

The Initiative on Judicial Independence and Human Dignity

مبادرة استقلال القضاء والكرامة الإنسانية

Conference

“Human Dignity and the Life of the Palestinians”

Birzeit University 28-30 March 2012

Hall 243 - Institute of Law Building

(Simultaneous translation is provided)

Programme

First Day – Wednesday, 28 March

13:00 Registration (and pick up of translation equipment)

14:00 Opening Session Chair: **Dr. Ghassan Faramand**

Address by Dr. Khalil Hindi – President of Birzeit University

Address by Dr. Alan Wildeman – President of the University of Windsor

Address by Chief Justice Farid Jallad – Head of the Palestinian High Judicial Council

Address by His Excellency Chris Greenshields - Representative of Canada to the Palestinian Authority

14:30 First Session: Chair: **Dr. Basem Ezbi**

The Concept of Human Dignity

14:35 Violence Against Women, Violence Against Dignity **Justice Clair L’Heureux-Dube**

14:50 Ahlan wa Sahalan: This is My Name **Dr. Abdelrahim Alsheikh**

15:05 Human Dignity in Theory and Practice **Mr. Jamil Salem**

15:20 Dignity, Textual and Pre-textual **Professor Reem Bahdi**

15:35 Discussion

16:30 End of Session

Second Day – Thursday, 29 March

9:30 Second Session: Chair: **Dr. Ahamd Harb**

The Place of Dignity in Human Rights

9:35 Assessing Legal Processes through the Lens of Human Dignity **Dean Camille Cameron**

9:50 Dignity and the Palestinians under Israeli Law **Attorney Hassan Jabareen**

10:05 (Re)introducing Human Dignity to Refugee Studies **Dr. Asem Khalil**

10:20 Discussion

11:00 Break

11:20 Third Session: Chair: **Mr. Issam Aroui**

Dignity in Daily Life

11:25 Dignity and its Components among Palestinian Youth **Dr. Rita Giacaman & Ms. Zeina Amr**

11:40 Dignity and the City **Dr. Yazid Anani**

11:55 Dignity on Revolution Square **Dr. Mudar Kassiss**

12:10 Dignity Beyond the Text: Women in Shar’i Courts **Ms. Reem Botmeh**

12:25 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Fourth Session: Chair: **Attorney Nabil Mushahwar**

Human Dignity and Judicial Independence

14:20 The Judicial Authority and National Dignity **Chief Justice Farid Jallad**

14:35 Judicial Independence and Human Dignity: What Does It Take? **Chief Justice Catherine Fraser**

14:50 Judicial Independence for the Sake of Human Dignity **Justice Allan Lutfy**

15:05 The Role of Judicial Education in Maintaining Judicial Independence **Justice Assad Mubarak**

15:20 Discussion

16:15 End of Session

Third Day – Friday, 30 March**9:15 Fifth Session:**Chair: **Dr. Yousef Shandi****Judicial Education and Human Dignity****9:35** Judicial Education and Human Dignity in Transnational Perspective**Justice Douglas Campbell****9:50** Education of Dignity and the Dignity of Education**Justice Dr. Othman Takroui****10:05** Understanding Dignity in the Experience of Curriculum Development for Judicial Education**Justice Mahmoud Jamous****10:20** Dignity Considerations in Labour Law**Justice Osama Aldabbas****10:35** Discussion**11:30** End of Conference**Conference Participants** (alphabetical)**The Honourable Justice Osama Aldabbas**

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The Honourable Justice Allan Lutfy

Justice and former Chief Justice of the Federal Court – Canada

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