

Barr Fellowship Learning Journey to Jordan, October 2023

Pre-Trip Resource List

This resource list includes articles, videos and books to provide context on Jordan and the issues we will be exploring. It is not a requirement to review any of these materials, only a suggestion to have background on where we are going.

We realize this is a rather long list, so in case it is helpful, we have marked one or two items in each section, **in red**, that we recommend as priorities for those who want more information but have limited time.

History / Context

- **Video Clip (12 minutes)** – Jordan Tourism Board North America (June 2015)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC4t3fP1vhY>

Gender Issues

- **Jordan's men cheer working women, but will they help out at home?**
The Christian Science Monitor (May 2019)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/uDU78>
- **Gender Discrimination in Jordan** - UN Women 40 Page Report (2019)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/cvP37>
- **Here's how Jordan is advancing the gender parity in the economy**
World Economic Forum (May 2023)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/cqzAC>
- **Abia Short Film (14 minutes)** - *Generations for Peace*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgNbRp5Vygo>

Education & Youth Empowerment

- **Building a Resilient and Responsive Education System in Jordan: Strengthening Evidence-Based Crisis-Sensitive Planning and Governance** - *Relief Web* - UNESCO (April 2023)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/lotvy>
- **Fact Sheet: Gender and Education in Jordan** - *Queen Raina Foundation (May 2018)* - **PDF Attached**
- **Jordan Country Report on Out-of-School Children** - UNICEF (December 2020) - **PDF Attached**
Note: This is a long report. It may be valuable to skim the beginning overview.

Immigration & Refugees

- **Articles & Papers from Dr. Oroub El Abed (Guest Speaker) - *PDFs Attached***
 - *Patterns of Refugees' Organization Amid Protracted Displacement: An Understanding from Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey* (Journal on Migration and Human Security - 2023)
 - *Refugee Communities Mobilizing in the Middle East: Refugee-Led Organizations in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey* (2023)
 - *Chapter 6: The Gendered Impact of the Pandemic on Syrian Refugee Women in Jordan* (July 2022)
 - *Youth-Oriented Spaces in Amman: Inclusion of national and refugee youth* (March 2021)
- **Syrian War: Refugee women heading households in Jordan - BBC (June 2018)**
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/CLWYZ>
- **Over the years, Jordanians maintain steadfast solidarity with refugees**
UNHCR Study (August 2023)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/dovF5>
- **Realizing the rights of asylum seekers and refugees in Jordan from countries other than Syria**
Sponsored by Norwegian Refugee Council (April 2019) - PDF Attached
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Exploring Bedouin Culture

- **Video Clip (3 minutes) - Adventure Travel Trade Association (May 2019)**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4HBDor_gmE
- **Photo Story: The nomadic Bedouins of Jordan - National Geographic UK (July 2019)**
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/moJQW>
- **UNESCO: Cultural space of the Bedu in Petra and Wadi Rum - Unesco (2008)**
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/wFOW9>
- **Bedouin Life in Jordan - Overview by Dr. Sami al-Hasanat - PDF Attached**

Environmental Conservation

- **Creative solutions needed to fight Jordan's water scarcity - Al Jazeera (March 2022)**
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/alsX6>
- **Stanford study reveals a deepening water crisis in Jordan - and a way forward - Stanford News (March 2021)**
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/wIJSV>
- **Tapped Out: Water Scarcity and Refugee Pressures - Mercy Corps (March 2014)**
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/ACG13>

LGBTQI

- **Report: Escalating Attacks on Queer Initiatives and Individuals in Jordan** - *My:Kali Magazine* (July 2023)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/wOPV6>
- **Anti-LGBTQ backlash grows across Middle East** - *The Washington Post* (August 2023)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/uPVX6>
- **Repression Undermines Jordan's Reform Narrative** - *Human Rights Watch* (August 2023)
Click here: <https://shorturl.at/lwFTV>

General Films, TV Series, Novels

- **Novels**
 - ***Are You This or Are You That*** (Memoir by Madian Al Jazerah - Guest Speaker)
Click [here](#) to purchase on [amazon.com](#)
 - ***Pillars of Salt*** (Fadia Faqir)
About Jordan and the Muslim culture from a feminine perspective. The story of a young Bedouin and an older woman from Amman who share a room in a mental hospital.
Click [here](#) to purchase on [Amazon.com](#)
 - ***Our Last Best Chance: A story of war and peace*** (King Abdullah II)
Memoir of King Abdullah's life, his perspective on geopolitics and Jordan's role as a stable power in the Middle East.
Click [here](#) to purchase on [Amazon.com](#)
 - ***Voices of Jordan*** (Rana Sweis)
Explores Jordan's diverse socioeconomic make-up and discusses the problems and solutions facing the country, including female participation in politics and the integration of refugees into society.
Click [here](#) to purchase on [Amazon.com](#)
- **Films & Series**
 - **Jeel01 Series**
A series developed by Jordanian youth, supported by Generations for Peace, on various social issues in Jordan.
<https://www.jeel01.com/en/series/>
 - **"Farha"** (Netflix - 2021)
A Palestinian girl's coming of age story during the 1948 displacement of Palestinians. Written and directed by Darin J. Sallam, whose own family fled from Palestine to Jordan.
<https://www.netflix.com/co-en/title/81612982>
 - **"Al Rawabi School For Girls"** (Netflix - 2021)
A Jordanian 6-part mini series about the impact of bullying on young women.
<https://www.netflix.com/co-en/title/81034661>