Perspectives beyond war and crisis? 
Donor politics and gender orders in the 
Israel-Palestinian-Conflict 
April 17-18, 2008 in Vienna, Austria

Thursday, April 17th
6:30 p.m.  Failing Peace  
Sara Roy

Friday, April 18th
9:30 a.m.  Panel 1  
The role of donor aid in the West Bank and Gaza: Some reflections and recommendations  
Sara Roy  
International paradigms of development and donor politics and their impact on women NGOs and gender orders in the Occupied Palestinian Territories  
Siham Barghouthi
11:00 a.m.  Coffee break
11:30 a.m.  Panel 2  
Feminist perspectives on ending the Israeli occupation and getting to peace with the Palestinians  
Gila Svirsky  
Post-Oslo and (im)possibilities of cooperation in the context of occupation – a Palestinian perspective  
Maha Abu-Dhayyeh Shammas
1:00 p.m.  Lunch break
2:00 p.m.  Workshops:  
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4:00 p.m.  Coffee break
4:30 p.m.  Final Keynote: Occupation, war and feminist perspectives  
Ghada Hashem Talhami
6:00 p.m.  End of the conference

Updated on March 12th, 2008
Lecturers list:

**Maha Abu-Dhayyeh Shammas** is a co-founder and the present General Director of the Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counseling, Head of Board of Trustees for Jerusalem Legal Aid Center and Member on the Boards of several local Palestinian human rights organizations promoting democracy and civil society.

**Siham Barghouthi** is the chairperson of the Association of Women's Action in Palestine as such has organized activities of UNDP in cooperation with the Ministry of Governance in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**Sara Roy** is a senior research scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University where she completed her doctoral studies in international development. Trained as a political economist, Dr. Roy has worked in the Gaza Strip and West Bank since 1985 conducting research primarily on the economic, social and political development of the Gaza Strip and on U.S. foreign aid to the region. She serves on the Advisory Boards of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) and the Center for American and Jewish Studies at Baylor University.

**Gila Svirsky** is a peace and human rights activist and former Director of Bat Shalom, the Israeli branch of Jerusalem Link. She served on the board of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, is coordinator of the Coalition of Women for a Just Peace and an active member of Women in Black movement.

**Ghada Hashem Talhami** is Professor of Third World Politics and Women's Studies, Lake Forest College Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Talhami has published several books e.g. Palestine in the Egyptian Press: from al-Ahram to al-Ahali; Palestinian Refugees: Pawns to Political Actors, Syria and the Palestinians: The Clash of Nationalisms.