

# Opening Jerusalem Archives

for a Connected History of 'Citadinité'  
in the Holy City  
1840-1940

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## OPEN JERUSALEM DAYS

JUNE 13-18, 2023

(GAZA, BIRZEIT,  
RAMALLAH, JERUSALEM)

Launched in 2014, the EU-funded project [www.openjerusalem.org](http://www.openjerusalem.org) is aimed at identifying, locating, classifying and making accessible the archives on the history of Jerusalem in the 19th and 20th centuries (1840-1940). Its web portal now provides access to 40,000 original documents written in 12 different languages and stored in 15 countries, within some 50 archiving institutions that are partners of the project. The 60 researchers involved in the network have published

numerous scientific contributions, as well as publications for the general public, including a history of Jerusalem in comic strips and a history of the Maghrebi quarter of Jerusalem, whose 3D reconstruction will be inaugurated during the event. The multi-site event "Open Jerusalem Days" is the first public event organized in Palestine and East-Jerusalem since the project was launched.

## Live streaming

[www.facebook.com/openjerusalem](https://www.facebook.com/openjerusalem)

## Zoom:

<https://univ-eiffel.zoom.us/j/89246167401>

Access code: open2023



**GAZA – FRENCH INSTITUTE  
(CHARLES DE GAULLE ST.)  
UNLOCKING JERUSALEM'S  
HISTORY, FROM COMICS  
TO DIGITAL HUMANITIES**

[Zoom and Facebook Live won't be available for this session]

Tuesday 13th June, 11am – 1pm [French & Arabic], free entrance

Today, digital humanities allow remote access to historical data. For many historians, it is an additional comfort, but for those who cannot move freely, it is an absolute necessity. This is why this first step towards unlocking Jerusalem's history is taking place symbolically in Gaza.

With Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est), Khaled Safi (Al-Aqsa Univ.)  
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**BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY  
(INSTITUTE OF LAW  
ANNEX BUILDING,  
HALL 243)  
HISTORIOGRAPHICAL  
USES OF THE OPEN  
JERUSALEM ARCHIVAL  
DATABASE**

Wednesday 14th June, 10am – 1pm [Arabic & English], free entrance

Birzeit University is the largest academic institution in Palestine. This meeting is aimed at bringing the members of the Open Jerusalem project into dialogue with the historians of the university, to launch new paths of research to open up thanks to these newly accessible data.

With Beshara Doumani (Birzeit Univ.), Munir Fakher Eldin (Birzeit Univ.), Salim Tamari (Birzeit Univ.), Camille Mansour (Institute for Palestine Studies), Rana Barakat (Birzeit Univ.), Ghada Al-Madbouh (PARC / Birzeit Univ.), Nazmi Jubeh (Birzeit Univ.), Falestin Naïli (Univ. Basel, IFPO), Angelos Dalachanis (CNRS), Maria Chiara Rioli (UNIMORE), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
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**RAMALLAH, FRENCH-  
GERMAN INSTITUTE  
(SALAM ST. 12)  
PUBLIC DISSEMINATION:  
REVIEWS, COMICS & 3D  
RECONSTRUCTION**

Wednesday 14th June, 5pm – 7pm [English], free entrance

This meeting will be focused on publications and visual tools intended for the general public. There will be a presentation of the last two issues of the *Jerusalem Quarterly* journal (“Jerusalem's Interrupted Futures” & “UNRWA Archives”), the 3D reconstruction of the Maghrebi quarter and the history of Jerusalem in comics.

With Salim Tamari (Birzeit Univ.), Maria Chiara Rioli (UNIMORE), Falestin Naïli (Univ. Basel, IFPO), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
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**JERUSALEM – AMERICAN  
COLONY (LOUIS VINCENT  
ST. 1)  
PRESS CONFERENCE: THE  
MAGHREBI QUARTER IN  
3D**

Thursday 15th June, 10am – 12am [English], free entrance

The Maghrebi quarter of Jerusalem, located at the foot of the Western Wall, was destroyed in June 1967 and its history has been neglected. For the first time, this neighbourhood has been reconstructed in 3D thanks to the Open Jerusalem data. This press conference will officially unveil the 3D webviewer and Android / App Store applications.

With Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est), in partnership with 3D-Research.it  
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**JERUSALEM – CONSULATE  
GENERAL OF FRANCE (P.E.  
BOTTA ST. 5)  
CONSULAR AND  
DIPLOMATIC RECORDS**

Thursday 15th June, 7pm – 9pm [English], **by invitation**

“Opening Jerusalem” also means opening the diplomatic archives of this global city, which are scattered all around the world. This meeting with the political chancelleries of the Jerusalem Consulates will present the archives available on [www.openjerusalem.org](http://www.openjerusalem.org) and the tools to access them.

With Yann Potin (Archives Nationales), Maria Chiara Rioli (UNIMORE), Stéphane Ancel (CNRS), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
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**JERUSALEM –  
FRANCISCAN CUSTODY  
(ST. FRANCIS ST. 1)  
CHRISTIAN AND  
PATRIARCHAL  
INSTITUTIONS ARCHIVES**

Friday 16th June, 10am – 12am [English], free entrance

In an uncertain geopolitical context, more and more Christian institutions in Jerusalem are now mobilized to better preserve and enhance their historical archives. This meeting will be an opportunity to present some of the results obtained and the projects developed concerning storage, indexing, analysis and valorization.

With Fr. Stéphane ofm (Custody), Fr. Narcyz ofm (Custody), Stavros Andreou (Greek Orthodox Patr.), Jean-Michel de Tarragon (EBAF), Maria Chiara Rioli (UNIMORE), Angelos Dalachanis (CNRS), Stéphane Ancel (CNRS), Thérèse Gonnier (Latin Patr.), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/GJHJHue4TgRfB7fP8>

**JERUSALEM – KHALIDI  
LIBRARY (OLD CITY, BAB  
EL-SILSILAH ST. 129)  
MUNICIPAL AND IMPERIAL  
OTTOMAN ARCHIVES**

Saturday 17th June, 10am – 1pm [English], free entrance

The indexing and digitization of municipal and imperial archives from the Ottoman period was one of the major contributions of the Open Jerusalem project, making them accessible to all historians and changing our historical vision. This meeting will highlight in particular the urban reforms of Youssuf al-Khalidi and his nephew Ruhi, within their eponymous family library.

With Khader Salameh (Khalidiyya Lib.), Raja Khalidi (Khalidiyya Lib.), Yasemin Avci (Univ. Pamukkale), Falestin Naïli (Univ. Basel, IFPO), Stéphane Ancel (CNRS), Abdul-Hameed Al Kayyali (IFPO), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
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**JERUSALEM –  
FRENCH INSTITUTE  
CHATEAUBRIAND (SALAH  
ADDIN ST. 23)  
OPEN JERUSALEM BOOKS  
AND PUBLICATIONS**

Saturday 17th June, 5pm – 7pm [English], free entrance

Archives should not only be preserved, they should also be the raw material for new history books. This meeting, organized in partnership with the Educational Bookshop and the École Biblique, moderated by Huda al-Imam, will present the “Open Jerusalem” collection at Brill and other publications resulting from this collective project.

With Huda al-Imam (Al-Quds Reports), Angelos Dalachanis (CNRS), Maria Chiara Rioli (UNIMORE), Jean-Jacques Pérennes (EBAF), Stéphane Ancel (CNRS), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
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**JERUSALEM – FRENCH  
INSTITUTE ROMAIN GARY  
(HILLEL ST. 35)  
CLOSING EVENT: COFFEE,  
CITY WALK AND DEBATE**

Sunday 18th June, 10am – 1pm [French], free entrance

Eventually, one must leave the archives and return to the field. This documentary walk in the cemetery of Mamillah and around the Jaffa Gate will be an opportunity to link the archives to the transformation of Jerusalem's urban landscapes, always undergoing change. After this walk, we'll have a debate about « Heritage, between memories and omissions ».

With Sari Nusseibeh, Yann Potin (Archives nationales), Vincent Lemire (Univ. Paris Est)  
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Sunday 18th June, 10.10 am UTC,  
broadcast of the radio RFI program  
<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/podcasts/marche-monde/>  
on the Open Jerusalem Days.