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issues that are created between these various actors. The Palestinian case turns out to be quite specific in terms of the definition of governmental and non-governmental; but this very specificity makes it a sort of laboratory for relations between the associative sector and a state in the making. With the rise of NGOs in developing countries and the current enhancement of the notion of civil society, NGOs have become a major subject of research.

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