

Invitation

The Institute for Palestine Studies (IPS), in collaboration with Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS) – Birzeit University, in cooperation with Al Mezan Center for Human Rights in Gaza

are pleased to invite you to attend IPS's annual conference

The Geo-Strategic and Political Significance of the Gaza Strip

Panels will be held on 18 and 19 of November 2014

at Birzeit University, Faculty of Law, hall no. 243

along with all-day video conference link with the Gaza Strip at al-Quds International Hotel in Gaza City

First Day: Tuesday 18 November 2014

Registration (9:00 – 9:30)

Opening Session (9:30 – 10:00)

Welcoming and Prologues

Birzeit University – Khalil Hindi
Institute for Palestine Studies – Camille Mansour
Heinrich Boll Foundation – René Wildangel

First Session: The History of the Gaza Strip since the Nakba (10:00 – 12:00)

Session's Chair and Remarks: Munir Fakher Eldin & Issam Younis

The History of the Gaza Strip: from the Desired Entity (1948) to the Rejected Entity (1993). KHALID SAFI
Gaza Strip from Constructing to Dividing the Palestinian Identity. ASHRAF ABU NADA
The Legal Background: Shifts in the Legal Significance of the Gaza Strip. HASAN JABBARIN

Second Session: The Political Changes in the Gaza Strip since the Establishment of the PNA (12:15 – 02:15)

Session's Chair and Remarks: Ali Jarbawi & Riad Al Eleh

The Nature of the Political Regime Evolving in the Gaza Strip after the Division. TALAL OKAL
The Islamic Movement's Shifts in the Gaza Strip: Internal and Intellectual Tensions, and the Foreign and Regional Relations. KHALID HROUB
Political Implications and Consequences of the War on the Gaza Strip. ADNAN ABU AMER

Third Session: Israeli Tools of Domination on the Gaza Strip and the Prospects of Resistance (03:00 – 05:00)

Session's Chair and Remarks: Ahmad Azm & Mkhaymar Abu Sa'da

Israeli Tools of Domination: Border Crossings Policy as Means to Control and Govern the Gaza Strip. OLA TAMIMI
Israeli Strategies and Policies Pursued vis a vis Hamas in the Gaza Strip. ASHRAF BADER
Erasure Mechanisms: between the Occupation's Desires and the Refugees' Dynamics in the Gaza Strip. NORMA MASRIYYA
The Safe Passage between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank: the Political and Strategic Importance. AMMAR DWEIK

Second Day: Wednesday 19 November 2014

First Session: The Strategic Significance of the Gaza Strip (9:30 – 12:00)

Session's Chair and Remarks: Ahmad Khalifeh & Akram Attallah

The Significance of the Gaza Strip from Egypt's Point of View. MUHAMMAD JUM'AH
Gaza Strip: Shifts in the Israeli's Military and Security Strategies. AHMAD SAMEH KHALIDI
Significance of the Gaza Strip in the Palestinian National Scheme: The Risks of Separation between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. CAMILLE MANSOUR

Second Session: The Economic Challenges and Reconstruction (12:15 – 02:15)

Session's Chair and Remarks: Hussam Zumlot & Mohsen Abu Ramadan

Economic Ramifications and Reconstruction after the War on the Gaza Strip. NABEEL KASSIS
Reconstruction in the Gaza Strip: Manipulation, Government, and Resistance. SANDRA POGODDA
Relief Role of UNRWA during and after the War on the Gaza Strip. ADNAN ABU HASNA

Third Session: The Social Shifts and the Implications of the Siege and War (03:00 – 05:00)

Session's Chair and Remarks: Lora Al-Khoury & Nasser Abu Al-Atta

Demographic Challenges. YOUSEF COURBAGE
Social Changes in the Gaza Strip. ABAHER AL SAKKA
Problematizing Solidarity with Gaza as Symbol. THOMAS HILL

Concluding Remarks – Ghassan Khatib