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# Annual Palestine Forum

## Fourth Round

24-26 January 2026

Timetable

# Day 1: Saturday, 24 January 2026

9:00-9:30	Registration								
9:30-10:00	Al Majlis Hall	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Ayat Hamdan and Majdi Malki</b>							
10:00-10:15	Break								
10:15-11:45	<b>Session 1</b>								
	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>International Law and Palestine</b> <b>Moderator: Aicha Elbasri</b>	<b>Nicola Perugini</b> Between Resistance and Genocide: Palestinian National Liberation and Israel's Annihilation at the Limits of International Law	<b>Abdelhamid Siyam</b> The ICC and the Palestine Question	<b>Hamid Belrhit and Asmae El Alaoui</b> Annexation Policies in Light of the Evolutive Interpretation of International Law Rules: The Sanctity of the Principle and the Responsibility of Third States				
	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>Palestine in the International Context</b> <b>Moderator: Adham Saouli</b>	<b>Razan Shawamreh</b> Disconnected Realities: China's Perception-Creation Strategy and Palestinian Narratives of Liberation	<b>Houriya Ben Ali</b> From Denouncing the Crime to Criminalizing Condemnation: How Official Moral Discourse Is Used to Enforce Silence on Genocide	<b>Rovshan Mammadli</b> Navigating (In)Solidarity: South Caucasus States' Positions on Palestine during the Gaza Genocide				
11:45-12:00	Break								

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Session 2					
12:00-14:00	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>Milestones in Palestinian History: From the 19th Century to the Nakba</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Issam Nassar	<b>Munir Fakher Eldin</b> Ottoman "Historical Capital" and Land Law in Palestine: The Struggle over the Legacy of Sultan Abdülhamid II, 1909–1914	<b>Mohannad Abusarah*</b> Ottoman Palestine through Traditionalist Regional Networks in the Hamidian Era	<b>Yannis Arrab</b> The Algerians of Palestine: Vectors of the Palestinian Nakba Narrative to French Consular Representations in Palestine
	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>International Organizations and the Genocide in Gaza</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ghada AlMadbouh	<b>Adel Ruished</b> Regulating and Phasing out UNRWA in Occupied Palestine through Exception	<b>Heba Mohamed</b> The United Nations between Collapse and Reform amid the War on Gaza and Escalating Global Conflicts: An Analytical Study	<b>Rinda Saleh</b> Humanitarian Organizations Discourse amid Genocide: Gaza 2023
	Track III Salwa Hall (3)	<b>Palestine and Global Solidarity</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Majdi Malki	<b>Muzna Shihabi</b> Lines in the Sand: How Palestine Rewrites the French Political Landscape	<b>Fanny Christou</b> Reimagining Resistance and Contesting Silence Beyond Borders: Palestinian Diaspora Mobilization and Solidarity Movements in Sweden Post-7 October 2023	<b>Muhammad Ayyash</b> Palestinian-Indigenous Solidarities in Canada: Situating the Palestinian Cause as a Global Decolonial Struggle in Praxis
14:00-15:45	Lunch Break				
15:45-17:45	<p><b>Symposium</b> (Al Majlis Hall)</p> <p><b>US Policy toward Palestine: Domestic and International Implications</b></p> <p><b>Khalil Jahshan</b></p> <p><b>Khalil Jahshan:</b> Trump, MAGA, and the Palestine Question: The Pursuit of US Hegemony in the Region</p> <p><b>Tamara Kharroub:</b> Palestine and the Democratic Party Crisis: Drivers and Impacts of Shifts in US Public Opinion and Discourse</p> <p><b>Yousef Munayyer:</b> Paradigm Shift: The Groundwork for a new American Politics around Palestine</p> <p><b>Hanna Alshaikh:</b> Palestine and the Reshaping of the US Institutional Order</p>				
17:45-18:00	Break				
18:00-20:00	<p><b>Public Lecture</b> (Al Majlis Hall)</p> <p><b>Azmi Bishara</b></p> <p><b>The Palestinian National Project in the Current International/Arab Context</b></p>				

