Further reading

How an Occupation Becomes a System

How differentiated rules, land decisions and administrative systems shape ordinary goals, and how Palestinians contest them.

Optional reading routes for the two independent games. Start with the specified sections rather than reading every work in full. Each question asks what a source establishes, what it challenges and what remains unknown. Dates of observation, publication, judgment and proposal are kept separate.

These are editorial reading notes, not endorsements by the authors or organizations. A documented case, an attributed argument, a legal finding and a proposed institution answer different questions. Neither a single household nor a single corridor establishes the fate of an entire political solution.

Checked 27 October 2026. Source titles below are clickable. Read the specific locator and access note; no outside reading is required for core play.

Read in publication order

Publication order shows changing arguments and records. It is not an event timeline: the case pages contain older histories and later updates.

• 2010: identify the claim about control beyond settlement buildings.

• 2014: distinguish the photo essay's publication from its two caption dates.

• 2018/2019: examine an analysis drawing on 2003–2017 narratives.

• 2019 page, updated through 2023: reconstruct the separate event chronology beginning in 2005.

• 2020: identify an institutional explanation that reaches beyond the visible encounter.

• 2024–2025: keep an international legal opinion separate from a household's litigation and implemented remedy.

• 2026 publication: assess the scope of a December 2025 inventory.

Build and challenge an explanation

Begin with a concrete claim, trace a mechanism, then look for evidence that narrows or challenges it.

• Record what the case account and dated images establish; keep inference visible.

• Compare institutional classification with lived interaction and Palestinian agency.

• Test the large control-system argument against distinctions between evacuation, title, permission and access.

• Check the scale of the evidence, its exclusions and the separate legal baseline before writing a conclusion.

Read closely; keep the limit

1. HCJ petition: Remove the barrier restricting a family's freedom of movement in Turmusaya

Yesh Din, representing the family · Published 1 August 2024; updated through February 2025

Updated litigation account

Follow a Palestinian family's demand through correspondence, a petition, disputed route evidence and a material change in access. It provides a bounded example of agency and a remedy rather than a universal account.

Read here: HCJ 4239/24; 9 December 2024 hearing; 15 December site visit; late-December gate/key implementation; 9 February 2025 judgment.

Ask: Which claimed alternative route was tested, what changed in December, and what did the later judgment add?

Access and limit: Free full English account retrieved. This is the litigating organization's account; distinguish allegations, state responses and reported findings. Linked Hebrew legal documents need separate reading.

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2. Landowners from Burqa petitioned the High Court of Justice to access their land at the former Homesh settlement

Yesh Din · Page dated 18 April 2019; updated through 2023; event history begins in 2005

Updated litigation chronology

Separate physical evacuation, property title, legal entry rules and access in practice. The chronology prevents treating either evacuation or a subsequent legal change as automatic restoration of landowners' access.

Read here: HCJ 2821/19; earlier HCJ 9389/11; 2005 seizure order; 2013 revocation; March, May and August 2023 updates.

Ask: Which changes affected property title, permission to enter, and access in practice?

Access and limit: Free full updated English account retrieved. It is a litigation organization's chronology, not every underlying judgment or a current land survey.

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Further reading, continued

3. Israeli Authorities destroy Palestinian shepherding community in the Jordan Valley, 8.1.14

B'Tselem; photographs by Atef Abu a-Rub · Published 8 January 2014; photographs dated 23 December 2013 and 8 January 2014

Dated photographic record

Attend to people, shelter and material dependencies at Ein Karzaliyah. Read the captions before interpreting the images; this is a specific historical community, not a substitute picture for another place or present conditions.

Read here: Opening account and individual photo captions, especially the different before/after dates.

Ask: Which claims follow from dated captions, and what requires testimony or another record?

Access and limit: Free page. Organization-published indexed text and captions were verified; direct retrieval returned HTTP 429 at this check. The game's credited historical images provide a local fallback; external access may require retrying.

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4. Movement and Access in the West Bank | April 2026

UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) · Published 23 April 2026; obstacle inventory observed in December 2025

Dated humanitarian data inventory

Check what the total counts and excludes. Its six obstacle categories support a more precise claim than calling every obstacle a staffed checkpoint; the inventory does not calculate a particular person's travel outcome.

Read here: Key facts; six obstacle categories; footnote 1 on exclusions.

Ask: Can this inventory establish how likely a particular person was to pass a particular obstacle?

Access and limit: Free full official fact sheet retrieved. Read the exclusions: Green Line checkpoints, agricultural Barrier gates, closed military zones and specified camp-return closures. This is not a complete current travel network.

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Further reading, continued

5. The 'Permit Regime': Bureaucracy as a Weapon

Yael Berda · August 2020

Sociological argument

Trace how classifications, documents and administrative uncertainty shape everyday planning. Berda supplies an explanation of institutional power to test against case evidence rather than reducing the system to the visible checkpoint.

Read here: Opening explanation of classification and uncertainty; 'The Beginning: Organizing the Enlightened Occupation'; discussion of Oslo.

Ask: Which administrative decision connects an ordinary goal to institutional power, and what evidence would test that explanation?

Access and limit: Free full publisher-hosted essay retrieved. It discusses historical practices and mechanisms; it is not a current permit rulebook or a basis for invented refusal probabilities.

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6. Destabilizing Mastery and the Machine: Palestinian Agency and Gendered Embodiment at Israeli Military Checkpoints

Rema Hammami · Online 29 October 2018; Current Anthropology 60(S19), 2019; narratives from 2003–2017

Ethnographic academic argument

Complicate a seamless machine model of control through Palestinian interpretation, embodied interaction and agency. Use this to identify what a tidy rule diagram leaves out without treating unequal power as absent.

Read here: Abstract and methods; discussion of sorting and embodied encounters; pp. S87–S97.

Ask: Which observed interaction complicates a clean control diagram without erasing unequal power?

Access and limit: Publisher marked the full article Free; complete text was retrieved. Historical ethnography does not supply numerical passing probabilities or a dependable tactic for another encounter.

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Further reading, continued

7. The Inevitable Bi-national Regime

Meron Benvenisti; translated by Zalman Amit and Daphna Levitt · Translated extract posted 22 January 2010

Attributed historical argument in translation

Identify the argument that entrenched control extends beyond settlement buildings and divides Palestinians into differently governed constituencies. Treat inevitability as a claim requiring a test, not the game's conclusion.

Read here: Provenance note, then Benvenisti's extract; 'Settlements as museum exhibits'; 'Quasi stable status quo'.

Ask: What would disprove entrenched control, and what would change only settlement numbers?

Access and limit: Free translated extract. The page attributes it to a Hebrew Haaretz publication that day; the original Hebrew title and URL were not independently located. Richard Kuper's introduction is separate from Benvenisti's text.

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8. Advisory opinion on the occupied Palestinian territory

International Court of Justice · 19 July 2024

Advisory legal opinion

Distinguish the international legal baseline from a household remedy or a political forecast.

Read here: A/78/968; paragraphs 78–83, 94, 102, 155, 205, 261–264, 285.

Ask: Which legal finding applies, and what does this case still require evidence for?

Access and limit: Free official UN PDF retrieved. Advisory opinion, not individual criminal conviction or guaranteed enforcement. Its scope excludes Israel's Gaza conduct responding to 7 October 2023.

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