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## THE LEFT IN PALESTINE / THE PALESTINIAN LEFT

### Weekend Conference

27-28 February 2010 | School of Oriental and African Studies, London | Brunei Gallery

*organised by*

**SOAS Palestine Society**

*hosted by the*

**London Middle East Institute**

### Day One: Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

*Registration and Refreshments (9:00-9:30)*

**Welcome Address: Hassan Hakimian** (Director, London Middle East Institute)

**Opening: Azmi Bishara** (Former Knesset member in exile, writer and political leader)  
**Speech delivered via video (9:30-10:00)**

**Session One: The Left in British-Mandate Palestine**  
**(10:00-11:45)**

Chair: **John Rose** (SWP activist and independent researcher, London)

**Musa Budeiri** (Birzeit University)

***The Last Colonial Venture: Communists, Nationalists and Settlers in Palestine***

**Ilan Pappé** (Exeter University)

***The Contradiction of the Zionist Left in the Mandate Era***

**Leena Dallasheh** (New York University)

***Nazarene Labour Mobilization in Late Mandate Palestine***

*Coffee, Tea and Refreshments (11:45-12:00)*

## **Session Two: The Left of the PLO-in-exile**

**(12:00-13:30)**

Chair: **Laleh Khalili** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

**Leila Khaled** (PFLP, Member of the Palestinian National Council)

***The Left's Social Mobilization in the Refugee Camps\****

*\*presentation via video*

**Jamil Hilal** (Independent Researcher, Ramallah)

***The Shaping of the Palestinian Left***

**Gilbert Achcar** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

***Strategic Deficiencies of the PLO Left***

***LUNCH (13:30-2:15)***

## **Session Three: The Left of the PLO - West Bank and Gaza Strip**

**(2:15-4:15)**

Chair: **Dina Matar** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

**Muhammad Jaradat** (Campaign Unit Coordinator for BADIL)

***The Left's Lessons from the First Intifada***

**Toufic Haddad** (Researcher for BADIL and Journalist)

***The Left in the Post-Oslo Era***

**Aitemad Muhanna** (Swansea University)

***The Rise of Hamas, the Fall of Leftist Ideology?***

**Jamal Zahalka** (Chair, National Democratic Assembly/Tajamu and Knesset Member)

***The Relationship between the Palestinian Left in Israel and WBGS:  
Joint or Separate Struggle?***

***Coffee, Tea and Refreshments (16:15-16:30)***

## **Session Four: The Palestinian Left in the Israeli State**

**(16:30-18:00)**

Chair: **Bashir Abu-Manneh** (Barnard College)

**Areen Hawari** (Co-founder of Tajamu and former member of its Politburo)  
***Balad (Tajamu): Democracy Confronts Zionism***

**Issam Makhoul** (Chair, Emil Touma Institute for Palestinian and Israeli Studies,  
Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Israel)  
***Internationalist Answers in a Sharp Nationalistic Conflict***

**Ahmad Sa'di** (Ben Gurion University\*)  
***Communism and Zionism: A Troubled Legacy***  
*\*speaking in his personal capacity*

## **Day Two: Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

***Registration and Refreshments (10:30-11:00)***

## **Session Five: The Israeli Anti-Zionist Left**

**(11:00-13:15)**

Chair: **Nira Yuval-Davis** (University of East London)

**Moshe Machover** (Kings College, London)  
***Israeli Socialism and Anti-Zionism: Historical Tasks and Balance Sheet***

**Sami Shalom Chetrit** (Queens College, CUNY)  
***The Zionist Left, the Anti-Zionist Left and the Fanatic Extremist Zionist Mizrahim in Israel (Who Really Invaded, Occupied, and Enslaved Palestine?)***

**Michael Warschawski** (Alternative Information Center)  
***From Matzpen to Anarchists Against the Wall: Continuation and Ruptures***

**Adar Grayevsky** (Anarchists Against the Wall)  
***From Tel Aviv to Bil'in: The Israeli Radical Left Joins the Palestinian Popular Struggle***

***Lunch (13:15-14:00)***

## **Session Six: The Palestinian Left in Literature**

**(14:00-15:45)**

Chair: **Wen-Chin Ouyang** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

**Suheir Daoud** (Coastal Carolina University)

*Literature as Resistance*

**Sabry Hafez** (Qatar University)

*Constructing Identity, Re-Claiming the Land: Palestinian Poetry debunks the Zionist Myth*

**Bashir Abu-Manneh** (Barnard College)

*Kanafani's Revolutionary Morality*

*Coffee, Tea and Refreshments (15:45-16:00)*

## **Session Seven - Roundtable Discussion: Towards a New Left Programme for the Palestinian Struggle**

**(16:00-18:00)**

Chair: **Gilbert Achcar**

**Areen Hawari, Issam Makhoul, Jamil Hilal, Jamal Zahalka and Muhammad Jaradat**

### **Tickets**

*Please note: SEATS ARE LIMITED – book in advance*

Price: £30 (£20 concessions, and £40 organisations)

*All tickets include lunch and refreshments*

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