

April 6-7, 2024 | Houston



World Academic
Forum for Palestine

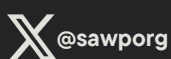
Genocide in Gaza

Featuring:

Ghassan Abu-Sittah
Karma Nabulsi
Avi Shlaim
Leanne Betasamosake Simpson
Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
Robin D.G. Kelley
Rev. Munther Isaac
Ilan Pappé
Ghada Ageel Hamdan
Amani Ahmed
+40 speakers



A transnational forum on the ongoing genocide in Gaza and urgently needed academic responses from across the globe, featuring panels on law, medicine, history, theology, gender, education, and international politics.



Saturday April 6, 2024

8:30–9:00 am

Arrival to conference site

9:00–9:15 am

Opening Remarks

9:15–9:30 am

Fady Joudah (Poet & Physician)

9:30–10:30 am

Gaza Family Testimonies

Rola Elfarrar (Physician with expertise in Women's Health and Health Policy)

Ghada Ageel (University of Alberta)

Ahmad Joudah (Palestinian Nakba Survivor and Historian)

Tareq Abuhailima (Bluffton University)

Chair: Manal Hamzeh (New Mexico State University)

10:30–10:45 am

Karma Nabulsi (University of Oxford)

10:45–12:15 pm

Scholasticide and Palestinian Academic Experiences in Gaza

Amani Ahmed (Islamic University of Gaza)

Wesam Amer (Gaza University)

Samia al-Botmeh (Birzeit University)

Chandni Desai (University of Toronto)

Sundos Hammad (Right to Education Campaign, Birzeit University)

Chair: Omar Shweiki (Fobzu UK)

12:15–12:30 pm

Ghassan Abu-Sittah (Imperial College London & King's College London)

12:30–1:30 pm

Lunch Break

Saturday April 6, 2024

1:30- 3:30 pm

Medical Testimonies from Gaza

Tarek Loubani (Western University, Schulich Medicine)
Yipeng Ge (Ottawa based physician)
Yasser Khan (McMaster University, Department of Surgery)
Ben Thompson (Toronto based physician)
Gwyn Daniel (Oxford Family Institute, UK Palestine Mental Health Network)
Alice Rothchild (Harvard Medical School)
Chair: Hana M El Sahly (Baylor College of Medicine)

3:30-4:45 pm

The Gaza Genocide in Context

Hadeel Assali (Columbia University)
Ilan Pappé (University of Exeter)
Abdel Razzaq Takriti (Rice University)
Ussama Makdisi (University of California Berkeley)
Chair: Sue Ferguson (University of Houston)

4:45-5:00 pm

Avi Shlaim (University of Oxford)

5:00-5:15 pm

Coffee Break

5:15-6:45 pm

The World is with Palestine: Reflections from Sister Struggles

Robin D.G. Kelley (University of California Los Angeles)
Leanne Betasamosake Simpson (Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg scholar & artist)
Glen Coulthard (University of British Columbia)
Salim Vally (University of Johannesburg)
Donna Murch (Rutgers University)
Chair: David McNally (University of Houston)

7:30-10:00 pm

Dinner

Sunday April 7, 2024

9:00–10:15 am

Theology of Empire

Rev. Munther Isaac (Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem; Dean of Bethlehem Bible College)

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Queen Mary University of London)

Daniel Bannoura (University of Notre Dame)

Tshepo Masango Chéry (University of Houston)

Chair: Niki Kasumi Clements (Rice University)

10:15–12:00 pm

Law and the Genocide

Nimer Sultany (SOAS University of London Law School)

Mazen Masri (The City Law School, City University of London)

Shahd Hammouri (Kent Law School)

Noura Erakat (Rutgers University)

Rima Kapitan (Kapitan Law Office)

Chair: Daniel Denvir (The Dig Podcast)

12:00–12:15 pm

Coffee Break

12:15–1:45 pm

Regional Context: Imperialism and Resistance in the Arab World

Hani Masri (Masarat, the Palestinian Centre for Policy Research and Strategic Studies)

Ahmad Shokr (Swarthmore College)

Omar al-Shehabi (University of Leeds)

Mjriam Abu Samra (University of California Davis)

Chair: Erica Augenstein (Rice University)

1:45–2:45 pm

Lunch Break

Sunday April 7, 2024

2:45-4:45pm

Reflections on Transnational Organizing

Thandi Gamedze (University of Western Cape, South Africa)
Goretti Horgan (Ulster University, Northern Ireland)
Araceli Cortes Galan (Academic and Activist, Mexico)
Anna Zalik (York University, Canada)
Ashley Bohrer (University of Notre Dame, USA)
Chair: Faiq Mari (ETH Zurich)

4:45-5:15 pm

Palestine is a Feminist and Queer Anti-colonial struggle

Nadine Naber (University of Illinois Chicago)
Loubna Qutami (University of California Los Angeles)
Manal Hamzeh (New Mexico State University)
Mezna Qato (University of Cambridge)
Chair: Chandni Desai (University of Toronto)

5:15-5:25 pm

Gabeba Baderoon (South African Poet & Academic)

5:25-5:35 pm

Closing Remarks

Abdel Razzaq Takriti (Rice University)

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