

SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - PROFESSOR JULES LOBEL

University of Pittsburgh Law School



Professor Jules Lobel is the Bessie Mckee Walthour Chaired Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School. He is also Vice President of the Center of Constitutional Rights and has litigated numerous human rights and constitutional law issues in United States Courts, including several challenging human rights violations against Palestinians. His most recent book: *Less Safe Less Free: Why America is Losing the War on Terror*, co-authored with Professor David Cole won the first Roy C. Palmer award as the best book exploring civil liberties and national security.

GEORGE BISHARAT

Conference Organizer

Professor of Law, University of California Hastings College of the Law



George E. Bisharat was a trial lawyer for the Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco before joining the Hastings faculty in 1991. Professor Bisharat studied law, anthropology, and Middle East studies at Harvard, and wrote a book about Palestinian lawyers working under Israeli military occupation in the West Bank. He writes frequently on law and politics in the Middle East, both for academic audiences and for major media sources in the U.S. and abroad.

GWYNNE SKINNER

Professor of Law, Willamette University Law School



Gwynne Skinner is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Law at Willamette University College of Law, where she directs the International Human Rights Clinic and teaches other courses in the area of public international law. She is also an experienced human rights litigator, having been a litigator for nearly 20 years. She was lead counsel in the case of *Corrie, et al v. Caterpillar*, where she represented the family of Rachel Corrie and four Palestinian families in a case against Caterpillar for aiding and abetting human rights violations in the OPT – specifically, the illegal demolition of civilian’s homes. She also represented the plaintiffs before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has also been following the case that is currently being litigated in Israel by the Corrie family.

She is currently working on an article involving, *inter alia*, the role of the political question doctrine in human rights litigation. She holds a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, and a Masters of Law in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University.

NOURA ERAKAT

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University



Noura Erakat is a human rights attorney and activist. She is currently an adjunct professor of international human rights law in the Middle East at Georgetown University and is the US-based Legal Advocacy Coordinator for Badil Center for Palestinian Refugee and Residency Rights. Most recently she served as Legal Counsel for a Congressional Subcommittee in the House of Representatives, chaired by Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich. She has helped to initiate and organize several national formations including Arab Women Arising for Justice (AMWAJ) and the U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN). Noura has appeared

on Fox's "The O' Reilly Factor," NBC's "Politically Incorrect," MSNBC, and Al-Jazeera Arabic and English. Her publications include: "Litigating the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Politicization of U.S. Federal Courts" in the Berkeley Law Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law, "Arabiya Made Invisible: Between the Marginalization of Agency and the Silencing of Dissent" in a Syracuse Press anthology, and "BDS in the USA: 2001-2010," in the Middle East Report.

LINDA MORENO, ESQ.

Linda Moreno is a member of the state bars of California and Florida, and is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar. She is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Middle District of Florida, the Central District of California, and the Eastern District of Michigan, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit. She has appeared *pro hac vice* before the United States District Courts for the Northern District of Texas, the Southern District of New York, the Southern District of Florida and the New York Supreme Court. Ms. Moreno received her B.A. from the University of Southern California in 1974 and her J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles in 1979. Ms. Moreno has been featured often in the local media and has appeared on NPR, WMNF, WBAI, BBC World, Democracy Now, ABC, NBC, CBS, Al Jazeera, and in the pages of the New York Times, Chicago Herald Tribune, Miami Herald, St. Petersburg Times, Los Angeles Times, Tampa Tribune, the Washington Post, the National Law Journal, and the Daily Business Review.

JAMIL DAKWAR, ESQ.

ACLU—New York



Jamil Dakwar is Director of the ACLU's Human Rights Program. Prior to joining the ACLU, he worked at Human Rights Watch where he conducted research and published reports on issues of torture and detention in Egypt, Morocco, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Before coming to the United States, Dakwar was a senior attorney with Adalah, a leading human rights group in Israel. At Adalah, he filed and argued human rights cases before the Israeli Supreme Court, and advocated before international forums.

Between 2003 - 2007, Dakwar worked with the Center for Constitutional Rights as a pro-bono outside advisor on several cases seeking to hold government officials and corporations accountable for torture, extrajudicial killings, and war crimes committed abroad. Dakwar is co-chair of the American Constitution Society's Working Group on International Law and the Constitution. He is also a founding and steering committee member of the Human Rights at Home Campaign.

NIMER SULTANY

SJD Candidate, Harvard Law School



Nimer Sultany is a SJD candidate at Harvard Law School. He worked as a human rights lawyer in the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and as the head of the Political Monitoring Project at Mada al-Carmel - The Arab Center for Applied Social Research. He has published numerous articles and books on the Palestinian question including: *Citizens without Citizenship* (2003), *Israel and the Palestinian Minority 2003* (2004), and *Israel and the Palestinian Minority 2004* (2005). He also co-authored *Voting Without Voice* (2004) and co-founded and co-edited *Mada Akhar*, a critical sociopolitical bi-annual journal. He served as the coordinator for the Public Committee Against Trans-Israel Highway.

