

# Second Palestine Solidarity Conference in Stuttgart, Germany

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013

The People Demand a Change of Political System in Historic Palestine

Working together for One Democratic State



## Conference Speakers

**Evelyn Hecht-Galinski** will chair the conference. She is a Jewish-German author, activist and an outspoken critic of Israel's policies towards Palestinians. She writes a weekly commentary about Zionism, anti-Zionism, anti-Semitism and the conflict in the Middle East.

### UK

1. **Ilan Pappé** is a historian and socialist activist. He is currently a professor at the College of Social Sciences and International Studies of the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies at the university, co-director of the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies.

2. **Ghada Karmi** is a physician, writer and academic. She is currently a research fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter. She has been writing about the one-state solution since 1990, and it is the topic of her most recent book *Married to Another Man: Israel's dilemma in Palestine*.

### USA

3. **Richard Falk** is an American professor emeritus of international law at Princeton University. On March 26, 2008, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) appointed Falk for a six-year term as United Nations Special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

4. **Asaad Abu Khalil** is a professor of political science at California State University, Stanislaus, USA. He maintains a blog, The Angry Arab News Service.

5. **Joseph Massad** is Associate Professor of Modern Arab Politics and Intellectual History in the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies at Columbia University, New York.

### Gaza

6. **Raji Sourani** is widely considered the Gaza Strip's foremost human rights lawyer. He is the 1991 recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, was an Amnesty International prisoner of conscience in 1985 and 1988, member of the International Commission of Jurists and Vice President of the International Federation of Human Rights. He is the founder and director of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights.

## Lebanon

7. **Samah Idriss** is a co-founder of the Campaign to Boycott Supporters of Israel (CBSI) in Lebanon. He holds his PhD in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures at Columbia University in New York. He is an activist against Zionism and the sectarian system in Lebanon and a former editor-in-chief of *al-Adab*, a Lebanese arts and culture magazine based in Beirut, a lexicographer, and a children's author.

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8. **Haneen Naamnih** is a writer and a former land rights attorney with Adalah. She holds a Masters degree in Law (LLM), with specialty in colonial law, from The School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.

9. **Yoav Bar** was a member of the political bureau of Abnaa elBalad, a Palestinian movement active inside 1948 occupied Palestine, and one of the initiators of the Haifa Conference for the Right of Return and the Secular Democratic State in Palestine.

## Tunisia

10. **Mhamed Krichen** is a TV presenter and member of the Board of Directors of CPJ (The Committee to Protect Journalists) in New York. He is one of the most recognized journalists at Al Jazeera. Krichen is a Tunisian journalist and a consistent face at the Al Jazeera news desk.

## Germany

11. **Hermann Dierkes** from the party „Die Linke“ is a political activist. He is active in the trade union movement and environmental policy as well as tackling anticolonial subjects such as the Palestine question. He works closely with the Alternative Information Center in Palestine (Beit Sahour, Jerusalem). Nowadays he is chairman of the municipal council faction of „Die Linke“ in Duisburg, Germany.

12. **Shir Hever** is an economic researcher in the Alternative Information Center, a Palestinian-Israeli organization active in Jerusalem and Beit-Sahour. He specializes in researching the economic aspect of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. He is author of the recent book *The Political Economy of Israel's Occupation* and is currently writing his PhD in the Freie Universität in Berlin. He lives in Göttingen, Germany.

13. **Attia Rajab** was born in the Gaza Strip, Palestine. A civil engineer and human rights activist, he is one of the founders of the Palestine Solidarity Committee in Stuttgart.

## The German-Arab Hiwar Choir

*The Hiwar Choir comprises forty singers from very diverse backgrounds, accompanied by lute, qanun and flute. Binding the group together is a delight in Arab music and culture and the conviction that people from different cultures and religions can come together through music and poetry. Through their singing, they seek to promote intercultural exchange and set an example of tolerance and respect.*

## Samir Mansour

*Palestinian born in Damascus, Samir Mansour studied Music at the Damascus Conservatory. His main instruments are the Arab lute (oud), the tuba, the oriental zither (qanun) and the drum. He played oud with the Syrian State Orchestra and tuba in the Syrian Symphony Orchestra. He became well known via radio and television performances. He has also arranged film music. His compositions range from an operetta to prize-winning stage music for several plays. Samir Mansour has lived and worked since 1999*