

ELECTION 2020 | PALESTINE

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Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago

November 28th-30th, 2019

Main Program | Thursday, Nov. 28

12 pm	Registration opens	
12:30 pm	Dhuhr and Asr	
1:00-3:00 pm	Lunch break, check in, registration	
3:15-3:30 pm	Take kids to their programs	
3:30-4:30	<p>ابجديات تاريخ فلسطين ١٠١ ...</p> <p>تاريخ ما قبل النكبة</p> <p>محطات مهمة في تاريخ فلسطين ما قبل النكبة عام ١٩٤٨</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة: علا عابد</p> <p>راون الضامن</p> <p>Ballroom H</p>	<p>The Prophetic Tradition and Alquds</p> <p>What is the relationship between the prophets and Alquds?</p> <p>The prophetic history is deeply rooted in the Holy Land, and Islamic civilization contributed immensely to its preservation. This session intends to highlight the significance of this glorious tradition and what it means in the present.</p> <p>Moderator: Alaa Abu Samaan</p> <p>Dr. Abdallah Marouf</p> <p>Ballroom G</p>
4:30-5:15 pm	Maghrib & Isha break	
5:15-6:10 pm	<p>آيات الإسرائ وأخواتها</p> <p>كيف تناول القرآن فلسطين والمسجد الأقصى، وما هي إسقاطات ذلك في المرحلة السياسية الحالية والسياق التاريخي المعاصر</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة: د. محمد الناطور</p> <p>الشيخ حسن علي والشيخ عبدالفتاح</p> <p>مورو والشيخ كفاح مصطفى</p> <p>Ballroom H</p>	<p>Palestine 101: The Pre-Nakba Era</p> <p>The Zionist project began incrementally in the late 1800s and reached its eventual climax in 1948, known as Al-Nakba (The Catastrophe). This pre-Nakba period laid the groundwork for the establishment of the State of Israel, and the dispossession of the indigenous Palestinians.</p> <p>Moderator: Ahmad Hamdan</p> <p>Rawan Aldamen</p> <p>Ballroom G</p>

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6:15-7:30 pm	<p>The Deal of the Century</p> <p>The Trump Declaration contravenes longstanding US law, but more importantly, it violates International law and norms. The so-called “Deal of the Century” normalizes the Occupation and trivializes the Palestinian struggle for justice and liberation. The goal of this session is to contextualize these measures and their impact on Palestinian civil society.</p> <p>Moderator: Othman Atta</p> <p>Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Dr. Hatem Bazian, Dr. Abdallah Marouf</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
7:30-7:45 pm	Pick up kids
7:30-8:30 pm	Dinner break
8:15-8:30 pm	Take kids to their programs
8:30-9:30 pm	<p>Conference Inauguration</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
9:30-9:45 pm	Pick up kids
9:45 pm	<p>Film Screening: One Night in Al-Aqsa, a Film by Abrar Hussain</p> <p>Join us for a breath-taking exclusive movie that uncovers the mysteries of Al-Aqsa mosque on the Laylatul-Qadr, the Night of Power.</p> <p>Facilitator: Muath Salameh</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>

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6:00 am	Fajr prayer	
9:00 am	Registration opens	
10:00-10:15 am	Take kids to their programs	
10:15-11:15 am	<p>صحابة في أروقة القدس ماذا كانت تعني فلسطين والأقصى للصحابة في عصور الإسلام الأولى؟ دلالات وقصص</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة: ابراهيم حنون د. عبدالله معروف الشيخ عبدالفتاح مورو Ballroom H</p>	<p>Palestine 102: Post-Nakba to Oslo In the aftermath of the Zionist conquest in 1948, the newly founded State of Israel began consolidating the fruits of war and establishing an apartheid regime. This ultimately led to the territorial and demographic fragmentation, denationalization, isolation, and marginalization of the Palestinians. This session will detail Zionist policy and objectives during the post-Nakba period, with a focus on the facade known as the Oslo "peace process."</p> <p>Moderator: Nida Sahouri Rawan Aldamen Ballroom F</p>
11:15-11:30 am	Pick up kids	
11:30 am-12:20 pm	Friday Prayer	
12:20-1:15pm	Lunch break	
1:15-1:30 pm	Take kids to their programs	
1:30-2:25 pm	<p>ابجديات في تاريخ فلسطين ١٠٢... من النكبة الى اوسلو تاريخ العقود الاربعة ما بعد النكبة .. وكيف وصلنا الى اتفاقات اوسلو</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة: علا عابد روان الضامن Ballroom H</p>	<p>Solidarity: Allies in the Struggle for justice The fight against oppression transcends ethnic and religious boundaries. Walking the path toward justice is never smooth; it is littered with obstacles ranging from racism and classism, to misogyny and ableism. Learn how allies from various communities are joining forces across racial, ethnic and religious lines to stand against oppression in all its forms.</p> <p>Moderator: Mohamad Habehh Samia Assed, Noor Ali Ballroom G</p>

