



BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY

معهد مواطن للديمقراطية وحقوق الإنسان
Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

Muwatin 24th Annual Conference

“Seven Decades since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: The History and Future of Human Rights and Palestine”

Hall 243 – Institute of Law Annex Building – Birzeit University
5 and 6 October 2018

Programme

First Day - Friday, 5 October 2018

9:15

Registration

9:45

Opening Remarks

Address by the President of Birzeit University

Address by the Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

Address by Bettina Marx on Human Rights in European Foreign Policy: Value Based or Interest Driven?

10:30 Session I:

The Nature of Human Rights

Chair: *Islah Jad*

The Dark Side of Rights

Raef Zreik

Universalism about Human Rights

Raja Bahlul

Human Rights in Palestine and Globally: A Shifting Concept in a Changing World

Asem Khalil

12:15 Lunch

13:45 Session II:

Human Rights in the Political Field

Chair: *Amirah Silmi*

Dimensions of Dignity in the UDHR and the Political Practice

Reem Bahdi

Accountability as Complicity

Jason Beckett

Between War and Peace: Reflections on the Fate of Revolution in the Project of Human Rights

Samera Esmeir

Who are the Foes and the Allies in the Battle for the Protection of Human Rights?

Said Zeedani

Second Day - Saturday, 6 October 2018

9:30 Morning Coffee

10:00 Session III:

Are Human Rights Ordained with Binaries?

Chair: *Jamil Salem*

The Margin of Appreciation Doctrine Recreating Colonial Patterns towards Migrants: The Evolution of the ECHR's Decisions

Marina Rosa

En-gendering Constitutions as a Way to Protect Women's Rights

Sanaa Al-Sarghali

Beyond the State Sovereignty Paradigm

Ralf Wilde

Shari'a Courts and the Rise of Legalistic Procedures

Reem Al-Botmeh

11:45 Coffee Break

12:00 Session IV: **Third World Approaches to Human Rights in Palestine**

Chair: *Hala Shuaibi*

Internationalism in the Image of Law: Anti-Colonial Solidarity and the Russell Tribunal on Palestine

John Reynolds

The Human Rights Complex: A Site of Emancipation for People of Colour?

Sujith Xavier

Natural Resources and the Palestinian Environment: Human Rights and the Unsayable

Usha Natarajan

13:30 Lunch

14:30 **Round Table Discussion on Human Rights in the Context of National Liberation**

Discussion presented by:

George Giacaman

In Defiance of Binaries: The Human Rights Potential for Political Emancipation

Fateh Azzam

International Law as a National Liberation Tool?

Ammar Dwaik

The Palestinian Captive Movement between Liberation and Legal Defence Strategies

Sahar Francis

Socio-economic Issues and Human Rights in the Phase of National Liberation

Shawan Jabarin

Conference held in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Palestine & Jordan