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**What We Talk About When We Talk**

**WASTA!**

**TMR ROUNDTABLE 29 JUNE**

**18:30 UK / 19:30 CET / 20:30 BEIRUT & PALESTINE**



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TMR published its 10th issue on [WASTA!](#)

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Hello Subscriber First Name,

Please join us live on Zoom next Tuesday when we host our lively WASTA! roundtable talk with several contributors to TMR's 10th issue, including novelist Samir El-Youssef in London, journalist Mischa Geracoulis in DC, author Lawrence Joffe in London, chef Fadi

Kattan in Bethlehem, and Egyptian novelist Ahmed Naji in exile at the Black Mountain Institute.

[Register here now](#) for this free webinar on nepotism/corruption in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Palestine and the USA/UK. **The webinar takes place at 10:30 am Pacific, 1:30 pm Eastern + 18:30 in the UK, 19:30 in Europe, and 20:30 in Beirut/Palestine.**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Our WASTA! issue follows *WALLS*, *MARSEILLE* and *TRUTH?* This month, our editorial asks, [Why “Wasta” When Nepotism & Corruption are Equally Rife in the West?](#) The fact is, *wasta* isn’t exclusively an Arab problem, but one that plagues societies everywhere. Tribal Arab culture didn’t invent nepotism and corruption, but it did develop a complex system of *wasta*. See you next Tuesday—[please RSVP here](#), thank you.

—[The Editors](#)

p.s. TMR 11 will be devoted to GAZA and appears July 15 — don’t forget to check out our [Call for Submissions](#) page. And please support our work — TMR is entirely reader-supported...Thank you!



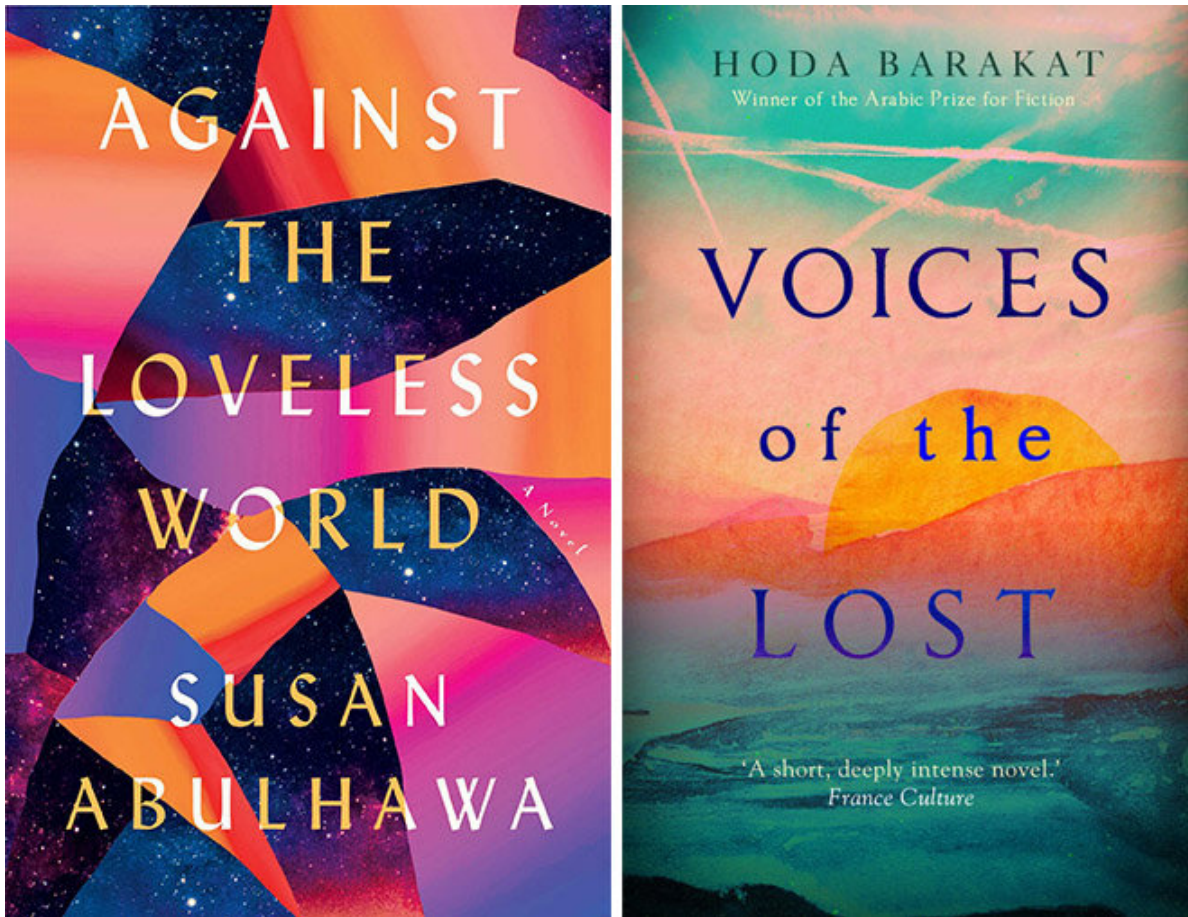
[Palestine in the World: “Palestine: A Socialist Introduction”](#)

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TMR BookGroup June& July 2021 selections

### [TMR BookGroup](#) is reading/discussing:

Our BookGroup (free & open to all), has read and talked about Ayad Akhtar's *Homeland Elegies*, Malu Halasa's *Mother of All Pigs*, Laila Lalami's *Conditional Citizens*, Hassan Blasim's novel *God 99*, Dima Alzayat's *Alligator & Other Stories*, Sahar Mustafah's novel, *The Beauty in Your Face* and Tobie Nathan's novel *A Land Like You*, set in Egypt (and [reviewed](#) in TMR). Our June selection is Susan Abulhawa's *Against the Loveless World*, a Palestinian story ([reviewed](#) in TMR). July the group will read Hoda Barakat's *Voices of the Lost* ([reviewed](#) in TMR). Most bookgroup conversations are joined in the second half by the book's author.

[Go here](#) or to join the group, send an email to [books@themarkaz.org](mailto:books@themarkaz.org).

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