

## Conference on

### *Political Rights in Palestine:*

### *Between the Anvil of Internal Political Divide and Prospects of National Reconciliation*

**15 December 2014**

**Institute of Law – Birzeit University**

#### **Conference Goals**

1. Review the Palestinian political context after the Palestinian national reconciliation effort has materialised, including reflections on legal, administrative and political structures.
2. Examine the current context of public rights and freedoms within the Palestinian legal system, with a particular focus on political rights following the Palestinian national reconciliation.
3. Review and provide a potential approach to dealing with legal and administrative consequences and positions created after the internal Palestinian political division.
4. Discuss the right of assembly within the Palestinian system, relevant variables on the Palestinian scene, and current regulation of political parties.
5. A treatise on the Palestinian electoral system and outlook for future legal and partisan approaches.

## Conference Programme

**09:00 – 09:15                      Registration**

### Opening Session

**09:15 – 09:40**

<b>Speakers</b>	Samia Halileh, Birzeit University Vice President for Community Affairs Hans Maria Heyn, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Office, Palestinian Territories Jamil Salem, Director, Institute of Law Mahmoud Alawneh, Manager of Legislative Support Department, the Institute of Law
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<b>Session 1</b> <b>09:45 – 11:15</b>	Political Rights: Between the Internal Palestinian Political Divide, National Reconciliation, and Politics Law
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<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Sahar Francis</b>
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<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ghassan al Khatib, <i>A Treatise on the Palestinian National Reconciliation Effort</i></li> <li>- Mustafa al Barghouti, <i>The General Freedom Committee: Principles, Mechanisms, Achievements</i></li> <li>- Mudar Kassis, <i>Palestinians' Right to Reconciliation and Freedom of Disagreement</i></li> <li>- Mohammed Khadher, <i>Rights, Freedoms and the Palestinian National Reconciliation: A New Reality</i></li> <li>- Mohammed Abu Matar, <i>Political Rights and Freedoms in Palestine and Arab Countries with Revolutionary Movements</i></li> </ul>
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<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Ammar Jamous</b>
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### Discussion

**11:15 – 11:25                      Break**

<b>Session 2</b> <b>12:45 – 11:25</b>	Legislation, Reconciliation and Principle of Legitimacy: A Treatise on Legal and Administrative Positions
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<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Ghassan Faramand</b>
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<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Razan al Barghouthi, <i>Legislative Process after the Internal Palestinian Political Split</i></li> <li>- Mahmoud Alawneh, <i>Potential Solutions for the Legislative Status and Duplicate Institutions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip</i></li> <li>- Fawwaz Abu Zir, <i>Legal Committee's Approaches to Reviewing Legislation and Administrative Processes</i></li> <li>- Assem Khalil &amp; Mohammad Abed Al-Ghafour, <i>Control over Legislation and the Principle of Legitimacy</i></li> <li>- Salah Abdul 'Ati, <i>The Judicial Apparatus after National Reconciliation and the Problem of Consolidation</i></li> </ul>
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<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Abeer Dirbas</b>
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### Discussion

<b>12:45 – 12:55</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>Session 3</b> <b>12:55 – 02:15</b>	Political Rights: Between Philosophical and Textual Decoration and Realistic Application
<b>Moderator</b>	Omar Rahhal
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anees Abu Siba', <i>The Right to Form Political Parties: Law and Practice</i></li> <li>- Mo'een al Barghouthi, <i>Political Parties in Palestine: Legal or Self-Regulation</i></li> <li>- Alaa' Hammad, <i>Peaceful Assembly between Legal Legitimacy and Politics Law</i></li> <li>- Raed Abdul Hamid, <i>Impact of the Internal Palestinian Political Split on the Right to Freedom of Association</i></li> <li>- Mohammed Abu Hashem, <i>Regulation of the Right to Freedom of Association and a Treatise on Reflections of the Internal Palestinian Political Divide</i></li> </ul>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Razan al Barghouthi
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>2:15 – 03:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session 4</b> <b>03:15 – 04:30</b>	The Electoral System between National Reconciliation and Party Quotas: What Electoral System do We Want?
<b>Moderator</b>	Hisham Kuheil
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ma'an Id'eis, <i>A Legal Review of Laws Regulating the Right to Vote in Palestine</i></li> <li>- Jihad Harb, <i>Impact of the Palestinian National Reconciliation on the Electoral System</i></li> <li>- Adnan al Hajjar, <i>The Electoral System in Palestine between Personal and Partisan Interests</i></li> </ul>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Alaa' Hammad
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>Final Session</b> <b>4:30 – 04:40</b>	<b>Presentation of Conference Conclusions and Recommendations</b>