Friday 31st March

0900–0930 Registration & Coffee

0930–1015 Opening Remarks

1015–1115 **KEYNOTE 1**

Prof. Richard Falk, Professor Emeritus, Princeton University

*The Tragic Interplay of International Law and Geopolitics*

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**A. LEGITIMACY**

1130–1145 Introduction: Dr. John Reynolds

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**1145-1315 Panel 1: Histories of Palestine and International Law**

Chair: Prof. George Bisharat, University of California, Hastings College of the Law

1. Dr. Catriona Drew, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
   *International Law in 1948*

2. Prof. Ilan Pappe, University of Exeter
   *Ha-Argaz: The Legal Kit for the Prospective Military Judge, Israel and the Occupied Territories, 1963-68*

3. Prof. Geoffrey Alderman, University of Buckingham
   *Jews, Judaism and the Jewish State: Ethnic Rights and International Wrongs*

4. Dr. Golnar Nabizadeh, University of Dundee
   *Between Legality and Justice: The Politics of Representation in Joe Sacco’s Palestine, and the State of Israel*
1430–1545  Panel 2: Legitimacy, Self-Determination and Political Zionism

Chair: Dr. John Reynolds, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

1. Dr. Ghada Karmi, University of Exeter
   *How Legitimate is Israeli Statehood? Factors and Implications of the UN Creation of Israel*

2. Dr. Blake Alcott, Unaffiliated Researcher, London
   *Denial of Self-determination as a Sufficient Condition for Illegitimacy*

3. Prof. Alan Johnson, Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre
   *Justifying Israel: A Critical Analysis of the Political Theory of Chaim Gans*

1600–1715  Panel 3: Violence and Legitimacy

Chair: Dr. Piaras Mac Éinrí, University College Cork

1. Dr. John Reynolds, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
   *Law's Violence: Catastrophe, Emergency, Colonisation*

2. Dr. Markus Gunneflo, Lund University
   *"But we have a state": The International Law of Settler Colonialism in Palestine*

3. Prof. Vasuki Nessayah, New York University
   *International Law Lost in Translation: Palestine, Reading and Interruption*

1745–1845  **KEYNOTE 2**

Prof. Ugo Mattei, University of California, Hastings College of the Law
*Comparative Law, Geo-Politics and the Middle East: A Disciplined Disengagement*
Saturday 1st April

B. EXCEPTIONALISM
0915–0930  Introduction: Prof. Oren Ben-Dor

0930–1100  Panel 4: Zionism/Israel & Settler Colonialism: Exceptional or Typical?
Chair: Prof. Oren Ben-Dor, University of Southampton

1. Dr. Ronnen Ben-Arie, Tel Aviv University
   *Settler Colonialism in Palestine and the Logic of 'Double Elimination' (co-author Dr. Marcelo Svirsky)*

2. Prof. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Hebrew University
   *Israel’s Settler Colonialism, Stolen Childhood, and the Creation of Death Zones*

   *The Israeli Legal System: The Practice and Ideology of Eternalizing the Occupation*

4. Prof. Yosefa Loshitzky, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
   *Gaza as a Metaphor and the Right to be Human*

1115–1245  Panel 5: Zionist Ethnic Nationalism in Domestic Law
Chair: Prof. Jim Bowen, University College Cork

1. Dr. Mazen Masri, City University, London
   *Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State*

   *The Case of a State that Refuses the Responsibility Inherent in Statehood*

3. Ms. Ofra Yeshua-Lyth, Journalist, Member of Jaffa One State Group
   *The Israeli Liberal Elite and Their Fixation on the Jewish State*

4. Dr. Haitam Suleiman, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
   Prof. Robert Home, Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford
   *Legal Pluralism & Land rights in Israel/Palestine: Disputed Jurisdictions Between Israeli & Sharia Courts*

1245–1400  Lunch
1400-1515  Panel 6: Zionist Ethnic Nationalism in International Law

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<td>Israeli Apartheid or Colonialism?</td>
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<td>International legal Conceptions of Land: Fertile Ground for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict</td>
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C. RESPONSIBILITY

1530–1545  Introduction: Prof. George Bishar

1545–1715  Panel 7: Responsibility for Suffering in Palestine: Tactical Engagement and Mobilisation

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1730–1900  Panel 8: Responsibility & Belonging: Religion, Politics and Law

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<td>Judaic Challenges to the Legitimacy of Zionism</td>
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2000  Conference Dinner
Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April

0930–1100 Panel 9: Responsibility for Return
Chair: Prof. Suleiman Sharkh, University of Southampton
1. Dr. Salman Abu-Sitta, Land Society Palestine
   \textit{Demography of Return: Cantonization of Israel}
2. Dr. Ruba Salih, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
   \textit{Palestinian Refugees and the Perils of “Sovereignty”: Rethinking the Politics of Return and Rights}
3. Eitan Bronstein Aparicio, (De)Colonizer Research/Art Laboratory for Social Change
   \textit{From Occupier to Guest}
4. Dr. Mutaz Qafisheh, Hebron University
   \textit{Nationalising Palestinian Refugees in the State of Palestine: Impact on the Right of Return and Responsibility of Israel under International Law}

1115–1245 Panel 10: Alternative Futures
Chair: Dr. Kathy Glavanis-Grantham, University College Cork
1. Dr. Michael Kearney, University of Sussex
   \textit{An Anarchist’s Quest for Statehood: Failure and Future}
2. Prof. Brad Roth, Wayne State University
   \textit{Two Peoples, One Future?: Mutual Self-Determination After the Defeat of Actually Existing Zionism}
3. Jeff Halper, former head of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions
   \textit{Where are we Headed in Palestine/Israel: Thoughts Towards a Single Bi-National, Democratic State}
4. Prof. George Bisharat, University of California, Hastings College of the Law
   \textit{Re-centering Justice as Our Goal in Israel/Palestine}

1245–1400 Lunch

1400–1530 Closing Round Table
\textit{including:}
- Prof. Cheryl Harris, University of California Los Angeles
- Prof. Penny Green, Queen Mary University of London
- Dr. Philip Franses, Schumacher College

1530–1545 Parting Remarks