



**POLICY LAB**

# Mapping Palestine: Decolonizing Spatial Practices

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“The practice of mapping in Palestine-Israel has long been an exercise in power, imperialism, and dispossession.” So writes Zena Agha in her recent policy brief for Al-Shabaka. But how can maps be reclaimed as tools for resistance? And can they be utilized to help envision a different Palestinian future?

In our first policy lab of 2020, Zena Agha and Ahmad Barclay join host Nur Arafah to discuss the ways in which maps and other visualization tools serve as sites to entrench power disparities as well as to empower communities to reimagine their colonized homelands.

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