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INVITED LECTURE by Dr. Amal Elsana Alhjoor



Reclaiming Indigenous knowledge: Social Work Theory, Research & Practice

Dr. Amal Elsana Alhjoor, an indigenous Bedouin woman from Israel, is currently the Executive Director of ICAN-McGill. She has spent over twenty years working with indigenous and minority communities to organise against and challenge exclusionary policies, and to implement sustainable solutions for social change. This rich practical experience fed into her Ph.D. research where she explored the tensions that indigenous social change organisations face when combining service and advocacy, for which she received the Directors Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Research. Dr. Elsana is the recipient of many additional awards including the Genius 100 Visionaries of the Future (2017), the New Israel Fund's Human Rights Award (2013) and was previously nominated for the Nobel Peace prize (2006).

Over the past two decades, Dr. Elsana has led a movement for feminist, indigenous, solutions oriented community organising and policy change advocacy in the Middle East and beyond. Based on her experiences she has developed a research program dedicated to expanding the body of knowledge on indigenous and minority civil society organisations and their role in promoting social change and community development, on both national and international levels.

Dr. Elsana's presentation will outline the core features of her research program and her burgeoning indigenous research philosophy. Through her research, Dr. Elsana strives to unpack indigenous social work knowledge, research, and the way in which indigenous social work is taught and practiced.

Date:

Tue, Mar 12, 2019
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