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Participants

Abdullatif Abu Hijleh	President of Birzeit University, and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry.
Reem Al-Botmeh	Faculty member at the Institute of Law, Birzeit University. Her research focuses on socio-legal matters. She serves as the assistant editor of the Palestine Yearbook of International Law.
Fateh Azzam	Human rights researcher. Founding member of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights. Served as the founding director of the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship at the American University of Beirut; Middle East Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; director of the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program at the American University in Cairo; human rights programme officer at the Ford Foundation's Offices in Lagos and Cairo, and director of the Palestinian human rights organization Al-Haq.
Reem Bahdi	Faculty member at Windsor Law (Canada). Member of the Royal Society of Canada, and co-director of the Windsor Birzeit Dignity Initiative.
Raja Bahlul	Professor of Philosophy at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. Formerly taught at Birzeit University. His interests and publications span the areas of Metaphysics, Social and Political Philosophy, Islamic Philosophy, Democracy and Human Rights.
Jason Beckett	Faculty member at the American University, Cairo. He researches international law's roles in the production, regulation, and justification, of poverty and oppression.
Ammar Dweik	General Director of the Independent Commission for Human Rights. He holds a PhD in Social Policy and Management from Brandeis University.
Samera Esmeir	Faculty member at UC Berkeley Department of Rhetoric.
Sahar Francis	General Director of Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (Ramallah). An attorney by training, and a human rights lawyer. Ms. Francis has human rights experience, including human rights counselling and representation.
George Giacaman	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.
Ziad Izzat	Faculty member in the Department of Physics. Served as Director of Students Affairs at Birzeit University. Activist for non-violence, and photographer.
Shawan Jabarin	General Director of Al-Haq and a Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights.
Islah Jad	Faculty member of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, and the Institute of Women Studies at Birzeit University.
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Saja Majdoubeh	Research assistant, Law, Birzeit University.
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Mateus Oliveira Perez	Member of the Nucleus of Accessory and Assistance for Refugees and Immigrants (Brazil), human Rights researcher, currently pursuing a bachelor degree in International Relations.
John Reynolds	Faculty member at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth in International law. His recent book Empire, Emergency and International Law (Cambridge University Press, 2017) was awarded the Kevin Boyle Book Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship.
Marina Almeida da Rosa	Faculty member at the School of International Relations and at the College of Law, and coordinator of the Migrant Clinic (NAARI) of the Ritter dos Reis University Center (Brazil).
Jamil Salem	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.
Sanaa Al-Sarghali	Faculty member of the Department of Law at An-Najah National University. Specializes in constitutional law. Phd - Lancaster University, LLM - Durham University, LLB- An-Najah National University. Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Women Media and Development/ TAM.
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Ralph Wilde	Member of the Faculty of Laws, University College London. He specialises in public international law, with an interest in the interface between international law and related academic disciplines.
Sujith Xavier	Faculty member at University of Windsor in Law. He teaches public international law, constitutionalism of the Global South, administrative law and law and race.
Said Zeedani	Professor of Philosophy, and former Vice President for Academic Affairs at Al-Quds University. Formerly Director of the Independent Commission for Human Rights and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Birzeit University.
Raef Zreik	Faculty member at Carmel Academic College in Haifa in jurisprudence and academic co-director of Minerva Centre for the Humanities at Tel Aviv University.