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## Muwatin 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

### “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 2018

## Programme

### First Day - Friday, 4 October 2019

9:15	<b>Registration</b>	
9:45	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
	<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	<b>Session I: Approaches to re-define the Palestinian National Project</b>	Chair: <i>Bettina Marx</i>
	Palestine between the Colonial Space and the ‘Right to Exist’	<b>Maha Samman</b>
	Back to The Beginnings: Representations of the Palestinian National Imaginary and The Failure of its Realization	<b>Wasim Abu Fasha</b>
	Nation and Class: Generations of Palestinian Liberation	<b>Raja Khalidi</b>
12:15	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:45	<b>Session II: Incoming and Transplanted Colonial Structures</b>	Chair: <i>Issam Arouri</i>
	The EU and its Member States and the Struggle for Palestinian Self-Determination and Israeli-Palestinian Peace	<b>Muriel Asseburg</b>
	Are Palestinian Political Elites Part of the Impasse of the Palestinian National Liberation Project?	<b>Basem Ezbidi</b>
	Palestinian State-building Denied: The Role of Western Donors in the Oslo Peace Process and their Impact on the Palestinian National Project	<b>Jeremy Wildeman</b>
	Understanding international aid in the absence of Palestinian sovereignty	<b>Mandy Turner</b>

### Second Day - Saturday, 5 October 2019

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

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