Many actors claim to possess or represent Palestine. But whose Palestine(s) do they refer to? The Palestinians represented by the PLO or by the PNA? The Palestinian Authority (PA) run by Hamas in Gaza or by Fatah in the West Bank? The list of potential divisions (1948-1967; Insiders- Outsiders; Gaza-West Bank; Fatah- Hamas; mountain- sea, etc.), at times created by outside forces, at times sustained by Palestinians themselves, beg for a discussion of what makes Palestinian society so fragmented, while at the same time so united. This graduate seminar concentrates on recent social and political transformations witnessed in Palestinian society from the late 1970s to the present. The focus will be mostly on the Occupied Territories, though some work will deal with the so-called "1948 Palestinians" and with the diaspora (shatat). Issues to be covered include: regimes and modes of dispossession; the politics of space; armed struggle; religion and activism; changes in the political leadership; modes of policing; the impacts of (de-)development; bifurcated identities inside the 1948 community; and acts of citizenship reaching beyond existing divides.