DIANA BUTTU, ESQ.



Diana Buttu is a lawyer who is currently a research fellow at the Kennedy School of Government. Ms Buttu worked in Palestine as a human rights lawyer where, from 2000 to 2005 she served as a legal advisor to the Palestinian negotiating team. In 2004, she was part of the team that litigated Israel's wall before the International Court of Justice. Ms Buttu holds law degrees from Queen's University in Canada, the University of Toronto and Stanford University.

EMILY SCHAEFFER, ESQ.

Law Offices of Michael Sfar



Emily Schaeffer is a human rights lawyer based in Tel Aviv at the Michael Sfar Law Office, which works exclusively on human and civil rights cases from Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories (OPT). A certified attorney in the United States (CA) and Israel, Emily has advocated for human rights and social justice in various settings in both countries. Since joining Adv. Sfar in 2006, her work has focused primarily on the application of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and Israeli military and constitutional law to the OPT, in Israeli civilian and military courts. Emily represents the West Bank village of Bil'in in the Israeli courts as well as in an ongoing civil action in Quebec, Canada against two Canadian construction companies, Green Park International and Green Mount International, for violating international law by building Israeli settlements on the village's land. Among her other work, Emily coordinates Israeli NGO *Yesh Dira's* "Accountability Project", representing Palestinian victims of crimes committed by Israeli security personnel, and serves as legal counsel to the Israeli organizations *Breaking the Silence* and the *Who Profits from the Occupation?* project of the *Coalition of Women for Peace*. Emily is a graduate of the UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

DANIEL MACHOVER, ESQ.

Hickman and Rose



Daniel is recommended by Chambers UK Guide to the Legal Profession as a leading solicitor in civil liberties, police law, prison law and public and administrative law.

He specialises in international human rights law, civil actions against the state and in representing bereaved families at inquests into deaths in custody. In recognition of this work, Daniel received the Margery Fry Award from the Howard League for Penal Reform for *'ensuring the protection of prisoners through the tenacious pursuit of legal remedies'*. Daniel is currently Chair of the UK charity INQUEST, which provides a specialist, comprehensive advice service to bereaved people and others in England & Wales on contentious deaths and their investigation.

Daniel's work in pursuing individuals accused of committing war crimes, torture and crimes against humanity across the world has placed him at the forefront of the movement for universal criminal jurisdiction over the most serious human rights violations. Daniel co-founded Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights in 1988 and actively pursues potential legal remedies in the UK and EU for Palestinian victims of alleged Israeli human rights abuses.

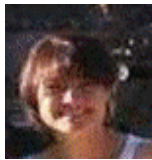
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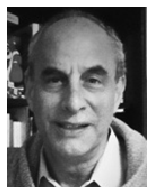
Victor Kattan is the author of *From Coexistence to Conquest: International Law and the Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict 1891-1949* (London: Pluto Books, 2009) and *The Palestine Question in International Law* (London: British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2008). Victor was a Teaching Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London from 2008-2011 where he is presently completing his PhD. Previously Victor worked for the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (2006-2008), Arab Media Watch (2004-2006), and the BADIL Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights as a UNDP TOKTEN consultant (2003-2004).

YASMINE GADO, ESQ.



Yasmine Gado received her J.D. with honors from George Washington University where she was an editor of the *George Washington International Law Review*. She received her B.A. in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis. Yasmine practiced corporate and securities law at Fried Frank and Latham & Watkins, and was an attorney in the General Counsel's office of the U.S. Export-Import Bank where she represented the Bank in transactions with governments of developing nations providing loans and loan guarantees for the purpose of purchasing of U.S. exports. Yasmine currently devotes her time to consulting work for Palestinian civil society organizations on issues relating to business and human rights, including The Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Refugee and Residency Rights, the Palestinian Boycott Divestment Sanctions Campaign Steering Committee and Al Haq. For Badil, she authored a study "Principles and Mechanisms to Hold Business Accountable for Human Rights Abuses which examined potential avenues to challenge corporate involvement in Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people". Yasmine was a legal expert at the London session of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine which investigated corporate complicity in Israeli human rights abuses in the occupied Palestinian territories.

MATTHEW ROSS, ESQ.



