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The IPS 50th Anniversary Photographic Exhibition Inaugural Ceremony and Reception in Beirut, Lebanon on March 13, 2013 at 5:00pm

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In commemoration of the 50th anniversary, the Institute for Palestine Studies is proud to announce the opening of its photographic exhibit, titled “*Palestine Before 1948: Not Just Memory.*” **The inaugural ceremony and reception will be hosted in Beirut, Lebanon on March 13, 2013 at 5pm at the Nimr Foundation Building** (Justinian St., Clemanceau, near Trad Hospital). The exhibition is open daily from **March 14 to April 14, 2013 from 11:00am to 6pm**, except Mondays.

The Institute for Palestine Studies began collecting photographs in the early 1970’s as a vital part of the cultural heritage and historical record of the Palestinian people. The various IPS collections total over 10,000 photographs, spanning from the late 19th century to recent times, but by far the richest holdings are from the pre-1948 period. The subject matter ranges from Palestinian daily life (occupational, cultural, and leisure pursuits of all classes and population groups), through landscape and architecture, to military, public, and political activities and events.

The most important of the collections is that of Khalil Raad, comprising some 3,000 photographs dating from the late 19th century to the eve of the 1948 era. Other collections include the Jawhariyah Collection, UNRWA Colleciton, the Fifth of June Society Collection, the PLO Collection and more. The some 400 photographs showcased in Walid Khalidi’s classic *Before Their Diaspora: A Photographic History of the Palestinians, 1876-1948* (first published in 1984) were all selected from the various IPS collections. With regard to the post-1948 period, the photographs cover in particular life in refugee camps, the 1967 war, and periods of the Lebanese civil war, including the 1982 Israeli invasion.

The collections came to IPS by donation or purchase.