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## ECOLOGIES OF DEBT AND GENDERED SUBJECTIVITY

This talk outlines the ways in which Palestinians living in Ramallah have engaged with the rapid and relatively recent growth of bank debt. Incorporated into a broader set of financial and non-financial relations, lived experiences of bank debt are heterogeneous and in the Palestinian context can only be understood in relation to longer-term experiences of living through colonial occupation. Moving beyond reductive accounts of the hyper-precariousness of life in debt, I pay particular attention to gendered experiences amid broader efforts to include women in finance.

Christopher Harker is Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London. His current research examines how practices of financial inclusion can be reworked to create more inclusive and sustainable forms of prosperity. His recent publications include *Spacing Debt: Obligations, Violence and Endurance in Ramallah, Palestine* (Duke University Press, 2020) and *Financing Prosperity by Dealing with Debt*, (UCL Press, 2022) co-edited with Amy Horton.

The lecture series is organised by professors Camillo Boano, Francesco Chiodelli and Michele Lancione.

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