Migration of .edu to .edu.ps: Three universities compared

**Findings** The three universities maintain both .edu and .edu.ps URLs for their respective websites. Overall, the .edu sites are isolated, with few links pointed directly to them. The Islamic University of Gaza is the only university to automatically redirect traffic to its .edu.ps mirror, suggesting both a dedication to the symbolic value of .ps and an explanation for the relatively strong endorsement of http://www.iugaza.edu.ps. Concluding, we could say that the .ps domain is an unrecognized project for sites linking to Birzeit and Najah, and a work in progress for sites linking to the Islamic University of Gaza.

**Question** What happens when Palestinian institutions relocate to the .ps domain, at what point may they be said to have "arrived", and relatedly, to what extent are they "followed" by their networks?

**Methods** Chart inlinks to both the .edu and .edu.ps sites for all universities, and zoom in on three major universities: the Islamic University of Gaza, Birzeit University and An-Najah National University.

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**Mapping the Palestinian Web Space**

Analysis of the migration of Palestinian Websites to the .ps domain

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**Notes**

- The fate of http://www.birzeit.edu.ps looks uncertain. Whereas it was found that Yahoo indexed thirteen links to the URL in September 2007, two months later the same query produces zero results.
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**Visualization**

The visual representation of the migration of Palestinian Websites to the .ps domain.