

## #FromFerguson2Gaza: A Transnational Movement of Black-Palestinian Solidarity

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Palestinian and Black activists have shown signs of solidarity and mutual support since the 1960s. With the emergence of low cost international travel and social media, this sense of solidarity has strengthened and expanded. While the Palestinian quest for self-determination and Black power have been extensively examined, the intersections between the two movements have received little scholarly attention. Black and Palestinian communities have a rich history of joint organizing against state-sanctioned violence, which was revived during the summer of 2014 upon the Ferguson protests, when activists increased their collaboration over social media and in demonstrations. This thesis investigates the spaces in which Black and Palestinian activists engage in transnational collaborative resistance efforts to counter American and Israeli political, social, cultural, and economic hegemony. Increasingly, Black and Palestinian activists have organized meetings, co-organized conferences and workshops, and protested in real space, while communicated and provided online support over cyberspace. The key findings suggest that this contemporary wave of solidarity offers new spatialities of organizing for joint liberation, and that physical and virtual organizing spaces are not mutually exclusive, but rather they reinforce each other.



*Demonstration of Joint Ferguson-Palestine Protest<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network. (2014, December 8). Untitled. Retrieved from <https://revolutionaryfrontlines.wordpress.com/2014/12/11/from-ferguson-to-new-york-to-palestine-solidarity-with-the-resistance-to-racist-oppression/#more-28566>.