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# Workshop (1)

(Al Rayyan Hall)

## Toward Palestinian Frameworks for Reconstruction in the Gaza Strip

Day 1: Saturday, 24 January 2026

10:15-10:30	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Ghassan Elkahlout, Abdel-Fattah Mady, Nour Allah Munawar</b></p>
10:30-11:45	<p><b>Session 1</b></p> <p><b>Reconstruction Policies in Gaza and the Centrality of Palestinian Survival</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Marwa Farag</b></p> <p><b>Talal Abu Rokbeh</b><sup>*</sup>: Reconstruction Policies in Gaza: Toward a Comprehensive Approach Linking Urban Planning with the Rebuilding of the State and the Local Community</p> <p><b>Yosef Jabarin</b>: Planning a Postwar Order: Israeli and US Think Tanks, Reconstruction, and the Politics of Sovereignty in Gaza</p> <p><b>Mandy Turner</b>: Colonial Administration, Counterinsurgency Pacification, and Disaster Capitalism in Trump's "Day After" Plans for Palestine</p>
11:45-12:00	<p><b>Break</b></p>
12:00-14:00	<p><b>Roundtable 1</b></p> <p><b>Gaza after the Ceasefire: The Humanitarian Reality and the Limits of Recovery</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Mohammed Alsousi</b></p>
14:00-15:45	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>

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## Day 2: Sunday, 25 January 2026

Session 3						
9:00-11:00	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>Research Trends and Sources in Palestine Studies</b> <b>Moderator: Rami Rayess</b>	<b>Mahmoud Al-Qaysi</b> Transformations in Palestinian Studies in Japan: From the October 1973 Shock to the Gaza Nakba of 2023	<b>Hadi Hamoud, Chadi Abou Chakra, Fadi Zaraket, Ayat Hamdan</b> Shifts in Research Interests and Discourse on Palestine: A Cross-Document Study	<b>Mai Tbaileh</b> Documentation as an Urgent Imperative: The Efforts of the Institute for Palestine Studies in Documenting the Genocide in Gaza	<b>Hanna Alshaikh</b> Introducing "Palestine Explained": A Digital Platform by the Arab Center Washington DC
	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>Palestinian Refugees and Diaspora</b> <b>Moderator: Tarek Hamoud</b>	<b>Dima Alsajdeya</b> The Palestinian Political Map in Lebanon: Unpacking Palestinian Divisions through Politics in Ein el-Hilweh Refugee Camp	<b>Sanaa Hammoudi</b> Palestinians in Lebanon and the Isolation of the Camp: Between Retreat and Marginalization	<b>Bilal Salayme</b> Securitizing the Camp: How the Assad Regime Securitized and Governed the Palestinian Camps during the Syrian Revolution	<b>Mothana Almasri and Omar Abdin</b> Diaspora, Labour, and Transit: A Study of Palestinian Diaspora Livelihoods in Türkiye
	Track III Salwa Hall (3)	<b>Sumud and Resistance</b> <b>Moderator: Ahmed Hussein</b>	<b>Emile Badarin</b> Sumud in the Face of Settler-Colonial Genocide in Gaza	<b>Lama Ghosheh*</b> Reproduction of Liberation: Reading Gilboa	<b>Eman Alasah</b> Pessoptimist Politics: The Logic and Limits of Palestinian Anticolonial Pragmatism	<b>Husam Abusalem</b> Profaning Dignity: Exploring the Political Disparity of the Concept through Palestine
11:00-11:15	Break					

