

principle of capitalism and its logic of reproduction and expansion. However, when examined within the general context of transition in Palestine, the logic of the process becomes much clearer. The political economy of Zionist colonialism expressed itself through two processes which were often contradictory. The first of these aimed at exploiting Palestinian labour power by preserving its pre-capitalist relations of production, and the second strove for the total ruination of the indigenous Palestinian forms of production relations by expelling the indigenous producers and taking over their land. Nonetheless, the practicality of each process was determined by the objective conditions which characterized the Palestinian socio-economic and political structure, as well as by other subjective factors expressed in the repeated resistance put up by Palestinian peasants and workers to the Zionist and British colonial presence in Palestine.