

# Maisa SIAJ

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## **EDUCATION**

- Nov 2010- Oct 2013 **La Sapienza, Rome, Italy**  
PhD. European Doctorate on social representation and communication.  
-Research on *Adolescent Palestinian Refugees Living in Diaspora*
- Oct 2009 – Feb. 2010 **La Sapienza, Rome, Italy**  
Applied anthropology and development processes.  
- Research on *Immigrants in Rome*
- Feb 2005 – Aug 2009 **Birzeit University, Palestine**  
M.A degree of Sociology
- Sep 2001 – Sep 2004 **Birzeit University, Palestine**  
B.A degree psychology/sociology
- July 2001 **Al Ibrahimieh College, Jerusalem**  
High School Graduate (tawjihi)

## **Workshops and training**

- July 2006 **Women's studies centre. Palestine**  
Project planning cycle.
- June 2006 **Women's studies centre. Palestine**  
Rapid Raising(rural) Research
- Aug 2005 **Palestine Red Crescent society, Palestine**  
Training of trainers course (TOT).
- Mar – July 2005 **Norwegian Palestinian committee, Palestine red crescent society. Palestine.** Art therapy and expressive arts courses. (Painting, clay, psychodrama, suicide, sexual abuse, therapeutic conversation, relaxation and concentration exercises).
- Feb 2005 **International federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Palestine.** Project Planning Process Training (PPP).
- Feb 2002 **Agriculture relief, Palestine.**  
Trainings in youth leadership.

## Work experience

July 2008- Oct.2010

### **Democracy and workers rights Centre. Palestine**

External Affairs Coordinator *with Western and Central Asia, European Committee and East Asia.*

Dec 2005- Jan 2007

### **Women's studies centre**

Project manager (supporting women with loss)

Nov 2004- Nov 2005

### **Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Mental health department.** Psychologist.

Assistant in developing strategies in the psychosocial field.

## LANGUAGES

- Arabic(mother tongue )
- English(spoken and written fluently)
- Italian (intermediate)
- French (not fluently)
- Hebrew (not fluently)

## **Publications:**

- **Immigrants in Rome** *case studies of selected immigrants communities and issues prepared by graduates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> international course on applied anthropology in development processes*, edited by Paolo Palmeri, 2010, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, Rome, Italy.
- **“Self Definitions and Emotional Reactions to Social Identity Complexity among Young Palestinian Refugees Living in Diaspora.”**, In press, to be published by (Papers on Social Representations).