

## European Palestinian Initiative Against Apartheid and Settlements



**Conference program 19th October 2024, Brussels (Belgium)**  
**1050 Bruxelles, Rue Washington 40, Salle MAI**

Time	Title	Speakers
08:30		<b>Registration</b>
	<b>Moderator: Esma Zeroual, Intal (Belgium)</b>	
09:00	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Jan Fermon:</b> Head of the European-Palestinian Initiative against Apartheid and Settlements and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (Belgium). <b>Ramzi Rabah:</b> Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Head of the Anti-Discrimination and Apartheid Department in the PLO (Palestine).
09:15	<b>Opening speeches</b>	<b>Jeremy Corbyn:</b> British politician, independent member of the British parliament. Former head of the Labour Party in England. <b>Declan Kearney:</b> MLA, Sinn Féin National Chairperson, Ireland. <b>Irati Jimenez:</b> Member of parliament of Navarre, EH Bildu, Basque Country <b>Thomas Portes:</b> Member of parliament of France, La France Insoumise. <b>Marc Botenga:</b> Member of the European Parliament, Belgium.

<b>Panel 1</b>	<b>Moderators: Annette Groth (former parliamentarian Die Linke - Germany) - Bernard Regan (Palestine Solidarity Campaign - England)</b>	
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Apartheid in Palestine: the situation on the ground</b>	<b>Shawan Jabarin:</b> Head al- Haq Human Right Organisation, Palestine.  <b>Mohammad Barakeh:</b> Head of the High Follow-up Committee for Arab citizens in the areas of 1948, Israel.
	<b>Apartheid as a crime against humanity</b>	<b>Prof. Lars Gule:</b> Historian, philosopher and social scientist, Norway. (via Zoom)
	<b>Apartheid as a constitutive element of colonialism</b>	<b>Prof. Ilan Pappé:</b> Historian, political scientist. He is professor in the College of Social Sciences and International History at the University of Exeter, England.
<b>Discussion and dialogue</b>		
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>Panel 2</b>	<b>Moderators: Ida Gisselo (activist - Denmark) Peter Eisenstein (Jewish Voice - Norway)</b>	
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Apartheid as a constitutive element of Zionism</b>	<b>Pierre Stambul:</b> Jewish Voice, France
	<b>Role of the media and state in upholding apartheid and genocide</b>	<b>Rachael Shapiro:</b> International Jewish Antizionist Network (IJAN), Germany.
	<b>Apartheid and the Palestinian prisoners</b>	<b>Chris Williamson:</b> Honorary president of the European Alliance in Defence of Palestinian Detainees, England.
	<b>The role of international organizations in the struggle against apartheid: the historic example of the UN and its various agencies and South Africa</b>	<b>Prof. Alfred de Zayas:</b> Lawyer, writer, expert in human rights and international law, USA/Switzerland. (video)
<b>Discussion and dialogue</b>		
<b>13:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	

<b>Panel 3</b>	<b>Moderators: Luz Acevedo (England) – Rune Jørgensen (Palestine Solidarity Network - Denmark)</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>The role of civil society organisations in the struggle against apartheid in Israel</b>	<b>Dr. Lex Takkenberg:</b> Senior Advisor at Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD). Former Chief Ethics Office of UNRWA. (via Zoom)
	<b>The role of the EU members against Apartheid and Occupation</b>	<b>Malik Ben Achour:</b> European Network of Parliamentarians for Palestine, Belgium. <b>Makkawi Ben Issa:</b> Secretary General of the Arab Lawyers Union, head of the Arab Coalition Against Apartheid and Settlements.
	<b>The role of jurists in Europe in addressing Israeli apartheid as an illegal phenomenon according to human rights laws and the Geneva Conventions</b>	<b>Urko Aiartza Azurtza:</b> Co-President of the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights, Basque Country.
	<b>The role of people’s actions around the world in the fall of apartheid in South Africa and lessons and proposals for the present solidarity movement</b>	<b>Pierre Galand:</b> Former Belgian senator and president of the Association belgo-palestinienne, Belgium.
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	

Forum	Moderators: George Rashmawi (Germany) - Hamdan Al Damiri (Belgium)	
<b>16:00</b>  <b>Proposals for a European campaign against apartheid in Palestine</b>  a- Campaign to re-establish the UN Special Committee against Apartheid. b- Work with parliamentarians in Europe. c- European students for Palestine. d- Palestine solidarity movement in Switzerland.		Abdallah Al-Tahafi, Intal, Belgium Nabil Boukili, PTB, parliamentarian, Belgium Spanish and Basque parliamentarians BDS, Paris - France Marc Botenga, member of the European Parliament, Belgium Young activists from Europe Brussels city councillor, Belgium Ludo de Brabander, Vrede, Belgium Mohamed Al Shami, president of AIDL Sibylle Pinzon and Geri Müller, Association Switzerland-Palestine
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Concluding remarks</b>  <b>Alexis Deswaef, lawyer, vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights</b>	
<b>18:30</b>	<b>End of the Conference</b>	
Sunday 20th October 10:00 – 12:00	Meeting for participants of the conference who are interested in the future work of the initiative.	

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