The Center for Gulf Studies (CGS)
at the AMERICAN UNIVERSITY of KUWAIT (AUK)
and BDS Kuwait
present:

POSTCOLONIAL NARRATIVES:
IN CONVERSATION WITH
PALESTINIAN AUTHOR SUSAN
ABULHAWA


*The Blue Between Sky and Water* tells the story of the remarkable women of the Baraka family from the small Palestinian village of Beit Daras. They are flawed yet courageous, attempting to navigate the catastrophe of dispossession. Theirs is a legacy of separation and heartache, endurance and renewal.

This evening will include a reading from *The Blue Between Sky and Water*, followed by a discussion on the role of fiction in the struggle for national liberation; on how activist interests motivate and shape writing; on whether literature can preserve histories currently under erasure; among other issues. The conversation will include a Q&A with the audience, to be followed by a book signing.

**SPEAKERS**

**SUSAN ABULHAWA** was born to Palestinian refugees of the 1967 war. Currently living in Pennsylvania with her daughter, she is a human rights activist and frequent political commentator. She is the founder of Playgrounds for Palestine, an organization dedicated to upholding Palestinian children’s Right to Play. Her first novel, *Mornings in Jenin*, was an international bestseller.

**MAI AL-NAKIB** is an Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Kuwait University. Her academic research deals primarily with cultural politics in the Middle East. Her collection of short stories, *The Hidden Light of Objects*, won the Edinburgh International Book Festival’s 2014 First Book Award. She is currently working on her first novel.

**Wednesday, 23 March 2016**
6:00 pm
Multipurpose Room
Part of IAW (Israeli Anti-Apartheid Week)