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Conference Topics and Objective

For nearly a century, the question of Palestine has been one of the most contentious issues facing the world. Near the end of the nineteenth century, political Zionism emerged and allied itself with major Western colonial powers (starting with the Balfour declaration issued by Britain in 1917) to propose what was considered by many to be the answer to anti-Semitism in Europe: Jewish self-determination in historic Palestine. This, however, resulted in the forced uprooting and brutal expulsion of the majority of the Palestinian people from their ancestral land in 1948. By 1967, all of historic Palestine had become totally occupied, and the Palestinian people were dispossessed, denied their basic human rights and political self-determination, and were forced to live either under military occupation or in exile.

Faced with dispossession, exile, alienation, and occupation, the Palestinians have struggled to assert their identity, gain their freedom, uphold their dignity, regain their inalienable rights, maintain their political unity, sustain their social cohesion, and defend their humanity. Multiple generations of Palestinians have been living in squalid refugee camps around the Middle East, without any end to their plight in sight. This difficult and tragic struggle was further compounded by the geopolitics of the Cold War, as well as the complications of the post-colonial order and requisites of the strategic imperatives for the sustenance and expansion of hegemonic powers in the region.

This International Conference on Palestine is organized by the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU)

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under the theme: "*The Question of Palestine: Examining History, Geopolitics, and Future Prospects.*" It will also be co-sponsored by two non-profit educational and charitable organizations in Turkey, which are focused on Palestine, namely, İrfandan Medeniyete Kudüs Platformu and Ümmet Vakfı.

The conference will examine many aspects of the Palestinian issue and attempt to present a comprehensive analysis of the conflict through historical, political, legal, religious, and human rights dimensions. It shall also discuss some of the most pertinent challenges related to the Palestinian cause, including the issues of Jerusalem, the right of return, the illegal construction and expansion of settlements in the West Bank, the suffocating siege on Gaza, the denial of Palestinian political and human rights, and the future of the Palestinian national project. The presentations will also examine the geopolitics of the conflict, and the essence of the struggle, namely the land and the people, spanning all geographical areas. In addition, attention will be given to the strategies and actions needed to confront repressive and exclusionary policies, as well as those required to empower the oppressed and occupied.

Some of the most renowned academics, speakers, and voices of conscience from around the world are invited to speak at this conference, and engage the students, academics, experts, and public at large on these important issues. They will not only present enlightened and informed views on how to analyze the problems and unlock their complexities, but will also explore novel and practical ideas on how to empower people—in Palestine and around the world—toward realizing the essential elements for resolving the conflict and achieving the vital goals of justice, freedom, inclusion, and lasting peace.

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Conference Program

Saturday, April 27, 2019

13:30-14:00 Opening Session: Welcoming Statements by Conference Organizers and Sponsors

Dr. Mehmet Bulut, *Rector, IZU*

Ms. Belkıs İbrahimhakkıođlu, *President of İrfandan Medeniyete Association, Istanbul, Turkey*

Mr. Mehmet Mahsum Yün, *CEO, Ümmet Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey*

Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, *CIGA Director*

14:15-16:15 Session I: The Tragedy of Palestine: Hegemony and Survival

Session Chair: **Dr. Ömer Çaha**, *IZU, Turkey*

Israel from the Outside: Can an Apartheid-Like State Ever Be Legitimate?

Dr. Ilan Pappé, *University of Exeter, UK*

The Great Struggle for Freedom: Parallels Between South Africa and Palestine

HRH Chief Zwelivelile Mandela, *MP South African Parliament, Pan African Parliament, and Chief of the Mvezo Traditional Council, South Africa*

Ending the Conflict: A Geopolitical Analysis

Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, *CIGA, IZU, Turkey*

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16:15-16:45 **Break**

16:45-18:30 **Session II: Discursing the Palestinian Narrative: The 1948 Forgotten Palestinians, Palestinians Under Occupation, The Refugees & Diaspora Communities**

Session Chair: Dr. Gökhan Bozbaş, *Necmettin Erbakan University, Turkey*

The Palestinians in Israel and the Return to 1948

Dr. Mohanad Mustafa, *University of Haifa*

Palestinian Resistance Against Occupation after 1967: A Critical Discussion of Discourses and Narratives Developed (1967-2017)

Dr. Helga Baumgarten, *Birzeit University, The West Bank*

Back to Roots: Exiled Palestinians Restore the Right of Return

Dr. Salman Abu Sitta, *Palestine Land Society, UK*

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9:30-11:15 **Session III: Asking the Hard Questions: The Right of Return, Israeli Settlements, Jerusalem**

Session Chair: Mr. Riad Alarian, *CIGA, IZU, Turkey*

Contesting Colonial Narratives: Palestinian Right of Return, Resistance and Resilience

Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, *San Francisco State University, USA*

Can Israeli Settlements Be Dismantled?

