

## السيرة الذاتية

الأستاذة سيلفيا ترويني تحمل شهادة الماجستير في تخصص علم الآثار وماجستير ثان في تخصص القانون الدولي وحماية حقوق الإنسان والموروث الثقافي. تكمل الدكتوراة في الدراسات الإسلامية العربية من جامعة اكستير، وأنهت حديثاً أطروحتها بعنوان: "وصيفة الاستعمار الصهيوني"، حول التقاطع ما بين علم الآثار والهيمنة الاستعمارية الصهيونية في مدينة سلوان المحتلة شرقي القدس.

### ملخص المحاضرة

في الدراسات حول ماضي فلسطين هناك اجماع بأن علم الآثار حقل علمي موضوعي تم استغلاله من الحركة الصهيونية لتحقيق أهداف سياسية. لا شك أن الحركة الصهيونية عسكرت اكتشافات علم الآثار والبقايا المادية للماضي في فلسطين من أجل السيطرة على الأرض. هذه المحاضرة تقترح قراءة بديلة عن العلاقة ما بين الصهيونية وعلم الآثار، حيث تقارب الصهيونية كأيدولوجيا استعمارية استيطانية وعلم الآثار باعتباره حقلاً له جذور عميقة وراسخة في الممارسة الاستعمارية والتقاطع ما بين الأيدولوجيتين.

### BIO

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### ABSTRACT

In the literature about the politics of the past in Palestine, there is a solid consensus: archaeology is a scientific, objective discipline that Zionism exploits as a tool to achieve nationalistic political goals. It is true that, historically, Zionism has weaponised archaeological excavations and the material remains of the past of Palestine to strengthen its grip on the land. Yet, every instrument needs to be suitable for the task: what is it, in archaeology, that makes it such a crucial aide to the Zionist project? This presentation proposes an alternative articulation of the relationship between archaeology and Zionism, based on a different understanding of both. While Zionism is better framed as settler-colonial project and not as a nationalistic one, archaeology should also be appreciated as a discipline that has deep colonial roots. In different ways, both Zionist settler-colonialism and archaeology produces specific discourses to obfuscate their colonial character: discourses of societal fragmentation on the one hand, and discourses of objectivity and universalism on the other. This is not the only similarity between archaeology and Zionist settler-colonialism. In fact, the focus of interest and the engrained practices of archaeology and heritage conservation on the one hand, and these of settler-colonial domination on the other, coincide in multiple points. These convergencies make archaeology a tool that is extremely apt to the pursuit of the specific goals of Zionist settler-colonialism: expand and intensify the control over land, eliminate the colonised other as much as possible, and increase surveillance on those who remain.