

# Israel/Palestine: Mapping Models of Statehood and Paths to Peace

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June 22-24, 2009 | York University, Glendon Campus, Toronto, Canada

## Conference Program

### Monday, June 22

**2:00-3:00**      **Concurrent Movie Screening I: Route 181 (Part 1, 90 min. Michel Khleifi and Eyal Sivan, 2004)**

*York Hall, Room 204*

**Concurrent Movie Screening II: Crossing Kalandia (52 min. Sobhi al Zobaidi, 2002)**

*York Hall, Room 172*

**3:00-4:00**      Check-in and pick up conference materials

*Dining Hall*

**4:00-5:30**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks, Dean Patrick Monahan, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University**

*Dining Hall*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Professor Susan Drummond, York University

Keynote Speaker: Professor Jeremy Webber, University of Victoria

**"Past Injustice, Agonistic Encounter, and the Construction of Community among Those Who Have Nothing in Common"**

**5:30-7:30**      Reception, *Dining Hall*

**7:30-8:30**      **Movie Screening: Bridge Over Wadi (60min. Tomer and Barak Heyman, 2007)**

*York Hall, Room 172*

### Tuesday, June 23

**8:30 AM**      **Coffee and continental breakfast**

*Dining Hall*

**9:00 – 10:45 Plenary I: Is a Two State Model Just and Viable?**

*Dining Hall*

Chair: Prof. Fred Zemans, York University

Prof. Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts Boston

**The Economic Underpinnings of the One State Solution in Israel/Palestine**

Prof. Chaim Gans, Tel Aviv University

**Ethno-cultural Nationalism, Sub-statist Self-determination, and a Two-State Model for Israel/Palestine**

Prof. Sammy Smooha, Haifa University

**The Position on Two-State Solution of the Palestinian-Arab and Jewish Citizens in Israel**

**10:45-11:00** Break & Refreshments

**11:00–12:45 Plenary II: Is a One State Model Just and Viable?**

*Dining Hall*

Chair: Prof. Courtney Jung, University of Toronto

Ali Abunimah, Palestine Center

**Challenging the Consensus Favoring the Two-State Model**

Prof. Marc Ellis, Baylor University

**Can the Imagined and Real Jewish Civil War Point Beyond the One State/Two State Dichotomy? Unravelling Jewish Particularity as a Path of Solidarity**

Prof. Dan Rabinowitz, Tel Aviv University and Central European University

**The Third Option: A Sharia State?**

**12:45-2:00 Lunch & Keynote Address**

*Dining Hall*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Mazen Masri, York University

Keynote Address: Prof. Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania

**Thinking the Unthinkable: Perhaps There is No Solution**

2:00-3:30

**Concurrent Panel I: Between the *Status Quo* and the Future: What are the Possible Outcomes?**

*York Hall, Room 204*

Chair: Prof. Sabah Al-Nasseri, York University

Omar Barghouti

**A Secular Democratic State in Historic Palestine: Reconciling the Inalienable Rights of the Indigenous with the Acquired Rights of the Settlers**

Jeff Halper, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions

**Working Around the Occupation: Towards a Two State-Plus Approach - A Middle East Economic Confederation**

Prof. Mazin Qumsiyeh, Bethlehem University

**One State: Durable and Achievable Peace**

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**Concurrent Panel II: Religion, Culture and State**

*York Hall, Room 172*

Chair: Prof. Francois Tanguay Renaud, York University

Naeem Jeenah, University of the Witwatersrand

**Islamic Approaches to the Question of Palestine**

Dr. Orit Kamir, Hebrew University

**Can Two Honor-Based Cultures Unite Under “Human Dignity” or “Equality”?**

Prof. Yakov Rabkin, Université de Montréal

**Evolution of Jewish Identities and Its Effects on the One-State Solution**

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**Concurrent Panel III: Conflict Resolution: Comparative and Problem Based Approaches**

