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Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

## Muwatin's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

### "The Impact of the Genocide in Gaza on the Future of the World and the Reading of the Palestinian Question"

Held at Birzeit University (Hall 243 – Muwatin Institute) and online  
2-3 December 2025

## Programme

### First Day – Tuesday, 2 December 2025

**9:00 Morning Coffee and Registration**

**9:30 Opening Remarks**

*Address by the President of Birzeit University*

*Greeting from Angela Davis*

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

**10:00**

*Keynote Address by **Gilbert Achcar** titled  
"Gaza as the Final Nail in the Coffin of Atlantic Liberalism"*

**10:45 Break**

**11:00 Session I: Structural Transformations in the Global System** Chair: **Reem Al-Batmah**

**George Giacaman** The World After Gaza

**Haris Damianidis** Palestine as a Focus of Global Conflict

**Elif Durmuş** Palestine as a Turning Point of "Ownership" of International Law

**Salam Butmah** Collective Genocide: Humans and Nature in the New Global Order

**13:00**

*Keynote Address by **Francesca Albanese** Titled "TBD"*

**13:40 Lunch**

**14:20 Session II: Local and Regional Conditions on the Backdrop of Global Transformation** Chair: **Basil Farraj**

**Khalida Jarrar** Capitalism and Violence in the Israeli Carceral System in the Time of Genocide

**Deenah Tsai** The Criminal Liability of Judges and Prosecutors in Israel's Military Courts: Assessing Complicity in Torture and Ill-Treatment of Palestinian Detainees

**Michael Roberts** The economic role of imperialism in the 21st century in the Middle East

**Salim Abuthaher** Gaza Between Genocide and Reimagination: Transformations of Space and Reconstruction Discourse

**16:20**

*Keynote Address by **KJ Noh** on the Geopolitical Transformations of the World Order*

## Second Day – Wednesday 3 December 2025

### 9:30 Morning Coffee and Registration

10:00 *Keynote Address by **Ralph Wilde** Titled “The Death of International Law”*

10:45 **Session III: The Responsibility to Initiate Change in the Global System** Chair: **Ala’ Al-Azzeh**

**Mohammed Juma Ala** The East Became the Centre of Global Destruction and Forced to Seek a Free Alternative

**Thalia Kruger and Gamze Erdem Turkelli** International Law in National Courts

**Dana Farraj** Legal Challenges and Peoples’ Tragedies in front of the ICJ: Change is Possible

**Wouter Vandenhoe** Universities as Emancipatory Forces? (De-)Constructing University Human Rights Policies

### 12:45 Lunch

13:30 **Session IV: Resisting New Fascism and its Manifestations: Solidarity** Chair: **Lena Meari**

**Osama Diab** The Economic Ontologies of the Palestine Solidarity Movement

**Hazem Jamjoum** Changing our Theories of Change: A Re-examination in Light of Fascist Intransigence

**Bayan Arqawi, Munice AlFar, Tareq Sadeq** Political Economies of Protest: Student Activism in Western and Arab Universities amid the Gaza Genocide”

**Susan AbulHawa** Stories and Streets: Harnessing Indigenous Power

15:30 *Keynote Address by **Declan Kearney** Titled “Another World is Possible”*

Parallel to the conference there will be a display of Birzeit University Museum’s Art Collection of works by the artist, Marwan (Marwan Kassab-Bashi), from pieces under the title "To the Children of Palestine."