Dr. Ilan Pappé, *University of Exeter, UK*

Jerusalem: The Heart of Palestinian Existence and Struggle

Dr. Tareq Al-Suwaidan, *CEO, Gulf Innovation Group, Kuwait*

11:15-11:45 **Break**

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11:45-13:30 **Session IV: Future of the Palestinian National Movement in a Changing Regional Landscape**

Session Chair: Dr. Ahmed Atawna, *Vision for Political Development, Istanbul, Turkey*

Gaza: Thirteen Years of Siege, Division and Isolation

Dr. Wael Abdelal, *University of Applied Sciences, Gaza*

The View from the West Bank

Dr. Saleh Abdel Jawad, *Birzeit University, The West Bank*

The Dilemma of the Palestinian National Project after Oslo

Mr. Hani Masri, *Masarat Center for Studies, The West Bank*

13:30-15:00 **Lunch**

15:00-17:30 **Session V: The Struggle for Palestine: Empowerment Strategies**

Session Chair: Ms. Butheina Hamdah, *CIGA, IZU, Turkey*

The Palestinian Authority and the Trajectory of the Dis-Empowering of the Palestinian Women's Movement

Dr. Islah Jad, *Birzeit University, The West Bank*

The Role of the Youth in Palestine

Dr. Loubna Qutami, *University of California-Irvine, USA*

Palestine: Creating a Media Strategy

Ms. Rawan Al-Damen, *Stream Media Consultancy, Jordan*

Empowering Palestinian Voices

Dr. Ramzy Baroud, *University of California, Santa Barbara, USA*

Palestine as a Universal Struggle for Freedom

Mr. Frank Barat, *Author and Independent Film Maker, Belgium*

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9:30-11:15 **Session VI: Exploring Liberation Theology in the Palestinian Struggle**

Session Chair: Mr. Fadi Zatari, *CIGA, IZU, Turkey*

A Jewish Perspective

Dr. Marc Ellis, *Baylor University, USA*

A Christian Perspective on Interreligious Solidarity for Justice

Dr. Ulrich Duchrow, *University of Heidelberg, Germany*

Exploring Islamic Liberation Theology in the Context of the Palestinian Struggle for Justice

Dr. Farid Esack, *University of Johannesburg, South Africa*

11:15-11:45 **Break**

11:45-13:45 **Session VII: Future Prospects of the Palestinian Cause: Legal, Political, and International Perspectives**

Session Chair: Ms. Amani Asenwar, *CIGA, IZU, Turkey*

Framing the Conflict from the Perspective of International Law

Dr. John Quigley, *Ohio State University, USA*

Trump and Palestine: Continuity and Change in U.S. Policy

Mr. Mouin Rabbani, *Institute of Palestine Studies, USA*

The Future of Gaza and the Occupation: What Happens Next?

Dr. Norman Finkelstein, *Academic and Author, USA*

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15:15-17:30 **Session VIII: Challenges and Responses: The Pro-Israeli Lobbies, Normalization, and Building a Transnational Solidarity Movement**

Session Chair: Mr. Junaid Ahmad, *Center for Global Studies, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan*

Israel's Global War Against the Palestine Solidarity Movement and the Role of The Pro-Israeli Lobby

Ms. Samar Dahmash-Jarrah, *Show Host and Author, USA*

The Pro-Israeli Lobby in Europe

Dr. Sarah Marusek, *University of Leeds, UK*

Normalization and the Legalization of the Occupation

Dr. Berdal Aral, *Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkey*

Building a Transnational Solidarity Movement for Justice in Palestine

Mr. Na'eem Jeenah, *University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa*

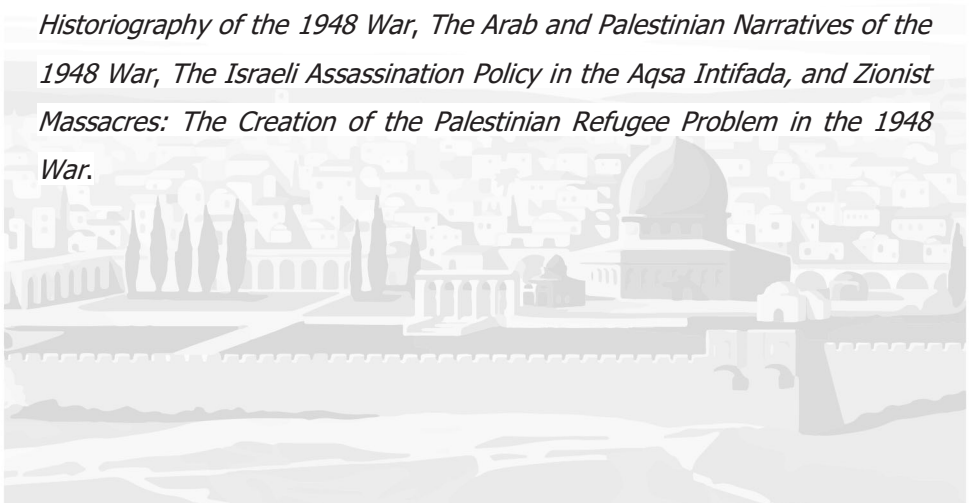


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Saleh Abdel Jawad is a Palestinian historian. He received his PhD in Political Science from Paris X-Nanterre University in 1986 and is currently Professor of History and Political Science at Birzeit University, a position he has held since 1981. His published works include *Palestinians and the Historiography of the 1948 War*, *The Arab and Palestinian Narratives of the 1948 War*, *The Israeli Assassination Policy in the Aqsa Intifada*, and *Zionist Massacres: The Creation of the Palestinian Refugee Problem in the 1948 War*.



