

# 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

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

**4:00-5:30 PM:** Welcome and Opening Remarks

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 PM:** Reception

### Tuesday, June 23

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

**9:00 – 10:30** **Plenary I: Is a Two State Model Just and Viable?**

Chair: Prof. Fred Zemans, York University

Prof. Marc Ellis, Baylor University

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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**

**10:30-10:45** Break

**10:45–12:15 Plenary II: Is a One State Model Just and Viable?**

Chair: Prof. Courtney Jung, University of Toronto

Ali Abunimah, Palestine Center

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

Dr. Meron Benvenisti

**The Durable *Status Quo***

Prof. Dan Rabinowitz, Tel Aviv University

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

**12:15-1:15 Lunch & Keynote Address**

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Mazen Masri, York University

Keynote Address: Prof. Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania

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

**1:15-2:45 Concurrent Panel I: Between the *Status Quo* and the Future: What are the Possible Outcomes?**

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 Qumseyeh, Bethlehem University

**One State: Durable and Achievable Peace**

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

Chair: Prof. Francois Tanguay Renaud, York University

Prof. Yakov Rabkin, Université de Montréal

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

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”?**

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**Concurrent Panel III: Comparative Approaches : Ireland and Sri Lanka**

Chair: TBD

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**

**2:45-3:00**

Break

**3:00-4:30**

**Concurrent Panel I: Ethnographic Encounters - the Spaces of Mixité**

Chair: Prof. Annie Bunting, York University

Prof. Susan Drummond, York University  
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Prof. Jasmin Habib, University of Waterloo  
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**Concurrent Panel II: International Legal Dimensions**

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 III: Comparative Approaches : South Africa**

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

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

## **Wednesday, June 24**

**8:30 Coffee and continental breakfast**

**9:00 – 10:30 Plenary III: Beyond the One State vs Two States Debate**

Chair: Prof. Reem Bahdi, University of Windsor

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

**Israelis and Palestinians: Charting Human Rights Paths**

Prof. Yoav Peled, Tel Aviv University

**One State of Two? The View from Transitional Justice**

Prof. Nadim Rouhana, Tufts University

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

**10:30- 10:45 Break**

**10:45–12:15 Concurrent Panel I: Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return**

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**

Chair: TBD

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**

### **12:15-1:15 Lunch & Keynote Address**

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**

### **1:15-2:45 Concurrent Panel I: Regional Issues: Economy and the Environment**

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**

Chair: Prof. Himani Bannerji, York University

Prof. Nergis Canefe, York University

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

Chair: TBD

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)**

Zianida Miller, Tufts University

**Cautionary Tales of Transitional Justice**

Prof. Reecia Orzeck, University of Vermont

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

2:45-3:00

Break

3:00-4:30

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

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**

Chair: TBD

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

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

Dr. 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**

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

Chair: TBD

Noora Sharrab, York University

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

Daniele Giulia, 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 Bouameri, Mohammed V University, Morocco

**Why One State Solution is Impossible**

**4:45: 5:30 Closing Reflections**

Chair: Prof. Sharry Aiken, Queen's University

Prof. Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts Boston

Prof. David Kretzmer, Hebrew University

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