



# 15th Annual Convention for Palestine in the US

## MAIN PROGRAM

Thursday 11/24

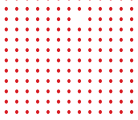
<p>3:00-4:30 pm Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Film Screening</b> Palestine 1920, by Ashraf Mashharawi Presenter: Alaa Abu Saman</p>	
<p>5:00-5:50 pm</p>	<p><b>Crash Course on Israeli Apartheid</b> Apartheid is a serious human rights violation and a crime against humanity. However, propagandists in US media and our political discourse trivialize its meaning and application. This session is meant to elucidate its meaning within the context of settler-colonialism and why Israel is an apartheid regime.</p> <p><b>Dr. Hani Khoury and Nerdeen Kiswani</b> <b>Moderator: Tarek Khalil</b> <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p>الأقصى: عنوان المرحلة وبوصلة الأمة د. عبدالله معروف مدير اللقاء: علا عبد</p> <p><b>Ballroom F</b></p>
<p>6:00-6:50 pm</p>	<p><b>The Impact of Racist Institutions and Movements</b> Anti-Palestine and human rights forces in the US (Christian Right, Zionists, Hindu Nationalist and Liberal Democrats) heavily undermine the Palestinian struggle for self-determination, a right guaranteed under international law and undermined by Israeli apartheid. What is their impact and how do we best combat it?</p> <p><b>Jonathan Breneman</b> <b>Moderator: Tessneem Abdallah</b> <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p><b>2022: AMP's Trailblazing Work for Palestine</b> 2022 has been a milestone year in the history of AMP and in the history of Palestine work in America. From our campaigns to pressure Pillsbury to shut down its West Bank factory to pressuring Marvel Comics and Disney from featuring an Israeli character in the upcoming Captain America film to denying Israel entry into the Visa Waiver Program, AMP's work has significantly expanded from grassroots mobilization to corporate accountability to national campaigns. For the first time, campaigns to pressure major US corporations such as Pillsbury and Ben &amp; Jerry's have resulted in the largest divestments from Israel in American corporate history. In large coalitions or on our own, AMP's staff is working with Palestine advocates from around the globe on issues from social media censorship (Meta/Facebook) to the ethnic cleansing of Masafer Yatta - deploying multiple strategies such as political advocacy, grassroots mobilization and public education to attack all fronts of Palestine work in America. Take a look at how AMP's team around the US is working year-round to handle a large portfolio of projects and campaigns that you can be a part of.</p> <p><b>Zarefah Baroud, Ayah Ziyadah, Dr. Osama, Taher Herzallah</b> <b>Moderator: Tarek Khalil</b> <b>Ballroom F</b></p>
<p>7:00-8:00 Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Inauguration</b></p>	



<p>8:00-8:45 Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Violent Apartheid: Israeli Assault and Continued Ethnic Cleansing</b></p> <p>Apartheid is Afrikaans for “aparthood” or “separate development.” Israel’s blockade and siege in Gaza has reached its 15th year, and the military occupation of the West Bank is in its 55th year, effectively isolating Palestinians in various areas through its “separation policy.” In light of Israel’s latest assault on Gaza, and ethnic cleansing policies in East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank, what prospects exist to achieve justice and liberation for Palestinians?</p> <p><b>Gideon Levy , Ramzy Baroud</b> <b>Moderator: Mariam El-khatib</b></p>
<p>9:00-10:30 Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Film Screening &amp; Discussion</b> <b>“Boycott”</b></p> <p><b>Discussion with Bahia Amawi</b> <b>Moderator: Hareth Yousef</b></p>