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Wael B. Abdelal heads the Arts and Social Science department at University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza, and is lecturer of Media at the Media and Communication Technology Programme. He was previously a lecturer at the Department of Media and political science at the Islamic University of Gaza, Palestine. Dr. Abdelal was educated at The University of Exeter, United Kingdom (PhD), the Near East University, Cyprus (MA) and the University of Gaza, Palestine (BA). His research interests lie at the intersection between the social sciences and media, in the fields of media studies, media & communications, political communication, media ethics, and media and resistance. He published his book first book, *Hamas and the Media: Politics and Strategy*, in June 2016 by Routledge Press, London. The book has been selected to become part of Routledge Paperbacks Direct scheme and published in December 2018. Dr. Abdelal's teaching portfolio includes the following courses: Politics and Media, Basic Principles of Media and Communications, Digital media (New Media), Public Relations, Communication Skills Political communication, Media and politics, and Media Ethics in the Digital Age.

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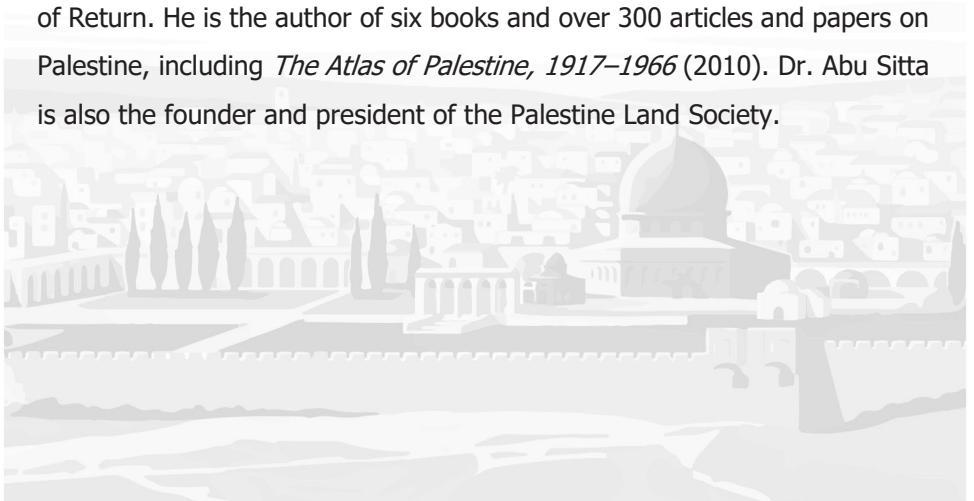
Rabab Abdulhadi is Director and Senior Scholar in Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies at San Francisco State University and past Director of the Center for Arab American Studies at University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is widely published with over 80 articles in 7 languages in academic and non-academic publications and sites, founding editorial board member of Islamophobia Studies Journal, co-author of *Mobilizing Democracy: Changing US Policy in the Middle East*; and coeditor of several anthologies including *American Quarterly's Forum on Palestine and American Studies*, and the forthcoming *Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice*. She is Al-Shabaka policy advisor and serves on several boards, including Afro-Middle East Centre and International Advisory Board of World Congress of Middle East Studies. She received her BA (Suma Cum Laude) at Hunter College in Special Honors Curriculum, Women's Studies and Sociology, and her MA, MPhil and PhD from Yale University. Her awards include the Sterling Fellowship, Phi Beta Kappa, New Century Scholarship; and Teaching Excellence awards from Yale University, the American University in Cairo and San Francisco State University. Abdulhadi co-founded California Scholars for Academic Freedom, the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, General Union of Palestinian Students, Palestine Solidarity Committee and the Union of Palestinian Women's Associations in North America. She was the first Arab or Muslim to be elected to the board of the New York Civil Liberties Union. She led 6 delegations to Palestine, including the first Indigenous and Women of Color Feminist Delegation to Palestine.

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Salman Abu Sitta was born in 1937 in Ma'in Abu Sitta, in the Beersheba district of Mandatory Palestine. An engineer by profession, he is best known for his cartographic work on Palestine and his work on the Palestinian Right of Return. He is the author of six books and over 300 articles and papers on Palestine, including *The Atlas of Palestine, 1917–1966* (2010). Dr. Abu Sitta is also the founder and president of the Palestine Land Society.



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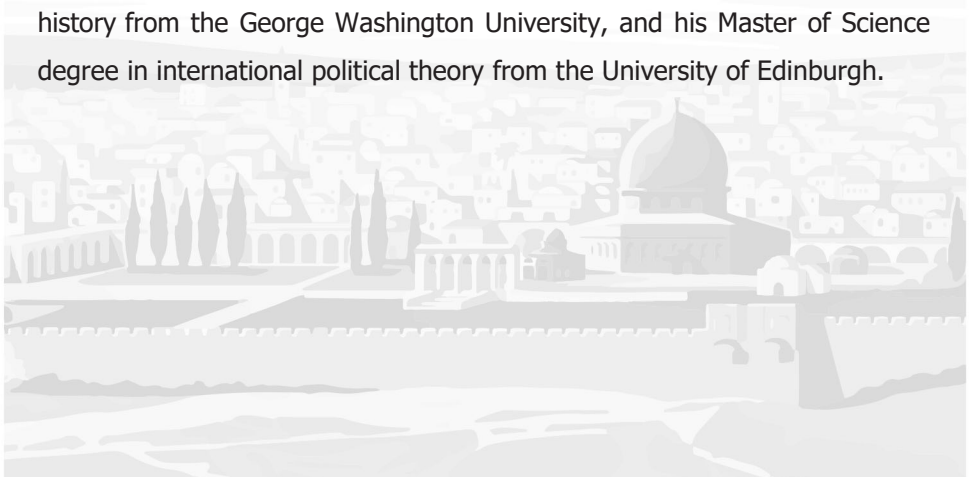
Junaid Ahmad is a PhD candidate in Islam and decolonial thought at the University of Leeds. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the College of William and Mary and currently serves as the Secretary General of the International Movement for a Just World in Malaysia, as well as the Director for the Center for Global Studies in Lahore, Pakistan. Since 2009, Junaid has taught law, religion, and politics at the Lahore University of Management Sciences and the University of Management and Technology. He previously served as a lecturer and researcher at the University of Cape Town's department of religious studies. Junaid is the founder of the Al-Awda chapter in Virginia and the Palestine Solidarity Committee in Pakistan.