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Session 4					
	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>Post-7 October Transformations in Israel</b> (Mada al-Carmel – The Arab Center for Applied Social Research) <b>Moderator:</b> Maram Masarwi	<b>Mtanes Shihahdeh</b> The Repercussions of the War on Gaza on the Israeli Economy: The Return of the Economy Security Link	<b>Areen Hawari and Himmat Zoubi</b> Israel and Palestinians inside the Green Line: The Dialectics of Resolution and Strategic Manoeuvring Post-7 October	<b>Fadi Nahhas</b> Reshaping the Regional Security Landscape: Israeli Pre-emptive Prevention as Post-Gaza Doctrine
11:15- 12:45	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>From Madrid to Bogotá: Europe, Latin America, and the Future of the Palestine Question</b> (The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies-CEARC) <b>Moderator:</b> Haizam Amirah Fernandez	<b>Moisés Garduño</b> Latin America and the Palestine Question: Convergences and Divergences in the Context of the Genocide in Gaza	<b>Isaías Barreñada</b> Spain and the Palestine Question: What Has Changed?	<b>Sonia Boulos</b> Gaza as a Revealer: EU Law, Legal Subalternity, and the Making of a Palestinian Exception
	Track III Salwa Hall (3)	<b>Western Universities and Knowledge Production on Palestine</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ibrahim Fraihat	<b>Shaira Vadasaria and Nicola Perugini</b> Balfour University: Race, Imperial Education, and the Declaration on Palestine	<b>Amanda Najib*</b> Towards a Palestinian Critical Race Theory: Foundational Tenets and Student Movements amidst Settler Colonialism	<b>Eman Abboud*</b> Limitations to Ethical Research in an Unethical World: A Case Study on Palestine
12:45-13:00	Break				

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Session 5						
13:00-15:00	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>A Second Year of Scholasticide: On the Meaning of Education in the Time of Genocide</b> <i>(Manhajiyat)</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Samia Bishara	Ahmad Ashour The Aftermath of the Genocide: Deconstructing Institutional Discourse and Re-Centring the Palestinian Actor	Malik Al Rimawi Assault and Hybridity in Palestinian Education: The Decline of the School or Its Reproduction?	Asmaa Mustafa, Mohammad Shubeir, Khitam Abu Alrub, Nada Al Ashqar* Teachers' Voices: Between Survival and Resistance	Riyam Kafri Abulaban The Future of Palestinian Education: From Documentation to Reclaiming Meaning
	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>Reshaping Palestinian Economy: The Impact of Foreign Aid</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ayhab Saad	Amro Wawi Foreign Aid and Its Impact on Sustainability and Governance in the West Bank's Water Sector	Tareq Radi* The Financialization of Vulnerability: Solar Energy in Gaza and the Benefits Gap	Yanis Iqbal Economy as Fetish: Gaza and the Ideology of Global Capitalism	Rawan Natsheh Weaponized Aid: Feminist and Decolonial Reflections on the Use of Aid as a Tool of War in Gaza
	Track III Salwa Hall (3)	<b>Tools of Genocide: AI and Digital Erasure</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Hani Awad	Adhila Abdul Hameed Precarious Memory: Palestinian Lives, Digital Erasure, and the Post-7 October Struggle for Resistance	Karim Barakat AI and War in the Global South: The Case of Gaza	Taghreed Al Soumairy Mechanisms of Distortion and the Manipulation of Palestinian Collective Memory in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	Ghadeer Awwad, Murad Idris, Kentaro Toyama Digital Annihilation in Gaza after 7 October: Internet Blackouts as Epistemic Violence
15:00-17:00	Lunch Break					
18:00-20:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Symposium</b> (Al Majlis Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Global Solidarity Movements with Palestine</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator: Leila Seurat</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Osama Abu Irshaid:</b> The Palestine Solidarity Movement in the United States: Concept, Backgrounds, Challenges, and Future  <b>Saif Abukeshk:</b> Europe and Palestine: From Popular Solidarity to Tangible Action – The Spanish Model and the Global Sumud Flotilla  <b>Stephanie Elías Musalem:</b> Latin America and Palestine: Contradictions, Challenges and Opportunities  <b>Pablo Abufom:</b> The Fabric of Solidarity: Class, Identity, and Palestinian Solidarity in Modern Chile</p>					

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# Workshop (2)

(Al Rayyan Hall)