## Friday 11/25

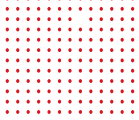
<p>10:15-11:15 am</p>	<p><b>Reclaiming the Palestinian Narrative, Retelling their History</b></p> <p>The Palestinian narrative is expansive and multifaceted. However, the Palestinian story as a whole is often misrepresented and therefore must be challenged through a narration from the indigenous Palestinians who’ve experienced zionism firsthand, and suffer under Israeli apartheid and settler-colonialism.</p> <p><b>Ramzy Baroud</b> <b>Moderator: Ahmad Hamdan</b> <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p>بيت المقدس في دائرة الاهتمام النبوي.. وإرهاصات الفتح العمري د. عبدالله معروف</p> <p>مدير اللقاء: عبدالله الراشد <b>Ballroom F</b></p>
<p>11:20-12:20</p>	<p><b>Palestinians in Israeli Regime Prisons:</b></p> <p>Palestinian prisoners have long symbolized and been at the forefront of the national struggle against Israeli settler-colonialism. It is time that we recognize the often forgotten experience and resistance of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons and acknowledge Israel’s legal and punitive structures as products of colonialism and apartheid.</p> <p><b>Zarefah Baroud</b> <b>Moderator: Shahd Abouhekel</b> <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p>هكذا سنروي تاريخنا لأبنائنا وقفات في تاريخ فلسطين (الجزء الأول) خالد الترعاني مدير اللقاء: علاء ابوسمعان <b>Ballroom F</b></p>
<p>12:45 pm</p>	<p>Friday Prayer &amp; Khutba</p>	
<p>2:30-3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Engaging Movements and Interfaith Groups to Advocate for Justice in Palestine</b></p> <p>Intersectional movements have had an immense impact on Palestine solidarity. Engaging these movements in a purposeful way has advanced the cause for justice and liberation for Palestinians. This session will emphasize the importance of this effort and how to effectively employ it in our daily activism.</p> <p><b>Sarah Nahar &amp; Linda Sarsour</b> <b>Moderator: Taher Herzallah</b> <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p>الفلسطيني في مناطق ٤٨ وتحدي الهوية والنظام العنصري : د. أحمد الطيبي</p> <p>مدير اللقاء: د. محمد الناطور <b>Ballroom F</b></p>



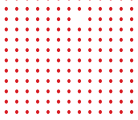
3:05-3:40 pm	<p><b>Israeli Apartheid and the Criminalization of the BDS Movement</b></p> <p>The most esteemed international human rights organizations, not to mention Israeli human rights organizations, determined what Palestinians have known and been experiencing since 1948, that Israel is an apartheid regime. Israeli hasbara (propaganda) works overtime to demonize, delegitimize, and criminalize activists by levying the anti-semitic charge against anyone who dares to characterize Israel as an apartheid regime. How can we further our activism and fulfill the demands of BDS in the face of these unwarranted attacks?</p> <p><b>Dr. Hani Khoury, Nerdeen Kiswani and Fahed Abu Akel</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Tarek Khalil</b></p>
3:40-4:00 pm	<p><b>Academic Censoring of Palestine – Ethnic Studies and Curriculum Reform Battles</b></p> <p>Academic freedom and free speech are fundamental democratic principles, yet they're under attack in academic settings. As polls shift toward favoring Palestinian rights, especially with the younger generation, so does censorship of Palestinian voices, and a critical analysis of Israeli apartheid. How do we maneuver and combat the rise in censorship, repression, and harassment campaigns against academics and students?</p> <p><b>Dr. Hatem Bazian</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Noor Ali</b></p>
4:00-4:10 pm	<p><b>Barriers to Palestine in Formal Academic Constructs</b></p> <p>What are the barriers that have been placed in the educational sector from P-12 to eliminate the Palestinian narrative? This session will discuss the formal constructs that are keeping schools from creating accurate mirrors and windows for Palestinian students. It will interrogate the larger societal impact of these barriers in the general American context. Attend this session to consider ways to interrupt this work within your locus of control as a parent or community member.</p> <p><b>Dr. Sawsan Jaber</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Noor Ali</b></p>
4:10-4:40 pm Ballroom ED	<p><b>Zionist Myths and Propaganda</b></p> <p>Israel relies on various myths to maintain its settler-colonial project and further entrench its apartheid regime and military occupation. These myths are used as a propaganda tool to dehumanize Palestinians and entrench their subjugation. The more we learn about these myths, the more we can diminish their impact.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ilan Pappé</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Sana Wazwaz</b></p> <p><i>Book signing by Dr Hani Khoury: Giving Up Is Not An Option: Memoirs of a Palestinian American</i></p> <p><i>Book Signing by Ramzy Baroud and Ilan Pappé: Our Vision For Liberation: Engaged Palestinian Leaders &amp; Intellectuals Speak Out</i></p>
6:20-6:45 pm	<p><b>The Fight for Palestine: America in Focus</b></p> <p>The fight for a free Palestine is multifaceted, and requires different strategies and tactics in different arenas. This session will focus on the American front to this fight, exploring the cultural and political contexts that inform our messaging and advocacy here in the United States. We will also tackle the Israel lobby's efforts and discussing how to effectively counter them, with the ultimate goal being a shift in American media and public discourse, and more critically in Washington's policy, away from unconditional military and diplomatic funding for Israel's occupation and apartheid, and towards support for Palestinian freedom and human rights.</p> <p><b>Dr. Osama Abuirshaid</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ayah Zyadeh</b></p> <p><b>Ballroom ED</b></p>