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Riad Alarian is a Research Associate at the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) and a lecturer in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU). He also serves as co-editor of Muftah Magazine's Israel/Palestine and Levant Region pages and its Egypt and North Africa pages. Riad obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy with a double minor in political science and history from the George Washington University, and his Master of Science degree in international political theory from the University of Edinburgh.



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Opening Session - 13:30 - 14:00 & Session I - 14:15 - 16:15

Sami A. Al-Arian is the Director of the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) and Public Affairs Professor at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. He received his PhD in Computer Engineering in 1986, and was a tenured academic in the US for two decades receiving best teaching awards at the University of South Florida (1993 and 1994) and several grants, as well as having over forty publications to his credit. During his four decades in the US (1975-2015), Dr. Al-Arian founded numerous institutions and publications in the fields of education, research, religion and interfaith, as well as civil and human rights. He was a prolific speaker across many US campuses, especially on Palestine, Islam and the West, and Civil Rights. In 2001, he was named by *Newsweek* the “premiere civil rights activist” in the US for his efforts to repeal the use of Secret Evidence in immigration courts. In 2012, he was profiled by historians in the *Encyclopedia of American Dissidents* as one of only three Muslims in the US out of 152 dissidents and prisoners of conscience that were included in the series in the past century (along with Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali). His US story was featured in 2007 in the award-winning documentary “US vs. Al-Arian,” and in 2016 in the book “Being Palestinian.” Dr. Al-Arian has written several studies and numerous articles focusing on US foreign policy, Palestine, and the Arab Spring phenomena. His book of poetry on Spirituality, Palestine, and Human Rights *Conspiring Against Joseph* was published in 2004.

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Rawan Al-Damen is a filmmaker, media consultant, and the CEO and Founder of Stream Media Consultancy. She produced and directed more than 30 hours of documentaries, including the award-winning series *Al-Nakba*. As a senior commissioning producer at Al Jazeera Media Network for 10 years, she worked with dozens of filmmakers. She founded and led Palestine Remix, the largest visual interactive website on Palestine. She holds an MA in Communications Studies from Leeds University, UK.



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Tareq Al-Suwaidan is a Kuwaiti writer, historian, businessman, and Muslim scholar. He is a leading intellectual in the Muslim world and chairman of "Innovation Group." He is well known throughout the Middle East and in Muslim communities across the world for his management/strategic planning training, as well as for his television shows and appearances. Dr. Al-Suwaidan was trained in the classical Islamic sciences in his youth and lived and studied in the United States, where he remained for over 20 years, receiving a B.S. in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Penn State University in 1975, and an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in 1982 and 1990 respectively, in petroleum engineering from the University of Tulsa. Al-Suwaidan has delivered lectures on many topics throughout the world and has authored dozens of books on many subjects including on Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Berdal Aral is Professor of Politics at Istanbul Medeniyet University. He received his PhD in 1994 from the University of Glasgow on "Turkey and International Society from a Critical Legal Perspective." Professor Aral has concentrated on international law and human rights in both his teaching as well as his research. He is author of three books: *Self-Defense in International Law*, *Collective Rights as Third-Generation Human Rights*, and *From Global Security to Global Hegemony: UN Security System and the Muslim World*. Additionally, he has numerous articles published in Turkish and English on international law, human rights, and on Turkey's foreign policy.

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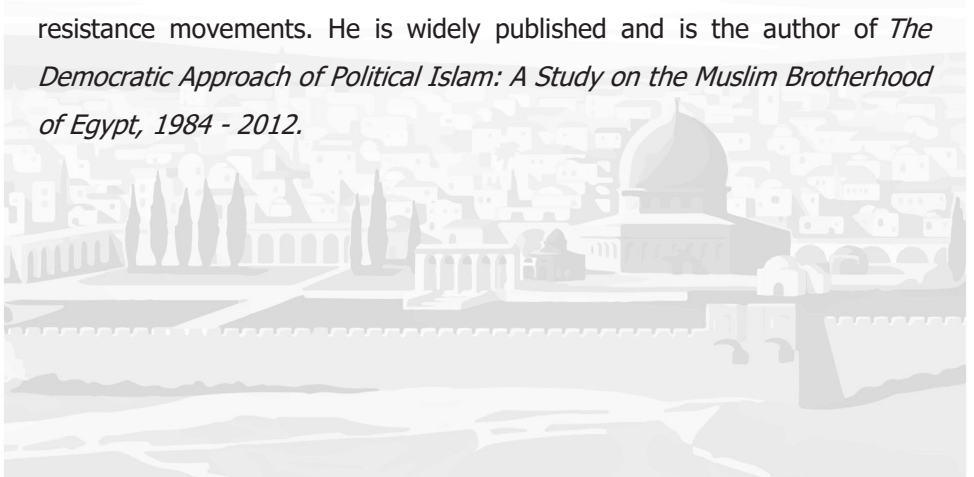
Amani Asenwar is a PhD candidate in the department of political science and international relations at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU), and a Research Associate at the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA), where she focuses on issues related to human rights. Amani received her masters degree in politics and international relations from the European Union Institute at Marmara University and previously served as regional director for the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for Human Rights. She has also contributed to several media projects, including the Quds Press News Agency and Gulf Online. Her upcoming book focuses on the transformation of European foreign policy vis-a-vis Israel and the role of European elites.

