

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE MEDIA & POLITICS

CAMP is an international collective of architects, scholars, artists, urban planners and theorists committed to research, teaching, and cultural programming that generate new thinking about the role of architecture, media, and the politics of space in zones of conflict. Building on the established intellectual networks and projects of Decolonizing Architecture, the center's programs are organized from its headquarters in Bethlehem, Ramallah, and Abu Dis. While the center's core activities are concentrated in the West Bank, CAMP is structured as a center without a center, as an aggregate composed of multiple gravitational points that brings together a number of affiliate institutions, including projects in New York (The Human Rights Project, Bard College) and London (Research Architecture, Goldsmiths).

As a research center, CAMP aims to extend the methods of analysis and strategies of presentation developed by Decolonizing Architecture. At the same time, the center aims to combine this research with an equal commitment to teaching, an aim it is pursuing through affiliation with the Al-Quds Bard Honors College for Liberal Arts and Sciences in Abu Dis. CAMP wants to rethink the relationship between research and teaching, to establish innovative programs of study that structure learning in ways that involve students more substantively in research.

On this front, CAMP will begin by establishing a summer school that expands the student residency program already in place at Decolonizing Architecture. Our longer-term goal is for CAMP to work closely with the Human Rights Project (Bard College) and the Institute for Modern Media (Al-Quds University) to develop the summer school, while working simultaneously to develop interdisciplinary degree programs at the Honors College in the fields of Urban Studies, Media Studies and Human Rights. The basic structure and mission of C A M P was formed through the efforts of founding members Sandi Hilal, Alessandro Petti, Beth Stryker, and Robert Weston. The inaugural conference *Architecture, Pedagogy & the Politics of Spatial Knowledge* is meant to give preliminary shape to the center and to better define these core objectives: collective research, teaching, curricular development and cultural programming.

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