

LITIGATING PALESTINE: CAN COURTS SECURE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS?

AGENDA

All participants speak in their individual capacities. Institutional affiliations are listed for identification purposes only.

Friday March 25

3:00 Introduction by Professor George Bisharat, UC Hastings College of the Law

3:15 – Panel I – Palestinian claimants and defendants before U.S. Courts

- Professor Gwynne Skinner, Willamette University Law School, “[The](#) Nonjusticiability of the Middle East: U.S. Human Rights Litigation and the Misuse of the Political Question Doctrine”
- Noura Erakat, Adjunct Professor, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, “Palestinians in US Federal Courts: Constructing a ‘Terrorist’ Prototype”
- Linda Moreno, Esq., “Political Prosecutions in America: Prosecuting Other People’s ‘Terrorists’”

5:15-5:30 – Break

5:30-6:15 – Keynote Address

- Professor Jules Lobel, University of Pittsburgh Law School, “Success Without Victory: The Politics of Palestinian Litigation”

Saturday March 26

8:45 – Panel II – Courts in Israel/Palestine

- Jamil Dakwar, Esq., ACLU – New York, “Hollow Justice: Litigating Palestinian Equality In Israeli Courts”
- Nimer Sultany, SJD Candidate, Harvard Law School, “The Master’s House and the Master’s Tools: Occupation and the High Court”
- Diana Buttu, Esq., “Fitting a Square Peg Into a Round Hole: The Use of Palestinian Courts to Secure Palestinian Rights”

10:45-11:00 – Break

11:00-1:00 – Panel III – Other National Courts and the International System

- Emily Schaeffer, Esq., Law Offices of Michael Sfar, “Litigating Bil’in in Canada: Victories and Obstacles in the Face of an ‘Inconvenient’ Forum”
- Daniel Machover, Esq., Hickman and Rose, “Delegitimising the Rule of Law – The Israeli Campaign Against Universal Jurisdiction”
- Victor Kattan, Lecturer in Law, SOAS, “Litigating ‘Palestine’ before International Courts: The Prospects of Success and Perils of Failure”
- Lisa Hajjar, University of California, Santa Barbara, Discussant

1:30-2:30 On Campus Lunch

2:45- Panel IV – Beyond Litigation

- Yasmine Gado, Esq., “The Russell Tribunal on Palestine: London Session on Corporate Complicity in Israel’s Violations of International Law”
- Matthew Ross, Esq. and Elizabeth Jackson, “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions: Defending the BDS Movement from Legal Challenges”
- Samera Esmeir, Professor of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley, “International Strategies of Rule and Liberation Struggles: Between Revolution and War”

4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks by Professor George Bisharat, UC Hastings College of the Law