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### Participants

<b>Abdullatif Abu Hijleh</b>	President of Birzeit University, and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry.
<b>Gilbert Achkar</b>	Professor of development studies and international relations at SOAS, University of London. He is the author of many books, including The Arabs and the Holocaust: the Arab-Israeli War of Narratives (2010), The people Want: A Radical Exploration of the Arab Uprising (2013) and Morbid Symptoms: Relapse in the Arab Uprising (2016)
<b>Mustapha Kamel Al-Sayyed</b>	Professor of Political Science at Cairo University, , published works in Arabic, English, and French on issues of Political Economy of Development, Political Theory, and political change in Arab countries, taught at the American University in Cairo, Harvard ( 1998) Colgate University (2005), spent time as a scholar at the University of California in Los Angeles (1990) and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Summer 2002).
<b>Reem Bahdi</b>	Associate Professor of Law at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law. Her research and teaching focuses on access to justice, human dignity, and social context and national security.
<b>Rana Barakat</b>	Faculty member at the Department of History and Archaeology at Birzeit University. She teaches in the MA programmes in History, Contemporary Arab studies, Democracy and Human Rights, and the PhD Programme in Social Sciences.
<b>Dalal El-Bizri</b>	Writer and Journalist. Consultant for ESCWA and member of the committees of the Arab Journalism Award and the Al-Owais Award for Humanities. Was previously a researcher and faculty member of the Institute of Social Sciences at the Lebanese University.
<b>Basem Ezbidi</b>	Faculty member at the Department of Political Science and the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights at Birzeit University
<b>George Giacaman</b>	Faculty member of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights, and the MA Programme in Contemporary Arab Studies. Served as dean of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Birzeit University. He served as the general director of the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy – Muwatin.
<b>Adam Hanieh</b>	Faculty member in the development studies at SOAS, University of London. Taught at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates. His research interests include the political economy of the Middle East, labour migration, the formation of classes and state in the Gulf Counties and Palestine.
<b>Joyce Kashou</b>	Programmes' Officer at Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights - Birzeit University.

<b>Mudar Kassis</b>	Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, faculty member of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, director of the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights, and co-director of the Windsor Birzeit Dignity Initiative at Birzeit University.
<b>Sami Khatib</b>	Cultural theorist and philosopher. He taught at Freie Universität Berlin, Jan van Eyck Academie Maastricht, American University of Beirut and Akademie der bildenden Künste Vienna. Currently, he is a postdoctoral researcher at Leuphana University of Lüneburg. He is author of the book “Teleologie ohne Endzweck: Walter Benjamins Ent-stellung des Messianischen” (2013).
<b>Haytham Manna</b>	President of the Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights (Geneva). Studied medicine, social sciences, and international law. Has more than fifty publications in various languages. Held several positions in international human rights organizations, and is the founder of the QMH Movement for the values of non-violence, citizenship, and fundamental rights.
<b>Bettina Marx</b>	Director of the Heinrich Boell Foundation office in Ramallah since September 2015, she is a journalist with extensive experience working in the Middle East.
<b>Samuel Moyn</b>	Professor of law and history at Yale University, which he joined in July 2017. Previously, he was a professor of history at Columbia University for thirteen years and a professor of history and of law at Harvard University. His research interests are in modern European intellectual history, with special interests in France and Germany, political and legal thought, historical and critical theory. He is an editor for the journal “Humanity”.
<b>Vijay Prashad</b>	Indian historian and journalist. He is the executive-director of Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research (with offices in India, South Africa, Brazil, and Argentina). He serves as Chief Editor of LeftWord Books, and commentator for Globetrotte.
<b>Jamil Salem</b>	Faculty member and former Director of the Institute of Law at Birzeit University. He is involved in several interdisciplinary research projects in the fields of legal theory, history of law, law and development, IT and Law, and the development of legal databases.
<b>Rajesh Tandon</b>	Internationally acclaimed leader and practitioner of participatory research and development. He is Founder-President of Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), global centre for participatory research & training since 1982. He is also Co-Chair of the UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education since 2012. The UNESCO Chair grows out of and supports UNESCO’s global lead to play ‘a key role in assisting countries to build knowledge societies’.
<b>Lisa Taraki</b>	Faculty member at Birzeit University, and the director of the PhD programme in Social Sciences.
<b>Hela Yousfi</b>	Associate Professor in the Department of Management and Organization at Paris Dauphine University (DRM). She is specialized in the field of sociology of organizations. Her work has as well centred around issues such as institutional change and economic development, postcolonial studies of management and social movements. She is the author of: Trade unions and Arab revolutions: The Tunisian case of UGTT (March, 2017), Routledge Research in Employment relations
<b>Raef Zreik</b>	Scholar of Jurisprudence. Holds a S.J.D. from Harvard Law School. His latest publication is titled “Historical Justice: On First Order and Second Order Arguments for Justice”.