

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE

### Reimagining and Rebuilding Palestine: *Genocide, Trauma, and the Future of a Suffering Nation*



**30 – 31 January 2026 | 09:00 – 19:30**  
**Room 010, “Evi Sofianou” Building SFC07**  
**Social Facilities Centre Building 07**

**University Campus**  
**1 Panepistimiou Avenue**  
**2109 Aglantzia, Nicosia**

**PROGRAMME**  
**DAY 1 | 30 JANUARY 2026**

08:45 – 09:15

**Registration**

09:15 – 09:40

**OPENING SESSION**

**Antonis Ellinas**  
University of Cyprus  
Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and  
Education

**Michalis N. Michael**  
University of Cyprus  
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

**Nicos Peristianis**  
Universitas Foundation  
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**Stavros Tombazos**  
University of Cyprus  
Professor

Opening Address (5')

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*Genocide in Palestine and Crisis of Political Hegemony in Europe* (10')

9:40 – 10:40

**SESSION I**

**Gilbert Achcar**  
University of London

**Aristoteles Constantinides**  
University of Cyprus

**GENOCIDE, ETHNIC CLEANSING, AND ENDLESS SUBJUGATION**

*The Palestinians after the Genocide: Between Ethnic Cleansing and Continued Subjugation*  
(30' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Legitimising (?) Palestinian Subjugation: A Critical Analysis of Security Council Resolution 2803 on the Future of Gaza*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

10:40 – 10:55

**Coffee Break**

10:55 – 12:35

**SESSION II**

**Antonis Balasopoulos**  
University of Cyprus

**Charis Papacharalambous**  
University of Cyprus

**Demetra Sorvatzioti**  
University of Limassol

**Aline Bogossian**  
Université de Montréal, Canada

**INTERNATIONAL LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY**

*What is "Humanity" in "Crimes Against Humanity"? The Crime Against the People of Gaza in Historical and Philosophical Perspective*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Collective Responsibility in Universal Crimes and International Criminal Law*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Between Self-Defence and Genocide: A Socio-Legal Analysis of Gaza's Crisis and the Politics of Reconstruction*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Resistance Amid Injustice: Transnational Collaboration in Solidarity with Palestine*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

12:35 – 14:00

**Lunch Break**

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**14:00 – 15:40**

**Nadia Kornioti**  
PRIO Cyprus Centre

**Shahana Rasool**  
University of Johannesburg,  
South Africa

**Hazem Almassry**  
Academia Sinica, Taiwan

**Evangelos Konstantelos**  
European University Cyprus

*Violence, Partition, and Displacement on a Global Scale: Comparative Legal-Historical Reflections and the Present Day*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Who is Human Enough to Deserve Rights? An Anti-Colonial Perspective on the Positionality of International Social Work Organisations Regarding the Palestinian Question*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*The Selectivity of Atrocity: European Union Responses to Mass Violence in Ukraine and Gaza*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*In the Palestra of Victimhood: Kingdom of Ends and State of Nature in the Palestinian War—Reading Kantian Dignity and Hobbesian Fatalism*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

**15:40 – 15:55**

**Coffee Break**

**15:55 – 17:10**

**SESSION III**

**Antonis Hadjikyriacou**  
Panteion University, Athens / Stanford University

**Nikos Moudouros**  
University of Cyprus

**Taygeti Michalakea**  
University of Nicosia

**COLONIALIST POLICIES AND DISCOURSES**

*Para-Colonialism in Cyprus and Palestine: Historical Connections and Shared Trajectories*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Colonizing the Demos: Far-Right Settler Politics from Palestine to Cyprus*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Corporate Involvement in the Genocide in Gaza*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

**17:10 – 17:25**

**Coffee Break**

**17:25 – 18:40**

**SESSION IV**

**Georgios Orfanidis**  
University of Cyprus

**Ibrahim Fraihat**  
Doha Institute for Graduate Studies,  
Qatar

**Anna Agathangelou**  
York University, Canada

**TRAUMA, MEMORY, AND CULTURAL GENOCIDE**

*Archaeology of Trauma and Cultural Genocide in Palestine: Memory, Law, and Cultural Heritage*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Rehumanization: Dismantling Systems of De-dignification, Dignity Erosion, and Dignicide*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Trauma, War, Collective Wounding, and Healing: Psychological and Social Psychological Perspectives on Gaza and Palestine*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

**Closing of Day 1**





**PROGRAMME**  
**DAY 2 | 31 JANUARY 2026**

09:00 – 09:30

**Registration**

09:30 – 11:10

**SESSION V**

**Yamila Shannan Hussein**  
Harvard University

**Abeer AlNajjar**  
American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

**Farah Aryan**  
Virginia Tech, United States

**Nicholas Karides**  
IMME, Universitas Foundation

**MEDIA, TRUTH CONSTRUCTION, AND EPISTEMIC ERASURE**

*Scholasticide and Knowledge in Palestine*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Archives of Resistance: Palestinian Journalism, Epistemic Erasure, and the Fight for Truth in the Age of Livestreamed Genocide*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Bearing Witness to Tragedy in the Digital Age*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Media Coverage of the War in Gaza: The Case of Cyprus*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

11:10 – 11:25

**Coffee Break**

11:25 – 12:40

**SESSION VI**

**Amel Eid**  
Independent Researcher, Taiwan

**Saleh Albalawi**  
University of Auckland, New Zealand

**Abeer R. Musleh**  
Bethlehem University

**EDUCATION, DISCOURSE, AND COUNTER-NARRATIVES**

*Storytelling as a Culturally Informed Psychological Intervention with Palestinian Families*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Teaching as Sumud: Reframing Teacher Wellbeing and Resilience in Gaza under Genocidal Conditions*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Weaving Life through Stories: Lamalah – The Art of Gathering and Uplifting "Ourselves"*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

12:40 – 14:20

**SESSION VII**

**Costas M. Constantinou**  
University of Cyprus

**Alaa Aldeek**  
Institute of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy (SISU), China

**Nicos Trimikliniotis**  
University of Nicosia

**Nicos Peristianis**  
Universitas Foundation

**REIMAGINING PALESTINE: GEOPOLITICS, DECOLONISATION, AND FUTURE VISIONS**

*Peace Diplomacy in the Age of Trump*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Israel and the Region: Normalisation and Restructuring*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Decolonising Palestine and Cyprus: Rethinking the Past, Present, and Future after Trump*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Heterogeneity as the Root and the Remedy: Institutional Lessons from Palestine, Ukraine, and Cyprus*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

14:20 – 15:40

**Lunch Break**

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**15:40 – 17:45**

**SESSION VIII**

**Dalal Iriqat**

Arab American University (AAUP),  
Palestine

**Raphael Pinheiro Cavalcanti Guimarães**  
Universidade de Fortaleza, Brazil

**Stavros Stavrides**  
National Technical University of Athens

**Socrates Stratis**  
University of Cyprus

**Yiorgos Hadjichristou**  
University of Nicosia

**REBUILDING PALESTINE AND ITS FUTURE STATE [URBANISM]**

*Beyond the Rubble: Reconstruction as State-Building, Not Aid*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Refounding Gaza: Initial Thoughts on the Bureaucratic Redesign of a Destroyed State*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*From the Systematicity of Annihilation to the Hope of Restoring Urban Commoning in Palestine*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*Architecture as Transformative Urban Practice: Supporting the Commons in Post-Conflict Urban Reconstruction*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

*"The Commoning Home"*  
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

**17:45 – 18:00**

**Coffee Break**

**18:00 – 19:00**

**Plenary Discussion**

**19:00 – 20:15**

**Cultural Events**

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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