R4HC-MENA
Mental Health in Conflict
BZU-KCL

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Progress Update
(since September 2020)

Capacity Building

- Our online FutureLearn course “Qualitative Research Methods for Mental Health in War and Conflict” is currently running for a 2nd time from 9 November – 13 December. There are 36 participants from the MENA region.
- Online course material is currently translated into Arabic. Once finalised, the documents will be uploaded to the course run.
- Hanna Kienzler met with David Avery from Future Learn to discuss the sustainability of the online course. The course will be fully open in 2021. While participants can access the material for free, they will need to pass tests and pay around £35 for the certificate (we are in discussion about geo-pricing with KCL).
- Rita Giacaman gave a lecture about initial findings of the research on uncertainty during COVID19 in Palestine to students on the Human Rights Masters Degree at BZU.

Research

- Qualitative research on the effects of uncertainty during COVID19 in Palestine has been concluded. Data are currently analysed in order to be written up as journal article.
- Qualitative data on the impact on uncertainty on mental health (research conducted before the COVID19 pandemic) are currently being analysed in order to be written up as journal article.
- Palliative Care and Mental Health study has received ethical approval from both BZU and KCL Research Ethics Boards. The project will be launched in January 2021.
- Collection of survey data from our online course “Qualitative Research Methods for Mental Health in War and Conflict” is under way.

Journal article publications

Submitted and under review
In preparation

Conferences and meetings

- Hanna Kienzler initiated a collaboration with the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research and organised a workshop on Global Health and Humanitarianism. Members and affiliates from R4HC-MENA included Abdulkarim (Karim) Ekzayez and Fawzia Fall. The plan is to expand the collaboration and organise a larger workshop/conference in 2021.

Outreach

Blog piece by Halawi, Hala, Mitwalli, Suzan & Hammoudeh, Weeam published on the Birzeit University Blog about “Corona and Palestine… Uncertainty of the future: Reflections on the Palestinian situation in the West Bank.”