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Weaponizing Infrastructure: Social Reproduction and the Toxic Ecologies of Settler Colonialism

Abstract: Electricity infrastructure, like water, is a vital urban technology for sustaining life in Palestine. Denial of power supply to those whose material world is built on an excessive attachment to electricity means dehumanising experiences, lives at risk, and, sometimes, death. Focusing on the aftermath of the unilateral Israeli Disengagement from the Gaza Strip, this presentation explores the ways electricity, as essential infrastructure of social reproduction, becomes target and weapon in a war that not only harms Palestinian bodies, but also threatens the natural and built environments that ensure their biological existence.

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