONIAL LINKAGES, BDS CAMPAIGNS, BUILDING CONSCIOUSNESS**

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This collection seeks to assemble and make visible the historical and contemporary voices of bi-directional solidarity between Palestine and the Pan-African world. Shared struggles against colonialism, racism, apartheid, settler violence, historical erasure, patriarchy, class exploitation, and other forms of oppression link Pan-African and Palestinian communities throughout all periods of their often intertwined and overlapping histories. This is particularly true in the period of anti-colonial independence struggles, especially following the 1967 war, and in the global BDS movement today. But it is also continuous throughout the twentieth century, and especially since the Nakba in 1948. Because much of this history is hidden, subjugated, denied, or disconnected, a primary task of this collection is to bring some of the major voices/currents in this history together, particularly so they can be accessible to social movements in the current context.

As the BDS movement gains increased traction in recent years, just as was the case in late-apartheid South Africa, the forces of capital and state power most directly challenged by it are lashing out, fueling heightened political backlash, heavier funding for propaganda and campaigns of division, and growing retreat into isolationist and extremist thinking. The Israeli state is specifically targeting African American and other African Diaspora communities for pro-Israel tours; university, church and grassroots publicity campaigns, and high profile photo-ops. This is because of the clear and obvious danger posed by the potential and existing solidarity across communities of shared colonial and racial oppression, and the potential moral authority that comes from linking the Civil Rights Movement and the South African anti-Apartheid Struggle with the Palestine liberation struggle (especially as manifested in the BDS movement today). This collection seeks to historicize these issues and solidarities, and to lend critical analytical support to maintaining and expanding anti-apartheid communal ties across the world at this critical juncture, such as recently witnessed in the spontaneous expressions of social media solidarity between activists in Ferguson, Missouri and occupied Palestine.

This collection also seeks to expand the scope of Pan-African/Palestine solidarity, both regionally (ex: including parts of Africa beyond the better known and important South African case; and beyond the US, to include the rest of the Americas), and stylistically (including academic, political, artistic, visual, poetic, hip-hop and other manifestations and articulations of solidarity). The collection will seek to highlight intersectional aspects of this work that sometimes get elided, including: Queer and radical feminist solidarities; challenges to pinkwashing; radical environmentalism and resistance to greenwashing; critical anti-colonial theories of race and class intersections in the imperial world order, and others.

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