Ross is a partner in the San Francisco/Oakland law firm of Leonard, Carder. He has represented local and California labor unions for over 35 years in contract negotiations, labor issues and litigation. He also is a life-time activist in the National Lawyers Guild and its various Middle-East committees. He participated in the Lawyer's Guild 1977 delegation to Palestine, co-authoring with other members of that delegation a report on conditions in the occupied territories that was among the first within the North American legal justice community to report on systematic Israeli human rights. Recently he has presented and written on the subject of the legality of BDS activities.

ELIZABETH JACKSON



Liz Jackson Co-Chairs the National Lawyers Guild Free Palestine Subcommittee and Berkeley Law Students for Justice in Palestine. She is in her third year at Berkeley law. Prior to law school, Liz was a community organizer in Massachusetts where she directed economic justice campaigns.

SAMERA ESMEIR

Professor of Rhetoric, University of California Berkeley



A former lawyer, Samera Esmeir received her Ph.D. in Law and Society from New York University. She is currently working on her book manuscript which is an historical study of Egypt under British rule and a theoretical exploration of the juridicalization of the "human". Entitled *Juridical Humanity*, this manuscript investigates the role played by the violence of imperial colonialism in the constitution of "universal humanity," and in inscribing the human as the teleology of modern law. She has been also working on other research projects that focus on the contemporary Middle East, and specifically on questions of violence, war, and the security state. She maintains an interest in legal history (and its rhetoric) and is working on two small research projects. The first is an investigation of the colonial histories of the field of "comparative law." The second is a legal history of treason in Israel. Samera Esmeir was also the co-editor and cofounder of *Adalah's Review*, a sociolegal journal published in Arabic, Hebrew and English that focuses on the Palestinian minority in Israel.

MODERATORS

CALVIN MASSEY

Professor of Law, University of California Hastings College of the Law



Professor Massey is a product of small towns in the western mountain states. He joined the Hastings faculty in 1987, following a dozen years of practice in San Francisco. Among his books are a constitutional law casebook, *American Constitutional Law: Powers and Liberties and Silent Rights: The Ninth Amendment and the Constitution's Unremunerated Rights*. He has also authored over 50 articles, most of which involve matters of constitutional law. Professor Massey has been a visiting professor at the law schools of Stanford, University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall), Boston College, Boston University, Lewis & Clark, Washington & Lee, and Leiden University in the Netherlands.

BENJAMIN DEPOORTER

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Ben Depoorter is a graduate of Yale Law School (LLM, 2003). He also holds a JD (1999) and PhD (2003) from Ghent University and a Master's degree from the University of Hamburg (2001). He received a Fulbright Scholarship in conjunction with his LLM studies at Yale, during which he also served as an editor of the *Yale Journal of Regulation* and conducted research as a John M. Olin Fellow in Law, Economics, and Public Policy. He was a Santander Research Fellow at U.C. Berkeley and a recipient of BAEF and Fulbright scholarships.

He has authored more than 20 scholarly publications, including recent articles in *Columbia Law School*, *Cornell Law Review*, *Duke Law Journal*, the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Supreme Court Economic Review*, the *International Review of Law and Economics*, and the *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*. He is currently a co-editor of the *Review of Law & Economics* (Bepress publishing).

RICHARD BOSWELL

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Professor Boswell joined the regular full-time faculty at Hastings after teaching as a visiting professor in 1990. He received his B.A. in Urban Economics from Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles and his J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center where he was a member of the *Journal of International Law & Economics*. He was in private practice and later joined the faculty of the George Washington University National Law Center where he directed the Trial Practice Program and Immigration Law Clinic and taught immigration law. Working his way west, he joined the faculty at the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1986.

Professor Boswell is a frequent lecturer on immigration law and has taught regularly in programs for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy since 1986. He was most recently the co-editor-in-chief of the *Clinical Law Review* which is a joint publication of the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), the New York University Law School and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). In addition to his work in clinical legal education, Professor Boswell has been involved in rule of law/justice projects in Central Asia, Columbia, Guatemala, Palestine and Venezuela. He is the author of *Immigration and Nationality Law: Cases and Materials*, the co-author (with Karen Musalo and Jennifer Moore) of *Refugee Law: Cases and Materials* as well as numerous articles and books on immigration law. He currently teaches immigration law, and directs the Immigrants' Rights Clinic.

DARIEN SHANSKE

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Professor Darien Shanske holds a J.D. from Stanford, a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley in Rhetoric, an M.A. from McGill University in Philosophy and a B.A. from Columbia University. Before law school, he worked as a financial consultant to California local governments, and, after graduating from law school, he worked as an attorney in the public finance department of Sidley Austin in San Francisco. Professor Shanske then clerked for Judge Pierre N. Leval of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Professor Shanske's academic interests include: local government law, taxation, public finance and jurisprudence. His current projects are on the interaction of political choice and economics on local government law, particularly local government finance law, and on the role of legal conflict and equity in Thucydides and Classical Athenian law generally.