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Situation of the dissertation

The research presented in this dissertation focuses on the psychosocial wellbeing of Palestinian families affected by paternal incarceration within the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This research consists of four quantitative studies and one qualitative inquiry. The four quantitative studies are designed to examine the psychological experiences of Palestinian parents who have been separated from their wives and children by means of several questionnaires. The qualitative study more deeply explored women’s experiences of living with a husband in prison. The studies emphasize the traumatizing and negative psychological effects of paternal incarceration on children and women, especially when they were witnessing the way their fathers or husbands were captured within the context of the ongoing political conflict and occupation of Palestine. On the other hand, these studies also indicate how family members respond to and try to deal and cope with this difficult situation, offering possibilities and guidelines for developing programs to support them.

Curriculum Vitae

Amer Shehadeh was born on January 8th, 1987 in Anata, Palestine. He received a bachelor degree in Psychology in 1997 from Al-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine. In 2001, he got a master degree in Educational and Psychological Counseling from Al-Quds University, Palestine. In 2011, he received a scholarship from the European Commission in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Partnership Programme Action 2 to do a Ph.D. at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). As a doctoral student he investigated the impact of Israeli imprisonment of Palestinian fathers on the psychosocial wellbeing of their family members in West Bank.