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Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

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“Democratisation of Palestinian Politics as a Basis for Rebuilding the National Project”

Hall 243 – Institute of Law Annex Building – Birzeit University

4 and 5 October 2019

Programme

First Day - Friday, 4 October 2019

9:30	Registration	
10:00	Opening Remarks	
	<i>Address by the President of Birzeit University</i>	
	<i>Address by the Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights</i>	
10:30	Session I: Approaches to re-define the Palestinian National Project	Chair: <i>Bettina Marx</i>
	Palestine between the Colonial Space and the ‘Right to Exist’	Maha Samman
	Back to The Beginnings: The Representations of Palestinian National Imaginary and The Failure of its Realization	Wasim Abu Fasha
	Nation and Class: Generations of Palestinian Liberation	Raja Khalidi
12:15	Lunch	
13:45	Session II: Incoming and Transplanted Colonial Structures	Chair: <i>Issam Arouri</i>
	The EU and its Member States and the Struggle for Palestinian Self-Determination and Israeli-Palestinian Peace	Muriel Asseburg
	Are Palestinian Political Elites Part of the Impasse of the Palestinian National Liberation Project?	Basem Ezbidid
	Palestinian State-building Denied: The Role of Western Donors in the Oslo Peace Process and their Impact on the Palestinian National Project	Jeremy Wildeman
	Understanding International Aid in the Absence of Palestinian Sovereignty	Mandy Turner

Second Day - Saturday, 5 October 2019

9:30	Morning Coffee	
10:00	Session III: Actor Perceptions of National Project Issues	Chair: <i>Ghassan Khatib</i>
	The Perception of Organized Political Forces on the Future of The National Project	Jehad Harb
	Protecting the Dignity and Rights of the Poor and the Marginalised: A Criterion for the Meaning and the Future of Democracy and the National Project	Mahmoud Ziadeh
	The Decline in the Role of Trade Unionism in Palestine: Causes and Prospects within the Framework of the National Project Renewal	Ali Muhanna
11:45	Coffee Break	
12:00	Session IV: International Solidarity with the Liberation Project	Chair: <i>George Giacaman</i>
	Lessons from South Africa	Ashraf Y. Suliman
	Shifting International Alliances and New Opportunities for the Palestinian Cause	Nour Odeh
	Replacing Charity with Solidarity is Replacing ‘the Master's Tools’	Reem Bahdi
13:30	Lunch	
14:30	Session V: Prospects and the Future of the National Project	Chair: <i>Ala Al-Azzeh</i>
	On Articulating a More Perceptive Understanding of the Palestinian Question	Jamil Hilal
	Concrete Steps Toward Reforming the Palestinian Political System to Cope with the Growing Threats to the National Liberation Project	Sam Bahour
	On (the Absence of) the Perspective of the Formation of an Anti-Colonial Trend in the Israeli Community	Aida Touma - Sulieman

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