

**International Academic Conference**

**“100 Years after the Balfour Declaration and 70 Years after the  
Partition Plan”**

*Beirut, 13-14 December 2017*

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

<b>First Day</b>	8:30-9:00	Registration	
	9:00-9:20	Welcome- Opening session	Tarek Mitri
	9:20-10:00	Walid Khalidi and the historiography of al-Nakba	Bayan Noueihed Hout
	First Axis: National Liberation, International Law, and International Legitimacy Chair: Tarek Mitri		
	10:00-10:30	Does international law serve the demands of occupied nations?	Noura Erakat
	10:30-11:00	International legitimacy between justice and the balance of power	Anis Fawzi Kassem
	11:00-11:30	Discussion	
	11:30-12:00	Coffee Break	
	Second Axis: International legitimacy and Britain’s responsibility for the question of Palestine Chair: Leila Chahid		
	12:00-12:30	The Balfour Declaration in British Archives, 1923 : A Reassessment	Sahar Huneidi
	12:30-13:00	Discussion	
	13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
	14:00-14:30	The Palestine Partition Plan in the context of international conflict over the region	Eugene Rogan
	14:30-15:00	The Palestine Partition Plan and legitimacy of the statehood of Israel	Chafic Masri
	15:00-15:30	The Question of the Palestinian State: from the Partition Plan to the Declaration of Palestinian Statehood as a non-member observer state in the United Nations	Camille Mansour
15:30-16:00	Discussion		

# Second Day

<b>Third Axis: Zionism and Israel: Their Relationship to Colonialism</b> <b>Chair: Muhammad Ali Khalidi</b>		
9:30-10:00	Settler colonialism: a blind spot French journalists and writers in Palestine in the 1920s	Alain Gresh
10:00-10:30	The Zionist movement: What does it owe the Balfour Declaration?	Dominique Vidal
10:30-11:00	Discussion	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00	The ambivalent Zionist project	Gilbert Achcar
12:00-12:30	The Judaization of Palestine from 1948 to the present	Mudar Kassis
12:30-13:00	Discussion	
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break	
<b>Fourth Axis: The Arab Reaction to the Balfour Declaration and the Partition Plan</b> <b>Chair: Beshara Doumani</b>		
14:30-15:00	The Emerging Arab Nationalism Movement versus the Balfour Declaration	Rashid Khalidi
15:00-15:30	From Arab Nationalism to Palestinian Nationalism	Maher Charif
15:30-16:00	The Leadership of the Palestinian National Movement versus the British Autonomy Projects and the Partition Plan	Khalid Hroub
16:00-16:30	The Official Arab Regimes versus the Partition Plan of Palestine	Hassan Krayem
16:30-17:00	Discussion	
17:00-17:30	Coffee Break	
17:30-18:30	<b>Roundtable discussion: The Palestinian Nakba: A Continuing Process</b> <b>Presented and chaired by: Elias Houry</b>	

## Notes:

- Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into Arabic and English during the conference.
- The time allotted for every lecture is 30 minutes; there will also be a 30-minute discussion period during each session.