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Ahmed Atawna is the General Manager of the Vision Center for Political Development in Istanbul. He received his PhD in political science at the University of Malaya. His areas of interest include political development, political Islam, the Palestinian cause, the Muslim Brotherhood, and Islamic resistance movements. He is widely published and is the author of *The Democratic Approach of Political Islam: A Study on the Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt, 1984 - 2012*.



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Frank Barat is a human rights activist, journalist, and author based in Brussels. He was the coordinator of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine and is now the president of the Palestine Legal Action Network. His books include *Gaza in Crisis*, *On Palestine*, *Corporate Complicity in Israel's Occupation*, and *Freedom is a Constant Struggle*. Frank has written for the *New Internationalist*, the *Palestine Chronicle*, *ZMag*, *Counterpunch*, *WRMEA* and other publications.



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Ramzy Baroud is a US-Arab journalist, media consultant, author, internationally-syndicated columnist, Editor of the Palestine Chronicle (1999-present), former Managing Editor of London-based Middle East Eye (2014-15), former Editor-in-Chief of The Brunei Times, and the former Deputy Managing Editor of Al Jazeera online. He taught mass communication at Australia's Curtin University of Technology, Malaysia Campus. Baroud also served as head of Aljazeera.net English's Research and Studies department. He is the author of four books and a contributor to many others. His latest volume is *The Last Earth, a Palestinian Story* (Pluto Press, London, 2018). His books are translated to several languages including French, Turkish, Arabic, Korean, among others. Baroud holds a PhD in Palestine Studies from the University of Exeter (2015) and is currently a Non-Resident Scholar at the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara.

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Helga Baumgarten teaches Political Science at Birzeit University, both in the Interdisciplinary PhD Program for the Social Sciences and in the M.A. program of Muwatin Institute for the Study of Democracy and Human Rights. She has broadly published (in German, English, French and Arabic) on the Middle East conflict, on Palestinian Nationalism, on Political Islam and on the Problem of transformations in the Arab region. Her book, available in German (1991, Suhrkamp) and Arabic (2006, Muwatin) is: Palaestina. Befreiung in den Staat (Palestine. Liberation into the State). Her last book in German is "Kampf um Palaestina: Was wollen Hamas und Fatah?" (Herder Verlag 2014). One of her most recent and relevant articles is: "The Oslo System" (published in German in INAMO 79, 2014, and also available in English on academia.edu). Born in 1947 in Stuttgart, she studied in Tuebingen, New York, London, Beirut and Goettingen, and did her PhD at the Free University of Berlin. She taught at AUB Beirut, Lebanon, at the University of Goettingen, at FU Berlin and since 1993 she has been affiliated with Birzeit University. In 2004, she was a fellow at the Austrian Institute for International Relations, Vienna. She participated in international conferences in the USA (MESA, Harvard, New School of Social Research, New York), England (SOAS, University of Surrey), in the Middle East and of course at many different universities in Germany (FU Berlin, Uni of Tuebingen, Univ. of Marburg among others), Switzerland (Bern University) and Austria (Vienna University, Univ. of Innsbruck, Univ. of Graz).

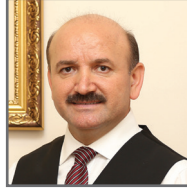
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Gökhan Bozbaş is Full Professor of Political Science at Necmettin Erbakan University. He received his undergraduate degree in international relations and completed two masters degrees in political science on European Identity and the Europeanization of Turkey. His PhD was on the "Socio-Political Transformation of Egypt and the Question of Democratization." Prior to completing his PhD, Dr. Bozbaş was a research assistant at Konya University, and traveled extensively to and lived in countries including Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Germany, and England. Dr. Bozbaş has published two monographs and many articles about Middle East politics, especially as it pertains to Palestine and Egypt. He is fluent in English, German, and Arabic.

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Opening Session - Saturday, April 27, 2019
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Mehmet Bulut is the Rector of Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University as well as a Professor of Economics and Economic History. He received his PhD from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands in 2000, and MA from Posthumus Institute (1998) in the field of Economic History. He received his BS and MA degrees from Dokuz Eylül University in Economics. Dr. Bulut taught at Başkent University and served as the chair of its Economics Department. He became Dean of the College of Political Sciences and Vice-President at Yıldırım Beyazıt University in 2011, and served as a member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) in 2012. He has also served as a member of the board of directors in several public and private companies. Dr. Bulut is currently working on long-term economic changes and development, economic performance comparisons and differences between countries, international political economy, the Ottoman-European-Atlantic economic relations, economic history, his- tory of economic thought, and of economic and financial institutions. As a visiting scholar, he has been to Dalarna (Sweden), Cambridge (England), as well as Harvard and Princeton Universities. Dr. Bulut has many publications in refereed international academic journals including the American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient, Journal of European Economic History, Middle Eastern Studies, and Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies. He currently serves as the general editor of the Journal of Islamic Economics and Finance, and ADAM Academy Journal of Social Sciences.