## Toward Palestinian Frameworks for Reconstruction in the Gaza Strip

Day 2: Sunday, 25 January 2026

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reconstruction Policies in Gaza between Exclusion and Domination: The Role of NGOs and Local Actors</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Moosa Elayah</b></p> <p><b>Mohammed Alsousi and Kareem Okasha:</b> Actors, Not Beneficiaries: The Role of Palestinian Women in Leading Community Institutions and Post-War Reconstruction in Gaza</p> <p><b>Ali Abdel-Wahab</b> * : Reconstruction as an Economy of Domination: A Parallel Policy for Recovery from Disaster Capitalism in Gaza</p> <p><b>Rawan Natsheh:</b> Reconstructing Gaza Without Palestinians: Civic Space, INGOs, and the Politics of Exclusion</p>
9:00-11:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p>
11:00-11:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roundtable 2</b></p>
11:15-12:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governance: Who Runs Gaza?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Tamer Qarmout</b></p>
12:45-13:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Policies for Rebuilding the Human Being and the Role of Education in Gaza</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Abdou Moussa El-Bermawy</b></p> <p><b>Tahani Aldahdouh, Nazmi Al-Masri, Maria Grazia Imperiale and Giovanna Fassetta:</b> Palestinian Academic Institutional Resilience: A Case Study of the Islamic University of Gaza</p> <p><b>Yousuf Daas and Sameh Hallaq:</b> Education and Economic Isolation: The Gaza Blockade's Role in Shaping Returns to Education in Palestine</p> <p><b>Abdalhadi Alijla:</b> Rebuilding the Human: Social Cohesion as a Priority in Gaza</p>
13:00-15:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
15:00-17:00	

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# Day 3: Monday, 26 January 2026

Session 6					
9:00-11:00	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>Collective Memory between the Nakba and the Genocide</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ayham Al-Sahli	<b>Tamara Taher*</b> Temporalities of Liberation: Existing and Resisting against the Grain of the Zionist Temporality of Catastrophe	<b>Zainab Sabra</b> Testimonial Credibility: Reclaiming the Narrative	<b>Adam Anabosi</b> Reconstructing the Palestinian Family after the Nakba: Between Radio Broadcasting and the Prohibition of Family Reunification
	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>Genocide, Settler Colonialism and Apartheid</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Tariq Dana	<b>Mohamed Dha Hammami</b> The Network Structure of Israeli Elites: Institutional Centrality and Strategic Vulnerability	<b>Kholoud Al-Ajarma</b> Surviving Surveillance Systems in Palestine: Academic Freedom under Settler-Colonialism	<b>Waleed Habbas</b> Genocide and Holocaust Studies in Israel: How and Why the Genocide in Gaza Is Excluded Epistemologically
	Track III Salwa Hall (3)	<b>Israeli Security Doctrine and Regional Expansion</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Harith Hassan	<b>Abdulrahman Al-Kuwari</b> The Evolution of Israeli Military Doctrine after Al-Aqsa Flood: Between Continuity and Adaptation	<b>Nizar Ayoub</b> Israel's Strategy and Expansionist Policy in Post-Assad Syria	<b>Bader Alibrahim</b> Al-Aqsa Flood and the Limits of Revolution against Borders: An Analysis of the Support Fronts' Trajectories
11:00-11:15	Break				
Session 7					
11:15-12:45	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>Palestine and Arab Solidarity</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mouin Al Taher	<b>Raghad Habash</b> Effectiveness of Protest Networks for the Palestinian Cause in Jordan since 7 October: al-Tajammu' al-Shababi al-Urduni li-Da'm al-Muqawama	<b>Youssef Day</b> The Palestinian Cause in the New Protest Discourse in Morocco: A Study of Ultras Movements	<b>Belaid Jelih</b> Normalization and Anti-Normalization in Morocco
	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>Resistance through Poetry, Literature and Cinema</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Haider Saeed	<b>Maha Zeyadeh</b> The Representation of the Colonial Experience in Prison Literature: A Spatial Reading of <i>A Mask the Color of the Sky</i> by Basem Khandakji	<b>Akram Alashqar</b> Resonance beyond Voice: The Significance of Silence in Palestinian Revolutionary Cinematic Expression as a Tool of Resistance	<b>Tayseer Abu Odeh</b> The Politics of Death and Mourning in Modern Palestinian Poetry: The Paradox of Poetry in the Age of Genocide
	Track III Salwa Hall (3)	<b>Mental Health under Genocide and Settler Colonialism</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Charles Harb	<b>Dana Al-Azze and Ferdoos Alissa</b> Bridges to Recovery: Gazans' Perceptions of Mental Health and Mental Health Services	<b>Belal Odeh</b> Mental Health in Jerusalem: Structural Challenges and Opportunities for Developing Digital Mental Health Services	<b>Einas Odeh Haj</b> The Experience of Palestinian Psychotherapists inside the Green Line from the Perspective of Liberation Psychology
12:45-13:00	Break				