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2:30-3:25 pm	<p>فلسطين لمن: وقفات في التأسيس الشرعي للرواية الفلسطينية البعد الديني واضح وجلي في الرواية الصهيونية التي حاولت ، ولا تزال، توظيف الدين في تثبيت الادعاء بالحق في فلسطين.. كيف نفهم النصوص القرآنية والأحاديث النبوية في التأسيس للرواية الفلسطينية</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة : عبدالله الراشد د. أسامة أبو ارشيد Ballroom H</p>	<p>Eyewitness: Medical Professionals Report from Palestine Representatives of three medical relief organizations will discuss their recent eye-opening trip to Gaza.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Jomana Al-Hiti Dr. Zaher Sahloul / MedGlobal, Dr. Yousef Khelfa / PAMA Ballroom G</p>
3:30-4:25 pm	<p>South African Apartheid and Israeli Apartheid: The logic of BDS and universalizing the struggle for freedom and justice in Palestine Apartheid in South Africa officially came to an end in 1994. However, it is still ongoing throughout historic Palestine. The Israeli Apartheid regime is relentless and operates brutally (e.g. Gaza), as part of a “matrix of control” (e.g. West Bank including East Jerusalem), and through legislation and policy-making (e.g. Israel/ 1948 Palestine). In all its forms, it rests on the purpose of domination of the Palestinian people. BDS operates as the mechanism to remove these structures of oppression, and is a part of the culture on college campuses. This session will focus on the process of universalizing the struggle to combat Apartheid by utilizing the South African model as an example.</p> <p>Moderator: Tessneem Abdallah Ariel Gold, Taher Herzallah, Tarek Khalil Ballroom H</p>	<p>Civic Engagement Through Parent, Teacher, and Community Activism in Public Schools This session will provide the tools and tips to stakeholder groups on how to challenge anti-Islamic and Zionist narrative often presented in public schools. Learn how to be proactive in engaging with your local school district, and know your rights as a stakeholder. This session will include a question and answer session for attendees.</p> <p>Moderator: Amira Daoud Dr. Sawsan Jaber Ballroom G</p>

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4:25-5:15 pm	Maghrib & Isha'a break
5:15-6:15 pm	<p>Palestine, Islamophobia, Racism and Zionism: What is the Connection?</p> <p>The rise of Zionism in the context of colonialism and racism, the roots and networks of Islamophobia, all work together to advance bigotry and oppression. Come and learn how to connect the dots of colonialism, racism, & Islamophobia, and how such concepts and praxis interact to undermine the Palestinian struggle for liberation, and how to effectively confront them.</p> <p>Moderator: Deanna Othman</p> <p>Dr. Hatem Bazian, Nihad Awad, Othman Ata, Linda Sarsour</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
6:15-6:30 pm	Pick up kids
6:15-7:00 pm	Dinner break
7:00-7:15 pm	Take kids to their programs
7:20-8:30 pm	<p>US Foreign Policy and the 2020 Election: Legislative Agenda and Ending US Aid to Israel</p> <p>Advocacy for Palestinian rights has now become a wedge issue, and we must keep it that way. From Anti-BDS resolutions, to pigeonholing Palestinian liberation to mere autonomy plus or state minus proposals, to equating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism, we're entering a new era of activism, an era where we must have a clear agenda to influence US foreign policy vis-a-vis Palestine and Palestinian rights. Our task is to push the discourse away from mere trivial platitudes for anachronistic proposals and advocate a progressive agenda for freedom, justice, and equality. It is incumbent upon us to persuade our local, state, and congressional representatives to advocate for justice and liberation for the Palestinian people. This session intends to inculcate a sense of moral responsibility in our activism toward that noble goal.</p> <p>Talk Show Host: Taher Herzallah</p> <p>Linda Sarsour, Josh Ruebner, Dr. Hatem Bazian</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>

