

Conference about Palestine occupation

The 3rd International Conference on An End to Occupation, A Just Peace in Israel-Palestine
An International Network in Action Université Libre de Bruxelles
Brussels, Belgium July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2004

I. Background

An urgent international conference entitled An End to Occupation, A Just Peace in Israel-Palestine: The Role of Academia, was held in Tel Aviv University in June 2003, with a strong participation of Palestinian, Israeli and International academics. It was seen as a landmark in mobilizing the Academia worldwide to promote an end of the Israeli occupation of 1967, as well as the establishment of a just peace in Israel-Palestine. A second conference, with a much larger participation, from many countries, held in E. Jerusalem in January, 2004 proposed to continue and build upon the momentum created by the first conference in order to promote similar objectives, but with an explicit recognition of the regional context.

We urge groups, networks and institutions sharing our objectives- an end to all occupations, a just peace, democracy, political sovereignty and regional security- to endorse our call for an International Network for Peace, Justice and Democracy in the Middle East (FFIPP-International).

Along with educating academics and others, the creation of the International Network and the urgent mobilization of academia worldwide are among the immediate objectives of the Brussels conference.

II. Sponsors

FFIPP (Faculty for Israeli-Palestinian Peace) is a US-based network of faculty - with affiliates in Israel and Palestine- endeavoring to achieve an end of Israeli occupation of lands seized in the 1967 war, as well as a just peace in Israel/Palestine and the region as a whole (<http://www.ffipp.org/>).

Co-Sponsors:

MIFTAH is a non-governmental non-partisan Jerusalem-based institution dedicated to fostering democracy and good governance within the Palestinian Society in a manner that promotes public accountability and transparency while maintaining the free flow of information and ideas. (<http://www.miftah.org/>).

The Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP) is a Palestinian, non-governmental, non-profit organization established in 1990 to provide comprehensive community mental health services to the population of the Gaza Strip including therapy, training and research. It is one of the leading mental health organizations in Palestine. (<http://www.gcmhp.net>)

Hacampus Lo Shotek (The Campus will not Stay Silent) is an organization of students and faculty in Israeli universities and colleges, dedicated to campus activities against the occupation and for a just peace in Israel Palestine (Website of the Jerusalem group - <http://www.hacampus.org>).

MERIP (The Middle East Research and Information Project) is a non-profit, non-governmental and completely independent organization based in Washington, DC. It aims to provide information and analysis on the Middle East that would be picked up by the existing media (<http://www.merip.org>).

Preliminary Program for up to date details check the website

Saturday, July 3, 2004

8:30-9:15 Registration and Coffee

9:15-9:30 Welcome

9:30-11:00 Opening Plenary

Guests of Honor: Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Egypt.

President, World Psychiatric Association

Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Training and Research, Institute of Psychiatry, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Keynote Speaker: Eric Rouleau, France.

Ambassador to Tunisia 1985-1986, Ambassador to Turkey 1988-1992, Middle East correspondent of Le Monde, France

11:00-12:30 Higher Education in Palestine and the Defense of Academic Freedom

Chair: Prof. Waleed Deeb, President, Arab American University-Jenin

Panel: [University Officials, names at a later draft]

Prof Judith Butler, USA, University of California, Berkeley
Pierre Galand, Belgium (to be confirmed), Advisor to the Rector, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Senate member, Belgium
Prof. Stephen Bronner, USA Rutgers University
Prof. Annick Suzor-Weiner, France VP, Director, International Relations, Université Paris-Sud

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-16:00 The Wall, the Settlements and the Occupation: Which Way Forward?

Chair: Prof. Everett Mendelsohn, USA Harvard University

Part I: Panel:

Prof. Isaac Jad, Palestine Director, Applied Research Institute Jerusalem

Prof. Oren Yiftachel, Israel Ben-Gurion University

Part II.

Panel:

Prof. Salim Tamari, Palestine Institute for Palestinian Studies; Birzeit University

Dr. Yossi Alpher, Israel Former director, Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University, Co-editor, Bitterlemons.org

Prof. Naomi Chazan, Israel Hebrew University, former member of the Knesset

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Report from Peace Groups in Israel-Palestine

Chair:

Panel:

Prof. Anat Biletzki, Israel, Chair, B'Tselem, Israel, Chair, Dept of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Reuven Kaminer, Israel, Hebrew University, Parents Forum (of Refusniks)

Prof. Frederic Lapeyre, Belgium, Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve

Dr. Lina Yassin, Ta'ayush

David Zonshein, Ometz Lesarev (Courage to Refuse)

19:30-21:30 Conference Reception: Brussels Town hall

Sunday, July 4, 2004

8:45-10:45 Reconciliation Today, Peace Tomorrow

Chair:

Panel: Dr. Eyad El Sarraj, Palestine, Chairman, The Gaza Community Mental Health Program

Dr. Shulamit Aloni, Israel, Former Cabinet and Knesset member

Prof. Ali El Saman, Egypt, VP and Director, Al Azhar Committee for Interreligious Affairs

Prof. Valérie Rosoux, Belgium, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve

Prof. Jacqueline Rose, UK (to be confirmed), Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, Advisory Board, FFIPP-International

Prof. Ruchama Marton, Israel, President, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, Tel Aviv University

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-13:15 The Role of the European Union

Panel:

Prof. Etienne Balibar, France, Université de Paris-Nanterre; UC Irvine

Prof. Adi Ophir, Israel, Tel Aviv University

Mr. Christian Leffler, EU (to be confirmed), Director for the Mediterranean region, European Commission

Mr. Marc Otte, EU, Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

Ms. Luisa Morgantini, EU (to be confirmed), Member, European Parliament

13:15-14:15 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 Group Discussions: Proposals for Action

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Closing Plenary

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Jacques Derrida, France , Directeur d'études, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Monday, July 5, 2004

8:45-10:15 Group Reports

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Dr. Daphna Golatan, Israel

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