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Participants

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| Roula Abi Habib - Khoury | Professor of sociology and the director of the Center for the Study of the modern Arab world (CEMAM) at Saint-Joseph University in Beirut. She chaired the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the same university between 2008 and 2017. Her main research interests revolve around Sociological Theory, Political sociology and the Sociology of the Lebanese society. |
| Ala Al-Azzeh | Chairperson of the Palestine And Arabic Studies Program (PAS) at Birzeit University, and Faculty member at the Sociology Department. |
| Reem Al-Botmeh | Acting director for the Institute of Law, Birzeit University. Her research focuses on socio-legal matters. She serves as the assistant editor of the Palestine Yearbook of International Law. |
| Ahmad Al-lahham | Assistant researcher at Muwatin institute for Democracy and Human Rights and a PhD student at University of Zaragoza in Spain. He holds a MA degree in Democracy and Human Rights from Birzeit University. Mr Al-lahham contributed to a number of research papers on the Palestinian refugee issue. |
| Bayan Arqawi | Faculty member at the Department of Banking and Finance at Birzeit University since 2016. She finished her PhD studies at Bond University in Australia. Her research focuses on Legal Theories of Financial Development. She served as a Director of Financial Analysis in the ICT sector for three years before joining the academic field. She is also an animal rights activist. |
| Rana Barakat | Director of Birzeit University Museum, and faculty member at the Department of History and Archaeology at Birzeit University. She teaches in the MA programmes in History, Contemporary Arab studies, Democracy and Human Rights, and the PhD Programme in Social Sciences. |
| Emilio Dabed | Palestinian-Chilean lawyer and PhD in political science (Science Po-Aix en Provence, France) specializing in constitutional matters, international law and human rights. Currently, he is Adjunct Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School and Senior Visiting Fellow at the Nathanson Center on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security, at York University in Toronto, Canada. |
| Koen De Feyter | Faculty member of International Law at the University of Antwerp and part-time Professor at Public Interest Law Center (PILC) and the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands. |
| Beshara Doumani | President of Birzeit University. A historian who wrote on Palestinian peasants and merchants and on women and family life. He also writes on the politics and ethics of knowledge production, and on academic freedom. Holds the inaugural Mahmoud Darwish Chair for Palestinian Studies at Brown University. |
| Basem Ezbidi | Faculty member at the Department of Political Science and the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights at Birzeit University |
| Dana Farraj | Assistant Researcher at Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights and a PhD student in International Law at Burgundy University in France. |

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| Sahar Francis | General Director of Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (Ramallah). An attorney by training, and a human rights lawyer. Ms. Francis has human rights experience, including human rights counselling and representation. |
| George Giacaman | Faculty member of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights, and the MA Programme in Contemporary Arab Studies. Served as dean of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Birzeit University. He served as the general director of the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy – Muwatin. |
| Joyce Kashou | Programmes' Officer at Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights - Birzeit University. |
| Mudar Kassis | Director of The Dignity Initiative and the former director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and human Rights, and a Faculty member of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies. |
| Jawida Mansour | Palestinian architect and independent researcher from Jenin, currently based in Qatar. Her research interests include human security, anti-colonial resistance, rural tourism, and cultural heritage as a tool for community development. |
| Ibrahim Rabaia | Political Science and political economy researcher and academic, head of the policies and research department at the Palestinian Research Center at the PLO. Faculty member at the political science department at Birzeit university. Dr. Rabaia obtained his PhD degree on political studies from University of Malaya in Malaysia. His research focused on economics, political transformation, and the Palestinian social and political organization. |
| Anmar Rafeedie | Holds a BA degree in Sociology from Birzeit University and a Master's degree in Sociology from Oxford University. She is currently working as a research assistant at Birzeit University and the Social and Economic Policies Monitor (AlMarsad). Her research interests includes social and youth movements, development issues in the Palestinian society, as well as culture and arts. |
| Sandra Rativa | Part of the Peoples' Congress, a mass social and political movement in Colombia that through self-organizing of grassroots organizations intends to build People Power. She is also a PhD student at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla BUAP - Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities in Sociology. |
| Larabi Sadiqi | A writer and political scientist, he is a professor of international relations at Qatar University and a non-resident fellow at the University of Sydney. His research interests focus on democratisation in the Arab world, studies of revolutions and protests, in addition to the interaction of Islamists with democracy and democratization. |
| Bilal Salameh | Faculty member in the Department of Social Sciences at Bethlehem University. His research interests focus on civic culture and refugees. |
| Jamil Salem | Faculty member and former Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights and the Institute of Law at Birzeit University. He is involved in several interdisciplinary research projects in the fields of legal theory, history of law, law and development, IT and Law, and the development of legal databases. |
| Dorthe Siegmund | Director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation Palestine and Jordan Office in Ramallah. |
| Rashad Twam | Faculty member and part-time researcher at Birzeit University, holds a PhD in public law and a master's degree in international studies. His research interests and publications revolve around the interdisciplinary legal approach with political science, media, security, and civil-military relations. |
| Camila Vergara | A critical legal theorist, historian, and journalist from Chile writing on the relation between inequality, corruption, and the law, and how to institutionally empower common people to resist oppression from the powerful few. She is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at the University of Cambridge and the author of |

Systemic Corruption: Constitutional Ideas for an Anti-Oligarchic Republic (Princeton University Press 2020) and República Plebeya: Guía Práctica para Construir Poder Popular (Sangría 2020), a political manifesto that has served as an organizing tool for local assemblies in Chile.

Issam Younis

Director of Al Mezan Center for Human Rights in Gaza, and Commissioner-General of the Independent Commission for Human Rights in Palestine.

Raef Zreik

Scholar of Jurisprudence. Holds a S.J.D. from Harvard Law School. His research interests and publications focus on many topics including political and legal theories, citizenship and identity, and the Palestinian-Israeli issue.