

## Palestine - No pinkwashing!



Palestinian activists use the term 'pinkwashing' to describe how the Israeli state and its supporters use the language of gay and trans rights to distract from the oppression of Palestinians.

Israeli travel guides advertise Tel Aviv beaches as a gay-friendly getaway —and hide the reality that tourist partygoers are dancing atop the ruins of ethnically cleansed Palestinian villages. The open inclusion of gay officers in the Israeli army appears liberal, but for Palestinians the sexuality of the soldier at a checkpoint makes little difference. They all wield the same guns, wear the same boots, and maintain the same colonial regime.

As the LGBTQ Palestinian organisation Al-Qaws ([alqaws.org](http://alqaws.org)) puts it, there is no pink door in the apartheid wall.