

Professor Camelia Suleiman

Language and Identity: The Impact on the Middle East

Camelia Suleiman, a Lecturer at Bryn Mawr College, received her BA and MA from University of Haifa and a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Georgetown University in 2000. Her forthcoming book is *Language and Identity in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The Politics of Self Perception*. She has received several honors, including a Golda Meir Post-Doctoral Fellowship (from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem) and a number of research grants in the US. Her articles have appeared in 'Pragmatics', 'Journal of Psycholinguistic Research', 'Middle East Bulletin', and 'Middle East Critique'. Lastly, she also holds a degree in language pedagogy from the University of Haifa.

Language and Identity in the Israel-Palestine Conflict: The Politics of Self-Perception in the Middle East discusses how the conflict between Israel and Palestine is, and remains to be, one of the most widely and passionately debated issues in the Middle East and in the field of international politics. An important part of this conflict is the dimension of self-perception of both Israelis and Palestinians caught up in its midst. Here, Suleiman, using her background in linguistic analysis, examines the interplay of language and identity, feminism and nationalism, and how the concepts of spatial and temporal boundaries affect self-perception. She does this through interviews with peace activists from a variety of backgrounds: Palestinians with Israeli citizenship, Jewish Israelis, as well as Palestinians from Ramallah, officially holders of Jordanian passports. By emphasizing the importance of these levels of official identity, Suleiman explores how self-perception is influenced, negotiated and manifested, and how place of birth and residence play a major role in this conflict. This book therefore holds vital firsthand analysis of the conflict and its impact upon both Israelis and Palestinians, making it crucial for anyone involved in Middle East Studies, Conflict Studies and International Relations.

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