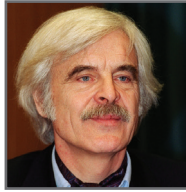
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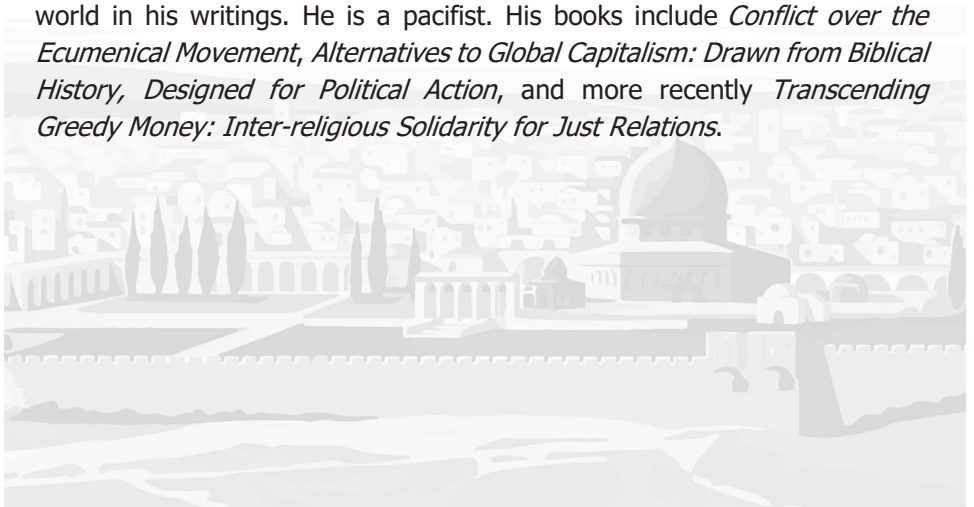
Ömer Çaha is Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. His areas of research include women's movements, political theory, and theory of democracy. Dr. Çaha has many books and publications in English and Turkish including, *Women and Civil Society in Turkey: Women's Movements in a Muslim Society* (2012); *Türkiye'de Cam Tavan Sendromu [Glass Ceiling Syndrome in Turkey, 2016]* (with Havva Çaha and Sare Aydın); *Dünyada ve Türkiye'de Siyasi İdeolojiler [Political Ideologies in Turkey and the World, 2014]* (with Bican Şahin); *Değişen Türkiye'de Kadın [Women in Changing Turkey, 2014]* (with Havva Çaha and Sare Aydın), *Sivil Toplum ve Devlet [Civil Society and the State, 6th ed., 2014]*; *Kadın Örgütleri ve Yerel Demokrasi [Women's Organizations and Local Democracy, 2012]* (with Havva Çaha); *Women and Politics: Class Differences in Feminism, 2008*. He also co-edited several volumes including *Türkiye'de ve Dünyada Aile [Family in the World and in Turkey, 2006]*, and *Process of EU Enlargement in the 21st Century: New Challenges*, (with Peter Terem), published in 2005 by the University of Matej Bel.

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Ulrich Duchrow is Professor of systematic theology at the University of Heidelberg, specializing in ecumenical theology and theology-economy issues. He was the co-founder and co-moderator of Kairos Europa, a "European decentralized network of justice, peace and creation initiatives working in collaboration with churches, social movements, trade unions and non-governmental organizations both in and outside Europe, for a more just and tolerant society." Duchrow is a critic of neoliberalism and global capitalism who has articulated a role for the church in founding a better world in his writings. He is a pacifist. His books include *Conflict over the Ecumenical Movement*, *Alternatives to Global Capitalism: Drawn from Biblical History, Designed for Political Action*, and more recently *Transcending Greedy Money: Inter-religious Solidarity for Just Relations*.



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Marc H. Ellis has been writing, teaching and lecturing on Jewish identity, the Holocaust, Israel, Palestine, the prophetic and global issues of justice, peace and reconciliation for four decades. During this time, Ellis was Professor of Religion, Culture and Society Studies and Director of the Institute for Justice and Peace at the Maryknoll School of Theology and University Professor of Jewish Studies, History, and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Baylor University. He has written and edited more than twenty-five books, including *Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation*, now in its third edition, *Unholy Alliance: Religion and Atrocity in Our Time*, *The Future of the Prophetic* and most recently, *Finding Our Voice: Embodying the Prophetic and Other Misadventures*. Professor Ellis has lectured around the world and has held visiting positions at Harvard University and the University of London, among others. His work has been translated into ten languages, including in Arabic, *Beyond Innocence and Redemption: Confronting the Holocaust and Israeli Power*. A Festschrift volume honoring Professor Ellis, "Scholarship in the New Diaspora: The Practices of the Intellectual in Exile," will be published next year. Before his death, Edward Said wrote of Professor Ellis: "Marc Ellis is a deeply thoughtful and courageous mind, an intellectual who has broken the death hold of mindless tradition and unreflective cliché to produce a superb account of post-Holocaust understanding with particular reference to the Palestinian people and the moral obligation of Israeli and Diaspora Jews. He is to be listened to with respect and admiration."

