

Al-Haq's 40th Anniversary Seminar

The Right of the Palestinian People to Self-determination

Ramallah Municipal Theatre
Saturday, 13 July 2019

Seminar Programme

Saturday, 13 July 2019 (Ramallah Municipal Theatre)	
9:00-9:30	Coffee and Registration
9:30-9:45	Opening Session: Welcome by Organiser, Al-Haq Mr. Shawan Jabarin, General Director, Al-Haq
9:45-10:35	Session 1: The Right to Self-determination: Concept and Contexts <i>Moderator: Dr. Asem Khalil, Professor of Public Law and Vice President for Community Affairs, Birzeit University</i> "The International Legal Foundation for The Palestinian People's Right of Self-determination" – Prof John Quigley, Professor of Law, the Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University "Faraway, So Close: Why is the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion of the Chagos Archipelago Relevant for Palestine?" – Prof Alessandra Annoni and Ms Grazia Careccia "Towards an Alternative Understanding of Self-determination" – Dr. Mudar Kassis, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, Birzeit University
10:35-11:00	Open Discussion
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	Session 2: The Right to Self-determination and Identity <i>Moderator: Dr. Mamdouh Al-Aker, Founding Member and Former Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Human Rights and Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees at Birzeit University</i> "Palestinian Nationality, International Law, and Self-determination" – Prof Susan Akram, Clinical Professor of Law, Boston University "The Right of Self-determination in a Context of Ethnic-nationalized State" – Dr. Joni Aasi, Head of UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Democracy, An-Najah University

	<p>“Suppressing the Collective Rights and Identity of Palestinian Citizens of Israel” – Advocate Sawsan Zaher, Deputy General Director and Senior Lawyer, Adalah, The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel</p> <p>“Treatment of the Right to Self-determination of Palestinians in the Diaspora and 48 in the Context of Negotiations” – Ms. Diana Buttu, lawyer, political analyst and commentator</p>
12:15-12:45	Open Discussion
12:45-1:45	Lunch Break
1:45-2:15	<p>Session 3: The Economics of the Palestinian Peoples’ Right to Self-determination</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Sam Bahour, Policy Adviser to Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network</i></p> <p>“Hostile Takeover: The Role of Business Enterprises in the Evolution of the Struggle for Palestine” – Mr. Wesam Ahmad, PhD Candidate, Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway</p> <p>“The Main Economic Tools to Establish the Sovereignty of the State of Palestine” – Mr. Raja Khalidi, Research Coordinator, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS)</p>
2:15-2:45	Open Discussion
2:45-3:00	Coffee Break
3:00-3:30	<p>Session 4: The Politics of the Palestinian Peoples’ Right to Self-determination</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Hani al-Masri, General Director of Masarat, the Palestinian Centre for Policy Research and Strategic Studies</i></p> <p>“The PLO: Historical Context of the Right to Self-determination” – Dr. Nabil Shaath, Adviser on International Relations to the Palestinian Authority President</p> <p>“The Ineffectiveness of the Palestinian Political Discourse in the Realization of the Right to Self-determination” – Dr. Basem Ezbidi, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Public Administration, Birzeit University</p>
3:30-4:00	Open Discussion