*York Hall, Room 129*

Chair: Prof. Joseph Carens, University of Toronto

David Berlin

**The Problem with Solutions**

Prof. Rudhramoorthy Cheran, University of Windsor

**Internal Self-Determination as an Alternative to a Unitary State: The Case of Tamils in Sri Lanka**

Prof. Jennifer Todd, University College Dublin

**One State or Two? Anticipating Opportunities for and Obstacles to Identity Shift**

**3:30-3:45** Break & Refreshments, *York Hall Breezeway*

**3:45-5:15 Concurrent Panel I: International Legal Dimensions**

*York Hall, Room 204*

Chair: Prof. Obiora Okafor, York University

Prof. Michael Mandel, York University

**What Does International Law Have to Say About the Question of One State or Two?**

Prof. Jean d'Aspremont, University of Amsterdam

**The Incompatibility between Contemporary International Law and the Potential Solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Prof. Jeff Handmaker, Institute of Social Studies

**Swallowing the Bitter Bill: A Socio-Legal Approach to Resolving the Impasse Between Israel and the Palestinians**

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**Concurrent Panel II: Comparative Approaches : South Africa**

*York Hall, Room 129*

Chair: Prof. Shin Imai, York University

Prof. Abigail Bakan, Queen's University / Prof. Yasmeen Abu-Laban, University of Alberta

**Israel/Palestine and Apartheid South Africa: Implications of the Comparison for the "One-state Solution" in the Middle East**

Prof. Heribert Adam, Simon Fraser University

**South African Lessons for Israeli Palestinian Peace Making**

Naeem Jeenah, University of the Witwatersrand (co-authored with Salim Vally, University of the Witwatersrand)

**The National Question and a future Israeli/Palestinian state and society: Comparisons with South Africa**

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**Concurrent Panel III (Emerging Scholars): The Practical and Theoretical Underpinnings of a Just Solution**

*York Hall, Room 172*

Chair: Prof. Nadim Rouhana, Tufts University

Michael Bloch, University of Geneva

**Theoretical Underpinnings of the Binational State Model**

Marco Allegra, Turin University / Paolo Napolitano, Turin University

**Two states or not two states? That is not the question (yet)**

Prof. Reecia Orzeck, University of Vermont

**Equality, Justice, and Possible Models of Statehood**

Dana Olwan, Queen's University

**Anti-Racist Student Activism and the One State Solution**

**5:30 - 7:00 Concurrent Movie Screening I: Citizen Nawi (80 min. Nissim Mosek, 2007)**

*York Hall, Room 204*

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**Concurrent Movie Screening II: Since You Left (60 min. Mohammad Bakri, 2005)**

*York Hall, Room 129*

<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>
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**8:30 Coffee and continental breakfast**

*Dining Hall*

**9:00 – 10:45 Plenary III: Beyond the One State vs Two States Debate**

*Dining Hall*

Chair: Prof. Reem Bahdi, University of Windsor

Dr. Meron Benvenisti

**The Durable *Status Quo***

Prof. Micheline Ishay, University of Denver / Prof. David Kretzmer, Hebrew University

**Reclaiming Human Rights: Alternative Paths to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Prof. Nadim Rouhana, Tufts University

**Beyond the One State - Two States Debate**

**10:45- 11:00** Break & Refreshments

**11:00–12:30 Concurrent Panel I: Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return**

*York Hall, Room 204*

Chair: Prof. Emeritus Elia Zureik, Queen's University

Discussant: Prof. Sharry Aiken, Queen's University

Hazem Jamjoum, Badil Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights

**The Rights of Palestinian Refugees Between One-State and Two-State Solutions**

Dr. Na'ama Carmi, Haifa University

**Palestinian Return and Resolution of the Israel/Palestine Conflict**

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**Concurrent Panel II: History of Federal, Binational and Other Models of Statehood**

*York Hall, Room 129*

Chair: Prof. David Schneiderman, University of Toronto

Prof. Bruce Ryder, York University

**Justice Ivan Rand, UNSCOP and Federal Proposals in Israel/Palestine**

Prof. Gershon Shafir, University of California at San Diego

**Capitalist Binationalism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Rafeef Ziadah, York University

**From 'One-Secular-State' to 'Two-State-Solution': Tracing the Transition inside the PLO**

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**Concurrent Movie Screening: Citizen Bishara (52 min. Simone Biton, 2002)**