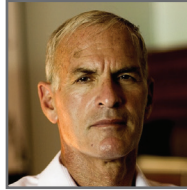
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Farid Esack is a scholar of Islam and the Qur'an, and a veteran in the South African struggle for liberation. Dr. Esack completed the Darsi Nizami in madrasahs in Karachi, Pakistan, received his PhD from the University of Birmingham (UK), and conducted post-doctoral research at The Samt Georgen Philosophische Theologische Hochschule in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. He is the author of, amongst others, *Qur'an, Liberation and Pluralism*, *On Being a Muslim*, *An Introduction to the Qur'an*, and *"Islam, HIV & AIDS: Between Scorn Pity & Justice."* He has published on Islam, Gender, Liberation Theology, Interfaith Relations, and Qur'anic Hermeneutics. Prof. Esack served as Commissioner for Gender Equality in South Africa, and has taught at a number of universities across the globe, including Universities of the Western Cape, as well as in Amsterdam, Hamburg, Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta), Xavier Universities (Ohio), and Union Theological Seminary (New York). Before moving to the University of Johannesburg, where he is Professor in the field of Islam, he served as Professor of Contemporary Islam at Harvard University. He is the President Emeritus of the International Qur'anic Studies Association and is the Chairperson of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) in South Africa. A veteran of the struggle against Apartheid and an activist in the inter-religious solidarity movement for justice and peace, he was recently presented with the Order of Luthuli (Sliver), South Africa's highest national award for "his brilliant contribution to academic research and to the fight against race, gender, class and religious oppression."

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Norman Finkelstein is a political scientist and scholar of the Middle East who focuses on the question of Israel-Palestine. Dr. Finkelstein received his PhD from Princeton University in 1988 and is the author of ten books that have been translated into 50 foreign editions, including *The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering* and, most recently, *Gaza: An Inquest into its Martyrdom*. He has held faculty positions at Brooklyn College, Rutgers University, Hunter College, New York University, and DePaul University where he was an assistant professor from 2001 to 2007.

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Butheina Hamdah is a Research Associate at the Center of Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) in Istanbul, Turkey, where she researches issues related to Muslim communities in the United States. Before joining CIGA, she served as a Leadership Assistant and Development Associate at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU). She has also served in other consulting capacities to several non-profits, and, prior to that, spent time in community organizing and youth engagement in her hometown of Toledo, Ohio. Butheina obtained her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in political science from the University of Toledo in Ohio. Her graduate thesis focused on liberalism and its impact on religious identity in the American Muslim context.

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Islah Jad is one of the founders of the Women's Studies Institute at Birzeit University, and of WATC (Women's Affairs Technical Committee), a national coalition for women. She has published many works on Palestinian and Arab women's political participation and political development. She was also a co-author for the Arab Human Development Report of 2005. Dr. Jad obtained her Ph.D. in Gender and Development from the Department of Development Studies, SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies –University of London) in 2004. Dr. Jad is a senior researcher on gender issues in the Arab region and Palestine, and has done many consultations for different Palestinian ministries, international organizations, and NGOs. She is also a senior gender trainer. Dr. Jad is an Associate Professor working in the Cultural Studies Department and the MA program on Gender and Development at Birzeit University in Palestine. Currently, Dr. Jad is a Campbell Resident Scholar at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is fluent in Arabic, English, and French.

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Samar Dahmash-Jarrah is a Kuwait-born Palestinian-American speaker, journalist, and educator. She has traveled extensively throughout North America, Europe, and the Middle East and has lived in Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the United States. Samar's professional accomplishments include being a contributor to CNN World Report, news editor and reporter for Jordan Television, editor and reporter for Jordan Weekly, and a political science instructor at the University of South Florida in Tampa. After the 2001 World Trade Center tragedy, Dahmash-Jarrah was asked by many community organizations, churches, temples, and peace groups to speak about the Arab world. These events and the Iraq War served as the inspiration for Arab Voices Speak to American Hearts, a first step in fostering direct dialogue between Americans and Arabs. Topics of past discussions include international relations, media, Islam, and culture. Dahmash-Jarrah holds a Master of Arts degree in political science, and a Bachelor of Arts in Middle East studies. Samar authored two books in Arabic about her life in the U.S. as an American Arab Muslim Woman. She co-hosts a weekly live radio show on WMNF 88.05 FM in Tampa, Florida.

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Na'eem Jeenah is a well-known academic and leader in the Muslim community and among anti-capitalist and anti-war movements in South Africa. He is currently the Executive Director of the Afro-Middle East Centre, a research institute dedicated to studying the Middle East and North Africa and relations between that region and the rest of Africa. Jeenah has also taught political studies courses at the University of the Witwatersrand and holds various Islamic qualifications through international courses completed at different universities in the Muslim world. He has organized and addressed numerous meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences, and training programs on various issues related to Islam, South Africa, the Middle East, youth development, journalism, information technology and various other issues – both in South Africa and internationally.

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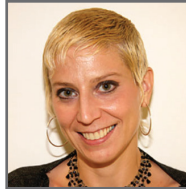


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Zwelivelile "Mandla" Mandela is the chief of the Mvezo Traditional Council and the grandson of Nelson Mandela. A political activist, Mandela graduated from Rhodes University in 2007 with a degree in political science and has been a member of parliament for the African National Congress since 2009.



