

## Discussion group

# Libraries in Gaza: Between Despair and Hope

***Mosab Abu Toha** will talk about the situation of libraries in Gaza –including limitations due to the occupation, the destruction of libraries by bombing, and efforts to rebuild. He will also describe his work in creating the **Edward Said Public Library**.*

*Mosab is the founder and director of the famed Edward Said Public Library in Gaza. Currently, he is also a Visiting Poet in the Department of Comparative Literature at Harvard University; a Visiting Librarian at Harvard's Houghton Library; a Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative Fellow in the Harvard Divinity School; and a columnist for Arrowsmith Press.*

*Regarding the Edward Said Public Library, the linguist and philosopher Noam Chomsky has written, "The project merits strong support from everyone concerned with justice and basic human rights." Additionally, the library has been endorsed and promoted by the poet and essayist Katha Pollitt, as well as by the filmmaker, Michael Moore.*



*Mosab Abu Toha in his departmental library after it was bombed in 2014.*



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