

## Panel III: Transnational Identity and Migration

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**Abstract:** In 1948 the violent expulsion of Palestinians from their homeland created one of the largest refugee populations in the modern world. Currently, the biggest population of Palestinian refugees resides in Jordan. Since the Jordanian government has assimilated many Palestinians into Jordanian society, this has had a profound influence on the construction of Palestinian identity, even though some Palestinian refugee populations are still excluded from certain aspects of the Jordanian social and economic fabric. Through looking at the different phases of Palestinian refugees in Jordan, this paper plans to explore how socioeconomic status has influenced their perceptions of the Right of Return and their Palestinian identity. By looking at the political and economic role of the Jordanian government, it will further provide insight into the construction of Palestinian identity in diaspora as well as their perception of the Right of Return.