



Second International Meeting for Science in Palestine

Columbia University
9-11th November 2018

FRIDAY 9th NOV

5.30 - 7.30 p.m.

Northwest Corner Building, 501, Broadway and 120th Street, main campus

Public Event: Doing Science Under Military Occupation: the case of Palestine.

5:30 - 5:45 -- Light refreshments.

5:45 - 6:00 -- Opening statements from Scientists for Palestine and the Center for Palestine Studies at Columbia University.

6:00 - 7:00 -- Panel.

Panel involves:

- **Representatives from the Right to Education (R2E) Campaign (Birzeit University)** *reporting on the infringement of Palestinians' right to education in the West Bank: raids, forced closures and checkpoints.*
- **Omar Alfaroq (Birzeit University)** *speaking on living in East Jerusalem and political imprisonment in Israel.*
- **Prof. Suleiman Baraka (Al-Aqsa University of Gaza)** *discussing challenges and obstacles as a scientist in Gaza.*

7:00 - 7:45 -- Moderated Q&A and discussion.

SATURDAY 10th NOV

Mathematics Building, Room 203, Main Campus.

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

Registration and Opening Statements from the co-sponsors of the event.

10.00 - 12.00 p.m.

An Update from Palestine

Presentation:

Dr. Suleiman Baraka (Al-Aqsa University of Gaza), *Science in Gaza: See past the drones and reach for the stars.*

Dr. Ahmed Bassalat (An-Najah University, Nablus) from WISHEPP III *on building a particle physics program in the West Bank.*

Dr. Wafaa Khater (Birzeit University) *on doing science as a Palestinian woman and the burdens and obstacles the military occupation adds to it.*

Dr. Mustafa Jarrar (Birzeit University) *on computer science in the West Bank.*

Open moderated discussion.

12.00 - 1.15 p.m.

- Lunch Break -

1.15 - 3.00 p.m.

Reporting on the Medical Situation in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

Presentation:

Dr. Medhat Abbas, Director of Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza Strip. Palestine *reporting on the health crisis in Gaza and the West Bank and a focus on what is needed.*

Dr. Majdi Hamarshi (Palestinian American Medical Association, PAMA) *discussing the experiences and future plans of PAMA and international solidarity with doctors in Palestine.*

Dr. Osaid Alser (Oxford University and GlobalPaedSurg National Co-lead for Palestine) *presenting on global surgery and collaborative research in Palestine.*

3:00 - 3.30 p.m.

- Coffee Break -

3:30 - 5.00 p.m.

“The experience of Scientists for Palestine and getting involved” - Part I

Presentation:

Nabil Iqbal, S4P (Durham University), *introducing the S4P subcommittees*

Working groups include:

- A. S4P Newsletter.
- B. Mentorship program for Palestinian students.
- C. Schools in Palestine.
- D. Medical focus in Palestine.
- E. Palestinian innovation and progress.

6:30 - 9.00 p.m.

- Social Dinner -

SUNDAY 11th NOV

Northwest Corner Building, 501, Broadway and 120th Street, main campus

9.00 - 10.20 a.m.

Session: Is science apolitical? The need for concerned scientists.

Presenting: **Dr. Mario Martone, S4P (UT Austin)** *introducing the panel.*
Prof. Michael Harris (Columbia University) *discussing motivations and challenges of the Academic Boycott of Israel.*
Dr. Matteo Rini (science editor) *TBA.*
Khury Petersen-Smith (Institute for Policy studies) *to be confirmed.*

10.20 - 10.40 a.m.

- Coffee Break -

10.40 - 11:30 a.m.

"International efforts supporting science in Palestine"

Presenting:

Prof. Sana Odeh (New York University) *on the Annual International Conference on Arab Women in Computing, and the Hackathon for social good in the Arab world.*
Prof. Ghaleb Natour (Jülich Research Center) *discussing the German-Palestinian science bridge.*
Prof. Martin Gastal (CERN) *to be confirmed.*

11:30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

"The experience of Scientists for Palestine and getting involved" - Part II - Continuing Saturday's working groups brainstorming session.

12.30 - 1.45 p.m.

- Lunch break -

1.45 - 4.30 p.m.

Scientific Presentations.

4:30 - 5.00 p.m.

Closing.