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NOVEMBER 25TH-27TH, 2021 | HYATT REGENCY O'HARE CHICAGO

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Main Program

Thursday, Nov 25	5:00-6:15 pm Ballroom ED	Towards a New Formulation of the Palestinian National Project In the absence of a unified Palestinian body politic, the cohesion of the Palestinian people and cause are constantly being tested. Our political unity as a people is held together by the core principles of the struggle for liberation - right of return, Jerusalem, and ending the occupation. How can we rearticulate the Palestinian national project to include Palestinians in exile around the world and to meet the urgent needs of our people on the ground? Speakers: Lamis Deek, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Khalid Turaani Moderator: Muath Salameh	
	7:45-8:30 pm Ballroom ED	Convention Inauguration	
	8:30-9:30 pm Ballroom ED	The Impact of Social Media & Digital Communications for Palestine Social media has played a key role in educating, organizing, and mobilizing new communities on Palestine over the last few years. Join media experts from AMP and others to learn about its collective impact and ways we can utilize tech to promote our cause for justice. Speakers: Zarefah Baroud, Malak Shalabi, Enes Yalman Moderator: Ahmad Hamdan	
Friday, Nov 26	10:15-11:30 am Parallel	Understanding the Roots of The Cause A Historical Synopsis Speaker: Tarek Khalil Moderator: Nour Abughoush Ballroom F	روايتي الفلسطينية وأبعادها القرآنية كيف نفهم حقنا في القدس وفلسطين من خلال استنطاق القرآن الكريم وفهم مدلولات آياته. المتحدث: د. أسامة أبو ارشيد مديرة اللقاء: أ. علا عابد Ballroom G
	1:30-2:30 pm Ballroom ED	Palestinian Prisoners: Pillars of Resistance and Perseverance From Anhar al-Deek to the Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike, the torture and abuse happening in Israeli prisons cannot be ignored. Commonly used as a tactic of intimidation, the pattern of abusing, abducting, and imprisoning Palestinians fails to achieve its objective of silencing dissent and resistance. Speakers: Huwaida Arraf, Jonathan Kuttub, Miko Peled Moderator: Amira Daoud <i>Followed by a book signing of Miko Peled's latest publication</i>	

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2:35-3:45 pm Ballroom ED	The Battle for Jerusalem The resistance that took place earlier this year in Palestine and across Palestine took the world by storm. Join Palestinians and supporters for insight on their experiences and perspective on the violence they survived and fought. Speakers: Mohamed Elkurd, Fahed Abu Akel, Khalid Turaani, Enes Yalman, Sh. Omar Suleiman Moderator: Mariam Alkhatib
3:50-4:45 pm Ballroom ED	Lobbying for Palestine in the US: Realities and Prospects Did you take part in this year's Palestine Advocacy Days? Join AMP's Advocacy Director and other experts for insight on Palestinians' long-term lobbying objectives. Speakers: Ayah Ziyadeh, Huwaida Arraf, Raed Jarrar Moderator: Tessneem Abdallah
6:30-7:30 pm Ballroom ED	Palestine Solidarity in Chicago and Beyond BDS campaigns, lobbying efforts, mass mobilizations and cultural events - The work for Palestine in America is broad and effective in bringing attention and power to the Palestinian narrative. Solidarity groups across the Chicagoland area and nationally have played an instrumental role in this endeavor. Speakers: Taher Herzallah, Ahmad Abuznaid, Jennifer Bing, Lesley Williams, Arshia Ali Khan Moderator: Nida Sahouri
7:35-8:35 pm Ballroom ED	Palestine in the US: What's Behind the New Dynamics? Remember when Palestinian rights were a blasphemous topic in US government and media? No more. Join us to discuss the small but important developments in American discourse on Palestine and their prospects. Speakers: Ahmad Abuznaid, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Linda Sarsour Moderator: Deena Kishawi

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	8:40-9:40 pm Ballroom ED	Anti-Semitism and Anti-Terrorism: Zionist Tools of Repression Israel's war crimes, its blatant abuses of Palestinian rights, and its flagrant contravention of international law, conventions and norms can no longer be concealed or justified. Israel realizes that it's exposed and is attempting to crush any effort to be held accountable for its abuses and occupation. With the recent designation of the six Palestinian civil society organizations, Israeli anti-terrorism and anti-semitism laws are at best used as a distraction and at worst to criminalize, prosecute and justify the killing of Palestinians. Speakers: Jonathan Kuttab, Miko Peled, Lamis Deek Moderator: Sana Wazwaz <i>Followed by a book signing of Miko Peled's latest publication</i>
	9:50-11:00 pm Ballroom ED	Gaza's De-development and Resistance: An Inside Look Gaza is the beating, bleeding heart of Palestine. Join Gazans in conversation on their motherland and the intricacies of her resistance. Watch the award-winning film "Angel of Gaza" and meet the filmmaker and activist Ahmad Mansour along with a panel to discuss the film. ملاك غزة: فيلم قصير يحكي معاناة عائلة غزية، يتبعه نقاش مع صانع الفيلم أ. أحمد منصور، طاهر حرز الله، وزريفة بارود Speakers: Ahmad Mansour, Taher Herzallah, Zarefah Baroud Moderator: Alaa Abusamaan