*York Hall, Room 172*

**12:30-1:45 Lunch & Keynote Address**

*Dining Hall*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Prof. Bruce Ryder, York University

**Keynote Address:** Prof. George Bisharat, University of California

**Between Utopianism and Realism: Evaluating Obstacles to the One and Two State Solutions**

**1:45-3:15**      **Concurrent Panel I: Regional Issues: Economy and the Environment**  
*York Hall, Room 172*

Chair: Prof. Atif Kubursi, McMaster University

Omar El-Khairy, London School of Economics and Political Science  
**The Virtualisation of Palestinian Sovereignty: The City State Solution**

Adam Hanieh, Zayed University  
**The Regional Economy and Paths for Statehood in Israel/Palestine**

Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld, York University  
**Nature Knows No Boundaries?**

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**Concurrent Panel II: Gender, Citizenship and Identity**  
*York Hall, Room 129*

Chair: Prof. Himani Bannerji, York University

Prof. Nergis Canefe, York University (presented by Noora Sharab)  
**The Future of Palestinians in Refugee Camps in the Middle East: Citizenship, Belonging and Memory**

Prof. Smadar Lavie, Macalester College  
**Two States or One? Mizrahi Feminism, the "Peace Process," and the Struggle for Palestine**

Dr. Vanessa Farr, UNDP Programme of Assistance to the People of Palestine  
**‘All the men are terrorists and all the women are victims’: The impacts of Narrowed Gender Identities in Post-incursion Gaza**

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**Concurrent Panel III: Ethnographic Encounters**  
*York Hall, Room 204*

Chair: Prof. Susan Drummond, York University

Prof. Efrat Ben-Ze'ev, Ruppin Academic Center  
**Mental Maps of a Contested Territory: Spatial Perceptions of Citizens of Israel—Palestinian Arabs and Jews**

Prof. Sharry Aiken, Queen's University  
**Field Notes from a Conference Organizer**

Prof. Jasmin Habib, University of Waterloo  
**Israel/Palestine Cyberactivism: Memory, History, Place**

**3:15-3:30**      **Break & Refreshments**

3:30-5:00

**Concurrent Panel I: Constitutional Models and Transitions**

*York Hall, Room 204*

Chair: Prof. Audrey Macklin, University of Toronto

Prof. Tsvi Kahana, Queen's University

**A Constitutional Transition to Bi-Nationalism: "Practice and Theory"**

Prof. Michael Lynk, University of Western Ontario

**Partition, Federalism and the Future of Israel/Palestine**

Nimer Sultany, Harvard University

**Justice and Legitimacy of Constitutional Design**

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**Concurrent Panel II: Transitioning into a New Era**

*York Hall, Room 129*

Chair: Prof. Jennifer Nedelsky, University of Toronto

Dr. Bashir Bashir, Hebrew University / Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

**Politics of Reconciliation and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Prof. Uri Davis, Al-Quds University

**Land, Zionist National Institutions, and the Right of Return of the Palestinian Refugees**

Mazen Masri, York University

**The Land Question**

Zinaida Miller, Brown University

**Cautionary Tales of Transitional Justice**

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**Concurrent Panel III (Emerging Scholars): Critical Analysis of the Peace Process and the Challenges to Peace**

*York Hall, Room 172*

Chair: Prof. Smadar Lavie, Macalester College

Noora Sharrab, York University

**A Critical Look at the Middle East Peace Process**

Giulia Daniele, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

**A Single Israeli-Palestinian Land: Coexisting from a Gender Perspective**

Ariel Babinsky, Columbia University

**Collective Memory and the Two State Solution**

Mohammed Bouamri, Mohammed V University, Morocco

**Why One State Solution is Impossible**



**5:00-5:45      Closing Reflections**

*Dining Hall*

Chair: Prof. Sharry Aiken, Queen's University

Prof. Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts Boston

Prof. David Kretzmer, Hebrew University

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