<p>6:45- 7:15pm</p>	<p><b>The State of Al-Aqsa</b>                  Palestinians in East Jerusalem face home demolitions, ethnic cleansing, and other forms of restrictions and forced displacement, severely damaging the sociocultural, political, and economic fabric of Palestinian society. From Jewish settlers storming Al-Aqsa compound, to Israeli forces barricading several gates leading to Al-Aqsa, thereby disallowing Palestinian access, Zionist violence continues unabated, and without accountability. What policies are entrenching Israel’s apartheid regime in the Holy City, and how do we combat it?  <b>Dr. Ahmad Tibi, Dr. Abdallah Marouf, Fahed Abu Akel and Dr. Osama Abuirshaid</b>  <b>Moderator: Mohamad Nasir</b></p>
<p>7:15-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Apartheid as Means to an End: The Colonization of Palestine along Business Lines</b>                  As the discourse around apartheid became more a part of the mainstream narrative today, it’s important to note that apartheid as a system is a means to an end. The interplay between the various elements of corporate power incentivizes the perpetuation of the colonization project in Palestine along business lines, and allows Israel to maintain its apartheid regime. We must challenge this process, but first we must understand it.  <b>Wesam Ahmad</b>  <b>Moderator: Tessneem Abdallah</b></p>
<p>7:30-8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Palestine Coalition Landscape – Local and National</b>                  Coalition building is essential to intersectional solidarity. Marginalized communities share a common cause and therefore struggles for justice and liberation are more effective when different communities work collectively. The merger of causes creates a shared purpose and a more powerful voice to effect social, political, and economic change in the US, Palestine, and elsewhere.  <b>Sarah Nahar, Beth Miller and Rev. Donald Wagner</b>  <b>Moderator: Taher Herzallah</b></p>
<p>8:00-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Impact of Midterm Elections: Reshaping The Political Landscape</b>                  The political landscape is shifting in the direction of support for Palestinian rights. From members of Congress to State Representatives and more, Palestinian rights can no longer be ignored. To speak of the Palestinian experience as one of apartheid and settler-colonialism is no longer anathema.  <b>Sama Rasoul, Dr. Manal Fakhoury, Ayah Ziyadah, and Dr. Osama Abuirshaid</b>  <b>Moderator: Jana Daoud</b></p>
<p>8:30-8:50 pm</p> <p>8:50-9:10 9:10-9:20 pm</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Challenging The Normalization Agenda</b>                  Normalizing apartheid only feeds into the narrative Palestinian lives do not matter. Interfaith dialogue in the context of settler-colonialism, occupation, and apartheid is not solidarity, it is normalizing oppression. We must challenge such normalization efforts, and call for an inclusive interfaith agenda that is rooted in transformative and restorative human horizons that challenges global injustices.  <b>Dr. Hatem Bazian and Beth Miller</b>  <b>Moderator: Malak Shalabi</b></p> <p><b>Observing Apartheid</b>                  I just witnessed apartheid practices. How my latest visit to Palestine changed me.                  Eyewitness girls’ group  <b>Moderator: Shahd Abouhekel</b>  <b>Honoring Late Shireen Abu Akleh’s Family</b>  <b>Lina Abu Akleh</b></p>
<p>9:30 pm Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Women Only Entertainment</b></p>

