

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
Chairman

Stavros Tombazos
University of Cyprus
Professor

9:40 – 10:40

SESSION I

Gilbert Achcar
University of London

Aristoteles Constantinides
University of Cyprus

10:40 – 10:55

Coffee Break

10:55 – 12:35

Antonis Balasopoulos
University of Cyprus

Charis Papacharalambous
University of Cyprus

Demetra Sorvatzioti
University of Limassol

Aline Bogossian
Université de Montréal, Canada

12:35 – 14:00

Lunch Break

Opening Address (5')

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

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)

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)

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14:00 – 15:40

Nadia Kornioti
PRIO Cyprus Centre

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

Shahana Rasool
University of Johannesburg,
South Africa

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)

Hazem Almassry
Academia Sinica, Taiwan

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

Evangelos Konstantelos
European University Cyprus

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

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

Nikos Moudouros
University of Cyprus

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

Taygeti Michalakea
University of Nicosia

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

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

Ibrahim Fraihat
Doha Institute for Graduate Studies,
Qatar

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

Anna Agathangelou
York University, Canada

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

Closing of Day 1

COLONIALIST POLICIES AND DISCOURSES

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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

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

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

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)

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: Lamlamah – The Art of Gathering and Uplifting “Ourselves”
(20' presentation + 5' Q&A)

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)

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Lunch Break

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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

17:45 – 18:00

Coffee Break

18:00 – 19:00

Plenary Discussion

19:00 – 20:15

Cultural Events

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)

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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