Saturday, Nov 27	10:15 -11:15 am Parallel	Workshop: Building Financial Might & Discipline Come listen to one of America's leading Palestinian entrepreneurs discuss best practices, how to develop strong financial acumen and how philanthropic giving is important to wealth management. Speaker: Mohamad Abbasi Moderator: Sayel Kayed Ballroom F	القدس وحملات التهويد ما الذي يحصل في أحياء القدس كحي الشيخ جراح وسلوان؟ هل يتعرض الأقصى للتقسيم الزمني والمكاني؟ المتحدث: أ. خالد الترعاني مديرة اللقاء: أ. سناء داوود Ballroom G
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	<p>2:15-3:05 pm Parallel</p>	<p>Covid-19 in Falasteen</p> <p>COVID-19 has taken the lives of almost 5 million people worldwide. Those in compromised situations, like Palestinians living under apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and massacre, are especially affected. Israel is weaponizing the vaccines. Join health professionals in discussing COVID-19 in Palestine.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Yousef Khelfah, Dr. Zaher Sahloul Moderator: Dr. Duhah Hamayel Ballroom F</p>	<p>الأقصى: المسرى والأمانة والبوصلة</p> <p>يكتسب المسجد الأقصى المبارك أهمية خاصة لدى المسلمين، فهو أولى القبلتين وثاني المسجدين وثالث الحرمين. خصه الله تعالى بالبركة بنص القرآن الكريم. هو مهد الرسالات ومهبط الوحي ومسرى الرسول ومعراجة إلى السماء. ظل يوحد جهود المسلمين ويصوب بوصلتهم على الدوام.</p> <p>المتحدثون: زياد حمدان، عبد الحلیم بدر، حسن علي مدير الجلسة: عبد الله الراشد Ballroom G</p>
	<p>3:10-4:00 pm Ballroom ED</p>	<p>Islamophobia & the Israeli Lobby: Hidden Links & Shared Agendas</p> <p>Just as the dehumanization of Muslims was politically motivated to support American endeavors abroad, the dehumanization of Palestinians is essential in preserving ironclad support for Israel. Learn more about the relationships between Zionist groups, the islamophobia industry and their continued fueling of anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim hate.</p> <p>Speakers: Nihad Awad, Othman Ata, Zahra Billoo Moderator: Munjed Ahmad</p>	
	<p>4:05-4:55 pm Ballroom ED</p>	<p>16 Years of Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions: The Movement that Changed the Game</p> <p>This year has consisted of many wins for the BDS movement. Join us in celebrating and acknowledging the grassroots advocacy, initiative, and risk that went into this work and the future of BDS work in the U.S.</p> <p>Speakers: Paula Rodrick, Rebekah Levin Moderator: Mohamad Habehh</p>	

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<p>5:45-6:35 pm</p> <p>Ballroom Ed</p>	<p>The False Promise: Human Rights & US Foreign Policy in the Arab World</p> <p>Despite his promise to center human rights in his foreign policy, the Biden administration has yet to live up to this pledge in the Arab world, allowing despotic regimes to continue oppressing their own people. Mr. Nihad Awad from CAIR, Mr. Oussama Jammal from the USCMO and Dr. Osama Abuirshaid from the AMP will discuss whether the Biden administration's foreign policy in the Arab world really does espouse the ideals and values that it alleges to adhere to.</p> <p>Speakers: Oussama Jammal, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Nihad Awad Moderator: Mohamad Nasir</p>
<p>6:40-7:30 pm</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>	<p>Using the Keys: The Last Generation to Inherit the Nakba</p> <p>Palestine is a generational issue, each generation handing over the torch of struggle for freedom, dignity, and independence to the next generation. Decades pass, generations are multiplied, and the arenas of Palestinian existence vary between historical Palestine and the diaspora, but the determination to liberate and end the Zionist aggression remains unwavering. Because of the Palestinian resilience and creativity in their struggle and in keeping the flame of freedom alive through the generations, we are closer to freedom and dignity than many think. Join a new Palestinian generation of freedom comrades.</p> <p>Speakers: Tessneem Abdallah, Bassel Al Najjar, Osama Ahmad, Hafsa Habehh, Rifqa Falaneh Moderator: Deena Kishawi</p>
<p>8:45-11:00</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>	<p>Entertainment Night</p> <p>Featuring "Arab Idol" finalist and Palestinian artist Haitham Khalaily, Palestinian singer Kefah Zreeqy, Samer featuring Waheeb Nasan, Spoken-word artist Ayah Chehade, Poet Miriam Alammuri, and the amazing folkloric group Al Salam Dabke. Our emcee for the night will be comedian Mohammad El-Attar That Muslim Guy.</p>