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8:35-9:30 pm	<p>The Brutality of Occupation Worldwide: Kashmir, Rohingya, Uighur and Palestine</p> <p>Palestine is not the only land under Occupation. There are various similarities among Occupational regimes, and those particular mechanisms are utilized to entrench such regimes in different ways. It is our responsibility as Muslims and Americans to understand those interrelationships and advocate for the rights of those living under such regimes.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Mohamad Elnatour</p> <p>Dr. Hafsa Kanjwal, Azad Essa, Abdul Malik Mujahid, Sh. Abdelfattah Mourou</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
9:30-9:45 pm	Pick up kids
10:00-11:30 pm	<p>Women Only Entertainment</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>

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9:00 am	Registration opens	
10:15-10:30 am	Take Kids to their programs	
10:30 -11:30 am	<p>فلسطين لمن: وقفات في التأصيل التاريخي للرواية الفلسطينية</p> <p>كيف توظف الصهيونية التاريخ في عرض روايتها وكيف للفلسطيني في المقابل ان يدحض الرواية الصهيونية بذات الادوات ويستخدمها في تثبيت الحق الفلسطيني في فلسطين</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة: د. محمد الناطور</p> <p>د. عبدالله معروف</p> <p>Ballroom H</p>	<p>Palestine 103: Post-Oslo & Current Affairs</p> <p>Oslo brought about the further entrenchment of the Occupation. From Israel's policy of demographic engineering, territorial fragmentation, and restrictions on freedom of movement in the West Bank, not to mention brutal assaults and massacres in Gaza, Palestine is facing a more brutal regime than it has in the past. Come and learn the context of this period and the present.</p> <p>Moderator: Nour Abughoush</p> <p>Rawan Aldamen</p> <p>Ballroom F</p>
11:30-11:45 am	Pick up kids	
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Dhuhr & Asr and lunch break	
1:00-1:50 pm	<p>أبجديات في تاريخ فلسطين ٢٠١٣ ...</p> <p>ملفات معاصرة</p> <p>القدس، حصار غزة، الأسرى، اللاجئين ...</p> <p>ادارة الجلسة: عبدالله الراشد</p> <p>روان الضامن</p> <p>Ballroom H</p>	<p>The Art of Advocacy (Session 2 of 2)</p> <p>Learn important grassroots advocacy skills to get your voice heard by Congress. This session will offer practical suggestions for how to organize and approach your Congresspersons with your agenda, and persuade them to advocate for Palestinian rights</p> <p>Moderator: Mohamad Habehh</p> <p>Ahlan Jbara, Yusuf Vidal, Josh Ruebner</p> <p>Ballroom G</p>

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1:50-2:15 pm	Break	
2:15-2:30 pm	Take kids to their programs	
2:30-3:20 pm	<p>Faith-based Organizing for Justice in Palestine</p> <p>From the Hill in Washington D. C. to local Congressional districts, Christians, Muslims, and Jews are joining together and with other advocacy groups to think more strategically about how to do legislative advocacy and to build on each others strengths and successes. Join the conversation about how different activists envision using faith-based cooperation and coalitions to shift the cause for Palestine in the paradigm of social justice causes in 2020.</p> <p>Moderator: Nida Sahouri</p> <p>Tarek Abuata (FOSNA), Jennifer Bing (AFSC), Kyle Crisafalo (CMEP), Lesley Williams (JVP)</p> <p>Ballroom H</p>	<p>Occupying Interfaith: Muslim-Jewish Relations as a Normalizing Project</p> <p>From the Muslim Leadership Initiative to the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, many projects have arisen in the past few years in an attempt to sideline the Palestinian cause in the name of interfaith activities. Such faith-washing initiatives paint collaboration between Muslims and Jews in the name of peace as the primary objective of such alliances, while ignoring the insidious intentions behind these efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Deanna Othman</p> <p>Dr. Hatem Bazian, Ariel Gold</p> <p>Ballroom G</p>
3:25-3:40 pm	<p>Palestine Ambassador Initiative</p> <p>Come learn how to make the case for Palestine and Palestinian rights.</p> <p>مبادرة سفير فلسطين</p> <p>Introduced by: Tassneem Abdallah</p> <p>Rawan Aldamen</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>	

