

Dr Maria Holt
Centre for the Study of Democracy
University of Westminster
Email: holtm@wmin.ac.uk

Memory, identity and change: a case study of Palestinian refugee women in Lebanon

By investigating how Palestinian refugee women in Lebanon have engaged in the process of identity formation in response to the changing centrality of “home”, as memories fade and more immediate priorities take their place, the project will focus on the roles of memory and oral history. It will also refer to the particular historical development of Palestinians in Lebanon, the international environment, and the presence of Islam as a source of personal comfort and promoter of political activism. Understanding how Palestinian women have coped with the trauma of forced dispossession can provide insights into the Palestinian diaspora as a whole and its prospects for survival, as well as the experiences of other diaspora communities.