

Al-Haq's 40th Anniversary Seminar

The Palestinian Human Rights Movement

Ramallah Municipal Theatre

Sunday, 14 July 2019

Seminar Programme

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9:00-9:30	Coffee and Registration
9:30-9:45	Opening Session: Welcome by Organiser, Al-Haq
	Mr. Shawan Jabarin, General Director of Al-Haq
9:45-10:45	Session 1: Evolution of Human Rights Activism in Palestine
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Rizeq Shuqair, IHL Advisor to Palestine Red Crescent Society</i>
	"Origins of Palestinian Human Rights Activism/Movement" – Mr. Raji Sourani, Director, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights [over Skype]
	"Writing Al-Haq" – Professor Lynn Welchman, School of Law, SOAS - University of London
	"The Contribution of Palestinian Women in the Evolution of the Movement" – Ms. Shatha Odeh, General Director, Health Work Committees
	"Mutual Influence between the Palestinian and Arab Human Rights Movements" – Mr. Bahey eldin Hassan, Director, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies [over Skype]
10:45-11:15	Open Discussion
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	Session 2: Conceptualising the Status of the Palestinian Human Rights Struggle
	<i>Moderator: Dr. George Giacaman, Professor of Philosophy and Co-founder of Muwatin, The Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Birzeit University</i>
	"Palestinian Human Rights Activism: Is it a Movement?" – Dr. Iyad Al-Barhouthi, Director, The Arab Network for Tolerance
	"Who is a Human Rights Defender in the Palestinian Context?" – Ms. Sahar Francis, General Director, Addameer Prisoner's support and Human Rights Association
12:00-12:30	Open Discussion

12:30-1:30	Lunch Break
1:30-2:15	<p>Session 3: Dynamics of the Human Rights Movement’s Discourse and Instruments</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Yara Hawari, Palestine Policy Fellow, Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network</i></p> <p>“The Development of the Palestinian Human Rights Movement’s Discourse and Instruments” – Mr. Charles Shamas, Senior Partner and Co-founder of the MATTIN Group</p> <p>“Modern Human Rights Activism Instruments” – Ms. Abir Kopty, writer, researcher and a PhD candidate in the Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin</p> <p>“Internationalisation of the Palestinian Human Rights Movement” – Mr. Fadi Quran, Senior Campaigner at Avaaz</p>
2:15-2:45	Open Discussion
2:45-3:00	Coffee Break
3:00-3:45	<p>Session 4: Challenges and the Way Forward</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Ammar Dweik, General Director, the Independent Commission for Human Rights</i></p> <p>“The Palestinian Human Rights Movement: Sources of Strength and Weakness” – Mr. Issam Arouri, General Director, The Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center</p> <p>“Challenges of the Palestinian Human Rights Movement: Ending the Dichotomous Discourse” – Advocate. Soheir Asaad, International Advocacy Coordinator, Adalah, The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel</p> <p>“Challenges of the Palestinian Human Rights Movement in the OPT” – Mr. Shawan Jabarin, General Director, Al-Haq</p>
3:45-4:15	Open Discussion