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Sarah Marusek is a Research Fellow at the University of Leeds, where she focuses on a number of issues related to Critical Muslim Studies, theologies of liberation, decoloniality, Islamic activism, Palestine, Lebanon, ethnography, and Islamophobia. She received her PhD in social science from Syracuse University, her MA in international affairs from The New School in New York, and her BA in literature and art history from Goldsmiths. She has conducted ethnographies of Islamic activism in Iran, Lebanon, and Senegal, and co-authored several research reports on Islamophobia and the funding of Israel's occupation of Palestine with Spinwatch. Her monograph, entitled *Faith and Resistance: The Politics of Love and War in Lebanon*, was published under the Decolonial Studies, Political Horizons series by Pluto Press.

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Hani Masri is the Director General of Masarat, the Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies. He also serves as a policy adviser for Al-Shabaka. Al-Masri founded and was director general of the Palestinian Media, Research and Studies Centre, Badael, between 2005 and 2011. He has published hundreds of articles, research and policy papers in Palestinian and Arab magazines and newspapers including Al-Ayyam and Al-Safir. He previously served as General Manager of the Printing & Publication Department at the Ministry of Information and as a member of the Committee on Government in the Commission of Dialogue held in Cairo in 2009. He is a member of the board of trustees at the Yasser Arafat Foundation.

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Mohannad Mustafa is the director of research programs at the Arab Center for Applied Social Studies in Haifa. He obtained his Ph.D. from the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Haifa in 2012 and was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge. He has also worked in a number of Arab and Palestinian research centers. Dr. Mustafa's research interests on Palestinian and Israeli politics, Islamic political thoughts, democratic transformation, and Arab political systems. He has many books, researches and academic studies in Arabic, English, and Hebrew, as well as intellectual and political articles dealing with these issues.

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Ilan Pappé is Professor of History at the University of Exeter and the Director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies. Professor Pappé obtained his BA degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1979 and his D.Phil from the University of Oxford in 1984. He founded and directed the Academic Institute for Peace in Givat Haviva, Israel between 1992 to 2000 and was the Chair of the Emil Tuma Institute for Palestine Studies in Haifa between 2000 and 2006. Professor Pappé was a senior lecturer in the department of Middle Eastern History and the Department of Political Science in Haifa University, Israel between 1984 and 2006. He was appointed as chair in the department of History in the Cornwall Campus, 2007-2009, and became a fellow of the IAIS in 2010. His research focuses on the modern Middle East and in particular the history of Israel and Palestine. He has also written on multiculturalism, Critical Discourse Analysis and on Power and Knowledge in general. Professor Pappé is the author of many books including the best seller *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* and *The Forgotten Palestinians*. In 2017, Pappé received a Life Achievement Award at the Palestine Book Awards.

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John Quigley is Professor Emeritus at the Moritz College of Law of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, USA. A specialist in public international law and the law of human rights, he writes extensively on legal issues related to the Palestine question. His books cover key issues in the conflict over Palestine. *The International Diplomacy of Israel's Founders: Deception at the United Nations in the Quest for Palestine* (2016) explains how the League of Nations and the United Nations came to support the concept of a Jewish state in Palestine. *The Six-Day War and Israeli Self-Defense: Questioning the Legal Basis for Preventive War* (2013) shows that Israel had no lawful basis for its 1967 military assault on Egypt, Jordan, and Syria that left it in occupation of the Sinai Peninsula, the West Bank of the Jordan River, the Gaza Strip, and the Golan Heights. *The Statehood of Palestine: International Law in the Middle East Conflict* (2010) explains that Palestine has been a state since the time of the League of Nations mandate, setting the stage for the participation it currently exercises in international institutions and in multilateral treaties. *The Case for Palestine: An International Law Perspective* (2005) traces the history of the conflict over Palestine from the time of the emergence of Zionism in Europe, focusing on legal issues at key junctures.

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Loubna Qutami is a President's Postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Ethnic Studies, at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research concentrates on how Palestinian youth are linking survival strategies, service to the people and political theorizations in the development of new modalities of solidarity and liberation movement praxis. Loubna received a BA in Sociology and an MA in Ethnic Studies: Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Initiative from San Francisco State University. She also holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside. Her dissertation, *Before the New Sky: Protracted Struggle and Possibilities of the Beyond for Palestine's New Youth Movement*, is a transnational ethnographic account of Palestinian youth movements before and after the 2011 Arab Uprisings. Loubna is a contributing member of Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network, and a founder, member and the former International General Coordinator of the Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM). She is also a former member of the South West Asian and North African (SWANA) Region Radio Collective at KPFC in Los Angeles and the former Executive Director of the Arab Cultural and Community Center (ACCC) in San Francisco.

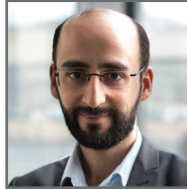
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Mouin Rabbani is an independent analyst, commentator and researcher specializing in Palestinian affairs and the Arab-Israeli conflict. He has previously served as Principal Political Affairs Officer with the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Syria, Head of Middle East with Crisis Management Initiative/Martti Ahtisaari Centre, Senior Middle East Analyst and Special Advisor on Israel-Palestine with the International Crisis Group. Rabbani is Co-Editor of Jadaliyya, Contributing Editor of Middle East Report, Senior Fellow with the Institute for Palestine Studies, Associate Fellow of the European Council on Foreign Relations, and Policy Advisor to Al-Shabaka - The Palestinian Policy Network. A graduate of Tufts University and Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Rabbani has published, presented and commented widely on Middle East issues.

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