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3:40-3:45 pm	P for Palestine: Standing firm in the face of demonization of activism for Palestine in the US Introduced by: Amira Daoud Golbarg Bashi Ballroom ED	
3:45-3:55 pm	Syria after 8 years: A revolution turned into an international conflict Moderator: Salah Sarsour Ammar Abu Ghodeh Ballroom ED	
3:55-4:30 pm	Keeping Alquds on the top list of our agenda Al-Quds is considered the third holiest city in Islam after Mecca and Medina. It derives its significance from being the Muslim's first Qibla (i.e initial direction for prayer). Muslims ruled Jerusalem for nearly 13 centuries before the advent of Zionism. Palestinian history and presence in the Holy Land existed for thousands of years, and its Islamic character for the last 1,400 years. Zionism has come in like a disease to destroy the purity of Al-Quds. Our job is to revive that glorious history and spirituality, and therefore Al-Quds must remain the apex of our agenda. Moderator: Annis Nusseibeh Dr. Abdallah Marouf, Sh Kifah Mostapha, Sh. Hassan Aly Ballroom ED	Census 2020 and the Muslim Community The 2020 census is a crucial turning point in the story of Muslim Americans. The results will dictate the amount of funding each state will receive in many areas of life, including schools, roads and public services. Muslims are a growing segment of our society, and each of them must be counted. Come and learn how to get this done in a way that ensures the success of Muslim Americans in the next decade and beyond. Moderator: Ibrahim Hannoun Dr Kamal Eldeirawi / CIOGC Roaa Hussien, Nareman Taha / AAFS Ballroom G
4:30-5:20 pm	Maghrib & Ishaa Break	

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5:20-6:10 pm	<p>Breaking the Silence on Palestine</p> <p>For a while, Palestine and Palestinian Human Rights was taboo in our media and political discourse. There has been a shift toward embracing those topics as mainstream and necessary. The asymmetrical nature of the conflict is bearing fruit and creeping into the mainstream. Zionism is no longer blindly accepted as a legitimate enterprise, and even some Congresspersons have embraced BDS as a legitimate tactic to counter it, and have questioned or opposed US aid to Israel. The seed has been planted, now it's time to water it. This session intends to help in that process.</p> <p>Moderator: Tarek Khalil Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, Dr. Golbarg Bashi, Zahra Billoo, Hoda Katebi</p> <p>Book Signing Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond Dr Marc Lamont Hill</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
6:10-6:45 pm	<p>Empower, Educate and Act: Toward a clear agenda for the 2020 Elections</p> <p>The 2020 elections will define our future. Palestinian suffering must be addressed and brought to the fore in every facet of or political discourse, especially in both primary and general debates. We have witnessed a change in tone on the one hand, and vociferous attacks on advocates for Palestinian Human Rights on the other. Our agenda is to further enhance the positive change in tone, while standing firm in opposition to baseless attacks against defenders of justice for the Palestinians. We need a solid educational grounding, and a unified strategy for empowering the grassroots as well as our political leaders, and demand action. This session will provide the means toward that end.</p> <p>Moderator: Manal Fakhoury Ousama Jammal, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Nihad Awad, Dr. Hatem Bazian</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
6:45-7:00 pm	<p>Keynote Address by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>
7:00-7:15 pm	Pick up kids
7:00-7:40pm	Dinner break
7:45-11:30 pm	<p>Entertainment</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>