**Saturday 11/26**

10:15 -11:10 am	<p><b>Literacy for Liberation: The Impacts of Nonexistent Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors in P-12 Schools</b></p> <p>School curriculum can colonize the mind. This session will address the impacts of the lack of representation and misrepresentation of Palestine and Palestinians in P-12 schools and in academic spaces in general. What does the intentional erasure of the narrative look like and where do we begin to advocate and change the narrative in schools.</p> <p><b>Dr. Sawsan Jaber</b>  <b>Moderator: Amira Daoud</b>  <b>Ballroom G</b></p>		<p>كيف ظهر صلاح الدين؟ وكيف حرر بيت المقدس؟  زيد حمدان  مدير اللقاء: علا عابد</p>
11:20-12:10	<p><b>Effective Advocacy for Palestinian Rights: Tools, Tips, and Instructions</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Manal Fakhoury, Lesley Williams and Ayah Ziyadeh</b>  <b>Moderator: Jana Daoud</b>  <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p><b>Palestinian American Medical Association PAMA: Nine Years of Service and Fostering the Future of Palestinian Health Care</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Yousef Khelfa</b>  <b>Moderator: Ahmad Hamdan</b>  <b>Ballroom F</b></p>	<p>هكذا سنروي تاريخنا لأبنائنا ووفقات في تاريخ فلسطين (الجزء الثاني)  خالد الترعاني  مدير اللقاء: علاء أبوسمعان  <b>Ballroom ED</b></p>
2:30-3:05 pm	<p><b>The International Criminal Court: The Inclusion of the Crime Against Humanity of Apartheid</b></p> <p>The International Criminal Court (ICC) decided to proceed with an investigation of Israeli war crimes and crimes against humanity. However, the prosecutor's investigation does not include the crime against humanity of apartheid. This session will explore the contours of the ICC's impact on Israeli accountability.</p> <p><b>Wesam Ahmad</b>  <b>Moderator: Tarek Khalil</b>  <b>Ballroom G</b></p>	<p><b>Endurance and Evidence: What it Takes to Fight for the Rights of Palestinians and Palestinian Nonprofits in Federal Courts</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Hatem Bazian, Christina Jump, Alyssa Morrison, Arshia Ali-Khan</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Othman Ata</b>  <b>Ballroom F</b></p>	
3:10-3:30 pm  3:30-4:00 pm	<p>سوريا الجريحة ... احدى عشرة سنة من عمر الثورة السورية في الميزان  غسان هيتو  مدير اللقاء: د. محمد الناظر</p> <p><b>Vision for liberation: Centering a Palestinian Disource of Liberation and Articulating New Possibilities</b></p> <p>The discourse on Palestine often omits the Palestinian narrative, and removes the Palestinian struggle for justice and liberation as the fundamental element of that discourse. We need a vision for Palestine that incorporates a framework for liberation from the perspective of the oppressed.</p> <p><b>Ilan Pappé and Ramzy Baroud</b>  <b>Moderator: Mariam El-khatib</b></p>		



<p>4:00-4:20 pm</p>	<p><b>The US-Israel “Special Relationship” &amp; its Impact on US Foreign Policy</b></p> <p>The US-Israel “special relationship” reached new heights with the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding, which promised \$38 billion in military aid, and moving the US embassy to Jerusalem, and recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights. As the largest cumulative recipient of US aid, Israel has been able to maintain its apartheid system through this unrequited relationship.</p> <p><b>Gideon Levy</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Malak Shalabi</b></p>
<p>4:20-4:40 pm</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>Reaffirming Indigenous Identity &amp; Challenging Israel Apartheid</b></p> <p>Palestinians in 1948 Palestine are referred to in Zionist discourse as “Israeli-Arabs,” completely divorcing the Palestinian ancestral connection to Palestine. Apartheid is a matter of degree, and Israel cleverly implements its regime of apartheid in Israel. It’s important that we expose this regime and reaffirm Palestinian indigeneity in all of Palestine.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ahmad Tibi</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mohammad Nasir</b></p>
<p>5:45-6:05 pm</p>	<p><b>Defying Israeli Apartheid: Speaking Truth to Power</b></p> <p>Summoning enough courage to do what’s right is not always easy. Challenging the dominant narrative spewed by corporate media is an arduous task, but change can only occur through struggle. Exposing Israel’s system of oppression and racial domination of the Palestinian people can be a fireable offense, but if no one speaks out for justice, how can we bring an end to injustice?</p> <p><b>Katie Halper</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Taher Herzallah</b></p>
<p>6:05 -6:25 pm</p>	<p><b>My Return to Alquds: Reasserting my Indigenous Right</b></p> <p>Palestinian existence is the best form of resistance. Come and listen to personal accounts and why it’s important to reassert our indigeneity in our ancestral homeland.</p> <p><b>Mohammad Abbasi</b></p> <p><b>Khalid Turaani</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Sayel Kayed</b></p>
<p>6:25-7:15 pm</p> <p>Ballroom ED</p>	<p><b>US Domestic Political Landscape: National Advocacy Plan for 2023 and Beyond</b></p> <p>The Palestinian people are systematically oppressed by Israeli settler-colonialism, apartheid, and military occupation. We have a special obligation in the United States to lobby for Palestinian rights, and help to uplift candidates for political office that are willing to take on the fight for justice. We must understand the political climate, and collectively strategize to shift US policy toward supporting Palestinian rights.</p> <p><b>Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Dr. Hatem Bazian, Nehad Awad, Linda Sarsour, Ousama Jammal and Othman Ata</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Munjed Ahmad</b></p>
<p>8:30 pm</p> <p>Ballroom Ed</p>	<p><b>Entertainment</b></p>