

Palestine Solidarity Conference in Stuttgart

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Separated in the Past - Together in the Future Obstacles and Perspectives for a Just Solution

Organized by Palestine Solidarity Committee in Stuttgart, Germany

Felicia Langer will chair the conference

A well-known lawyer and famous human rights activist. Her husband Mieciu Langer has survived several Nazi concentration camps. Felicia Langer has defended accused Palestinians, fought against land confiscation, house demolition, deportation, torture, denial of documents and harassment. Also from Germany she stands for a just and equitable peace between Israeli people and Palestinians. She has published numerous books which have been translated into various languages. In 1990 she received the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize (Right Livelihood Award) and became an honorary citizen of the city of Nazareth; in 1991 the Bruno Kreisky Foundation honoured her with their award of merit for services to human rights. In March 2005, Felicia Langer was awarded the Erich Mühsam Prize in recognition of her continuous struggle for the human rights of the Palestinian people. In 2009 she also received the Bundesverdienstkreuz 1. Klasse.

Conference Speakers

Ilan Pappé

Israeli professor and historian of the Middle East. Previously he chaired the Historian Institute of the Haifa University. Above all, his study "The Ethnic cleansing of Palestine", 2006 has been widely read and discussed. Further publications are "A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples", 2003, and "The Modern Middle East", 2005. He currently chairs the Department of History at the University of Exeter and is co-director of the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies.

Evelyn Hecht-Galinski

Jewish-German human rights activist and writer. She has become well-known for her commitment to a just and equitable peace between Israeli and Palestinian people and for her sharp and clear description of the violation of human rights by the state of Israel. Evelyn Hecht-Galinski opposes vehemently the diffamation of critics of the Israeli policy as anti-Semites which is only an attempt to camouflage the Israeli human rights violation.

Mazin Qumsiyeh

Palestinian scientist, activist and author who is notable for his work in medical genetics and human rights. He teaches and researches at Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities. He previously served on the faculties of the University of Tennessee, Duke and Yale Universities. He chairs the campaign against the Apartheid-Wall in Beit Sahour. He has published several books of which the most acclaimed is Sharing the Land of Canaan: human rights and the Israeli/Palestinian Struggle. He is currently finishing a book on Palestinian civil resistance from the beginning of the Zionist project in the 19th century until today.

Norman Paech

A former member of the German parliament, for the party DIE LINKE, professor for international law emeritus, activist on the Free Gaza flotilla on the Mavi Marmara.

Annette Groth

Speaker on Human Rights Policy of the party DIE LINKE in the German parliament, activist on the Free Gaza flotilla on the Mavi Marmara.

Ali Abunimah

Palestinian-American journalist and co-founder of Electronic Intifada, a not-for-profit, independent online publication about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Abunimah is a frequent speaker and commentator on the Middle East, contributing regularly to the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, The Guardian, Aljazeera and CNN among other publications. He is author of the book "One Country: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse", contributions to "Midnight on the Mavi Marmara: The Attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla and How it Changed the Course of the Israel/Palestine Conflict" and "The Goldstone Report The legacy of the landmark U.N. investigation of the Gaza conflict".

Jörg Lang

German lawyer and activist for Palestinian rights since 40 years, Stuttgart.

Rawiya Shanty

Palestinian from Galiläa, forensic psychologist and activist for the Palestinian Rights - Paris, she is doing a PhD in Paris, France.

Haidar Eid

Dr. Haidar Eid is Associate Professor in the Department of English Literature at the University of Al-Aqsa in the Gaza Strip, Palestine. He earned his PhD in South Africa. He is political commentator and human rights activist. Dr. Eid is a founding member of the One Democratic State Group (ODSG).

Attia Rajab

Civil engineer, activist for Palestinian Rights - Stuttgart, Germany

Verena Rajab

Journalist, activist for Palestinian Rights - Stuttgart, Germany

Performing Artists in the Evening Programme

Julianna Herzberg

Julianna Herzberg performed with „Les Ouvriers“ in Avignon, Werkstatt der Kulturen, Berlin and at the Volkstheater, Rostock and with Theater Junge Generation, Dresden. Since the 2007/2008 season, Julianna Herzberg has been a member of the tri-bühne Theater ensemble in Stuttgart. The work Reise nach Jerusalem, (Journey to Jerusalem) is based on a diary she kept during her journey to Palestine in August 2006, during the war against Lebanon. She is a member of Palestine Solidarity Committee in Stuttgart.

Samir Mansour

Samir Mansour played tuba in the Syrian Symphony Orchestra and the oud (lute) in the Syrian State Orchestra for Arab Music. He participated in numerous radio and television productions featuring song and oud. His compositions have been played in the Algerian Music Theatre and in the Children's Theatre in Damascus. In Germany, he founded the musical ensemble, Layalina. In this setting, he has presented many of his own compositions for flute, qanoun, oud and Arabian percussion instruments. In Stuttgart, he is also director of the German-Arab Choir.