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Session 8						
	Track I Salwa Hall (1)	<b>Jerusalem: Between History and the Colonial Present</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mahmoud Muhareb</b>	<b>Omar Abed Rabo</b> Scholars and Landmarks: How to Read the History of Jerusalem in the 10th-11th Centuries AD	<b>Mansour Nasrasra</b> Jerusalem and Its Connectedness with Arab Capitals: 1948-1967	<b>Khalil Toufakji</b> Escalation of Settlement Activity in Jerusalem amid the Genocidal War	<b>Hanan Amr</b> Al-Quds and al-Khalil: A Forensic Architectural Analysis of the Fragmentation of Sacred Spaces
13:00-15:00	Track II Salwa Hall (2)	<b>The Dynamics of the Palestinian Economy and Society after 7 October</b>  <b>Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS)</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Tamer Qarmout</b>	<b>Raheeq Hurani</b> Coping Mechanisms for Households in Gaza after 7 October 2023: The Case for Building an Alternative Telecommunications Network	<b>Islam Rabee</b> Assessing West Bank Labour Market Performance during the War on the Gaza Strip: Through the Second Quarter 2025	<b>Sabri Ya'qbeh</b> Systematic Demographic Destruction and Labour Market Dynamics in the Gaza Strip since October 2023	<b>Anmar Rafeedie and Ismat Quzmar</b> Solidarity Economy in Palestine: Towards a Resilient Model That Promotes Economic Independence
15:00-17:00	Lunch Break					
18:00-20:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Symposium</b> (Al Majlis Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Future of the Palestinian National Project</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator: Ayat Hamdan</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tarek Hamoud:</b> Hamas after the "Day After"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ahmad Azam:</b> The Future of the Palestinian National Project: Reshaping the Political and Social Structures</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hani AlMasri:</b> Breaking the Palestinian Impasse: Decisive Choices at a Critical Moment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leila Farsakh:</b> The Future of the Palestinian National Movement Beyond the Palestinian State Project</p>					
20:00-20:15	<b>Closing Session</b>					

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# Workshop (3)

(Al Rayyan Hall)

## Toward Palestinian Frameworks for Reconstruction in the Gaza Strip

Day 3: Monday, 26 January 2026

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Food Sovereignty and Livelihoods in Gaza: Local Alternatives for Reconstruction</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Ihab Maharmeh</b></p> <p><b>Omar Abdelghaffar and Zeina Jallad:</b> The Day After: Fantasizing Modern Transitions and the Neoliberal War Economy in Post-Conflict Gaza</p> <p><b>Siham Matallah:</b> Gaza's Reconstruction Conundrum: Entrenched in a Perpetual Vicious Cycle</p> <p><b>Ahmed Abu Hanie and Halima Abu Haneya:</b> Policies to Enhance Food Security in Gaza after the War: Integrating Hydroponic Agriculture and Biogas</p>
9:00-11:00	
11:00-11:15	<b>Break</b>
11:15-12:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roundtable 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whose security? Towards Palestinian protection</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Mai Abu Moghli</b></p>
12:45-13:00	<b>Break</b>
13:00-15:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roundtable 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reconstruction: From Extraction to Recovery</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Lara Khattab</b></p>
15:00-17:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

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