



2024 International Conference

“Discussing Stability and Peace in Turbulent Times: Local, Regional and International Ramifications of the War on Gaza”

27-28 November 2024, Thessaloniki

PROGRAM

1st Day – Wednesday 27 November 2024

09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:30	Official Opening and Greetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof. Dr. Grigoris Zarotiadis, Director of ILABSEM AUTH- Dr. Arafat Madi Shoukri, Sr. Researcher, Al Jazeera Center for Studies- Prof. Dr. Sophia Kaitatzi-Whitlock, BSEMR Editor in Chief- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Michalis Kontos, School of Law, University of Nicosia
10:30-11:00	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Mustafa Barghouti, General Secretary of the Palestinian National Initiative
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break



12:00-13:00	<p>Session One: Political and economic prospects of the future reconstruction of Gaza</p> <p>Chair: Grigoris Zarotiadis, Director of ILABSEM AUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noura Amr, DARNA Research ApS, “The roles of the UN, the EU, and NGOs in providing humanitarian aid and addressing reconstruction efforts in Palestine” - Rodoula Komniou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, “UN, EU and NGO reconstruction efforts” - Amirtansh, Jindal Global Law School, “Collective memory, biopolitics, and reconstruction of Gaza: navigating life and loss in a fragmented landscape”
13:00-14:30	<p>Session Two: Palestinian statehood and future dynamics regarding a two-state solution: feasibility, chances and risks</p> <p>Chair: Michalis Kontos, School of Law, University of Nicosia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stefano Lovi, University of International Studies of Rome, “Assessing the two-state solution: feasibility, challenges, and prospects” - Rita Ferreira, Maastricht University, “A Palestinian State and the role of the international community” - Dyuti Himanshu Dholakia, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, “Enroute the Palestinian statehood” - E. Prema Shyam, VIT School of Law and Ragul OV, Vellore Institute of Technology, “Peace-building challenges in the Israel-Hamas conflict: a strategic assessment of shifting alliances”
14:30-16:00	Lunch Break
16:00-17:30	<p>Session Three: Hybridity, ontological security and narratives in Israel, Palestine and the Arab world</p> <p>Chair: Themis Tzimas, Book Review Editor, BSEMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maria Theodorou, Kings College, “Key patterns of the Arab-Israeli narratives” - Dionysios Skliris, University of Paris IV- Sorbonne, “Narratives for a Palestinian theology liberation” - Pouryia Hassani, Islamic Azad University of Karaj, “Iran's role in shaping regional narratives and security in the Israel-Palestine conflict: a hybrid approach” - Zakia Aqra, University of Peloponnese, “ Hamas and Hisbullah hybrid identities: carving a 3rd way in political Islam”



17:30-19:15	<p>Session Four: The role of the ICC and the ICJ in the conflict and future dynamics in and of international justice as a catalytic vector</p> <p>Chair: Themis Tzimas, Book Review Editor, BSEMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anoussa Salim, Fordham University, “The role of the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice in the conflict” - Clémence Pellisier, Trinity College, “Explaining the behaviors of international courts in Gaza” - Camille Limon, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, and Elizabeth von Bach, Diplomeds, “Judicial pathways to peace: exploring the ICC and ICJ roles in the Israeli-Palestinian and Gaza conflict” - Sara L. Orchs, Elon University, “Universal jurisdiction and the war on Gaza” - Muluka Hussien Shifa, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University, “ICJ, ICC vs. Israel: uncovering the test of global peace efforts in the Middle East”
20:30	Conference Networking Dinner

2nd Day – Thursday 28 November 2024

10:30-12:00	<p>Session Five: Journalism in the war on Gaza</p> <p>Chair: Alexandros Baltzis, School of Journalism & Mass Media Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Konstantinos Diamanidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, “Journalism and the war on Gaza” - Lourdes Boutros Habash and Ibrahim S. I. Rabaia, Birzeit University, “Media under genocide: targeting journalists and implications for the profession” - Tamer Al-Misshal, Senior Presenter on Al Jazeera Media Channel
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30-13:30	<p>Session Six: Regional perspectives on the war in the Middle East</p> <p>Chair: Sophia Kaitatzi-Whitlock, BSEMR Editor in Chief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vasilis Xidias, National and Kapodestrian University of Athens, “People’s power: endurance and sacrifice in the Middle East” - Shady el-Sherif, the American University in Cairo, “Controlling borders of fire”



	- Dimitris Konstantakopoulos , Defend Democracy.press, “Totalitarian tendencies in Israel and totalitarian tendencies in the West”
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-16:45	<p>Session Seven: Global perspectives on the war</p> <p>Chair: Themis Tzimas, Book Review Editor, BSEMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdullahi Abdi Sheikh, Moi University, “The decline of Western human rights credibility in Africa” - Konstantina Oikonomou, University of Peloponnese, “Beyond political stalemate” - Noor Suwwan, University of Chicago, “The structural relationship between new world order and genocide” - Roasheb Bawaskar, Maharashtra National Law University, “Fuelling the Fire: How Great Power Competition Escalated the Gaza Conflict” - Irfan Raja, Leeds Beckett University, “Framing “Pro-Palestinian Encampment”: A Case Study of the University of Leeds Student Encampment”
16:45-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:30	<p>Session Eight: Roundtable discussion</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Arafat Madi Shoukri, Al Jazeera Center for Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Hanine Shehadeh, Visiting assistant professor of Humanities at NYU-AD - Prof. Dr. Giorgos Margaritis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Prof. Dr. Sophia Kaitatzi-Whitlock, BSEMR, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

(Papers’ presentation time: 15’; Q&A and discussion at the end of each Session.)

