

National Lawyers Guild at USC Gould School of Law Supports the Decolonization of Palestine

USC NLG stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people harmed by Israel's illegal military occupation, apartheid, and ethnic cleansing. We condemn Israel's collective punishment of the Palestinian people and grieve the thousands of lives lost due to colonial violence. We denounce the history of violence against Jewish communities while refusing to accept that history as a justification for establishing an apartheid state or erroneously conflating anti-Zionism and anti-semitism.

All systems of oppression reinforce one another; our liberation is intrinsically tied together. In the words of Fannie Lou Hamer, nobody is free until everybody is free.

As members of the National Lawyers Guild, a community of legal workers, law students, and advocates who prioritize human rights, support for justice, and the liberation of oppressed people, we stand firm in our solidarity with Palestine. Silence will not protect us.

Youth of Occupied Palestine has declared October 20 to be an international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people. Below is a collection of resources that will continue to grow; we encourage people to learn and engage with the movement on this day and beyond.

No peace without justice; no justice without peace.

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RESOURCE BANK

ACT

Call Congress to End the Genocide in Gaza

- Take action
- It is absolutely urgent that Biden and Congress demand a de-escalation and call for a ceasefire, and demand that humanitarian assistance be allowed into the Gaza Strip. We

must also not exacerbate and fuel violence by further arming the Israeli government as it commits mass atrocities. There is only one way to end violence and that is to address the root causes of everything happening: 75 years of Israeli military occupation and apartheid, and end U.S. complicity in this systemic oppression.

• Led by <u>Jewish Voice for Peace</u>

Email Congress to Stop Fueling the Gaza Genocide

- Take action
- Demands:
 - o Immediate de-escalation
 - Entry of humanitarian assistance
- Led by the Adalah Justice Project

Call & Email Congress to Demand an End to Genocide in Gaza

- Call // Email
- Israel's total bombardment of Gaza is directly funded by the U.S. government, with a blank check for \$3.8 billion/year in U.S. military funding to Israel. Now, the U.S. promises to send more weapons and military funding for genocide. Congress must stop arming Israel.
- Toolkit from US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- Led by <u>US Campaign for Palestinian Rights</u>

Sign lawyers' statement calling on decision-makers to protect Palestinian and solidarity activists and communities

- Palestine Legal, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and the Arab-American
 Anti-Discrimination Committee are calling on all legal organizations, law offices, and
 legal professionals of conscience to sign on to the letter demanding the safeguarding of
 the constitutional and civil rights of Palestinians and their allies who are mobilizing to
 stop a genocide and call for Palestinian freedom.
- Join over 540 legal community members by signing here.
- Full text here

Sign the petition to demand NYU protect Palestinian speech and activism

- Students and activists across the country have been targeted for demanding justice for Palestine.
 - There have been instances of hate at schools like <u>WUSTL</u>, <u>Columbia</u>, <u>NYU</u>, and <u>Harvard</u>.
 - See also: The War Against Palestinians on Campus Keeps Getting More Absurd
- Sign here

Donate

- ActionAid
- Anera
- Palestine Children's Relief Fund

- Gaza Mutual Aid Collective
- Middle East Children's Alliance & Palestinian Feminist Collective
- Baitulmaal
- Palestinian Social Fund

ENGAGE

- Social media accounts to follow
- More social media accounts to follow
- News Sources on Palestinian Liberation, Gaza, and Apartheid Israel from Critical Resistance
- Palestinian Youth Movement
- If Not Now
 - For American Jewish folx: get involved
- Jewish Voice for Peace
 - Get involved
- Students for Justice in Palestine
 - SJP at USC
- Judaism On Our Own Terms
- Breaking the Silence
- B'Tselem
- Visualizing Palestine
 - o The Making of Israel
- Birthright Unplugged

EVENTS

Gaza and the Struggle for Palestine by Haymarket Books

- Thursday, October 19th @ 10 am on Zoom
- This webinar, featuring Noura Erakat, Mariam Barghouti, and Toufic Haddad, will discuss how to understand the current situation in Palestine, the 17-year siege of Gaza, and questions of resistance, colonialism, the role of Biden and US imperialism, and mass struggle.
- Register

Know Your Rights on Palestine by NLG & CUNY CLEAR

- Friday, October 20th @ 2 pm on Zoom
- Join NLG National and <u>CUNY CLEAR</u> for a know your rights training covering your rights while protesting and if/when confronted by law enforcement.
- Register

Gaza in Context: A Collaborative Teach-In Series

- Friday, October 20th @ 10 am on Youtube
- We are together experiencing a catastrophic unfolding of history as Gaza awaits a
 massive invasion of potentially genocidal proportions. This follows an incessant
 bombardment of a population increasingly bereft of the necessities of living in response

- to the Hamas attack in Israel on October 7. The context within which this takes place includes a well-coordinated campaign of misinformation and the unearthing of a multitude of essentialist and reductionist discursive tropes that depict Palestinians as the culprits, despite a context of structural subjugation and Apartheid existence.
- In this first teach-in session, we feature short introductions to the topic and foreshadow the conversations to come. We will also be screening clips from the documentary GAZA IN CONTEXT, which provides an analytical and data-driven background on Gaza.
- <u>Livestream</u>
- Event page

Protests

- Find a protest near you
- Signs & artwork
- More signs & artwork
- Know your rights as a protestor
 - Know your rights as a campus protestor
- Keep your phone secure at a protest

LEARN

Palestine 101 by <u>Decolonize Palestine</u>

- <u>Palestine 101</u> is a comprehensive overview of Palestinian history, designed for new-comers
- <u>FAQ</u> to the most commonly asked questions about Palestine
- Information on Israel's rainbow washing
- Database of debunked myths and talking points commonly used
- Reading list

How Can I Support this Liberation Struggle?

- Beginner resources to learn about Palestine
- An amazing place to start!

Our History of Popular Resistance by the Palestinian Youth Movement

- "As Palestinians, we are bearers of a rich and beautiful history. Our history is not defined by Zionism, but by our people's steadfast popular resistance to Zionist colonization and imperialism. For over 75 years, our people have faced Zionist ethnic cleansing and for over 75 years we have risen in struggle against it. Even prior to the 1948 Nakba, Palestinians consistently rose up against British imperialism and the Zionist movement, as exemplified in the 1936-9 Arab Revolt. Our history and struggle, therefore, cannot be defined by victimhood. Instead, they are defined by a relentless persistence toward liberation, even under the most brutal colonial conditions. Today is no exception. In a moment when the word is rising up for Palestinian freedom, we must emphasize that popular uprisings across Palestine are deeply and firmly rooted in our history."
- Reading materials and resources

Freedom Within Reach: Palestine Action Toolkit from Palestinian Feminist Collective

- Education, actions, and more after the May 2021 violence in <u>Sheikh Jarrah</u>.
- Includes advocacy work, information on <u>BDS</u>, tips on talking to peers about Palestine, and how to engage with Palestine through a feminist lens.
- From Ch. 6: How To Be A Co-Struggler: Collective Struggle Is Collective Liberation
 - o 3 Ways the Media Enables Racist Violence
 - We Must Commit Ourselves to Long-Term Solidarity with Palestinian Liberation
- Attached to this email and accessible here.

Palestine 101: Not That Complicated from US Campaign for Palestinian Rights

- "Many people are held back from taking a stand on the issue of Palestine/Israel by the common misconception that it is 'complicated.' Here, we explain the steady continuation of the more than 100-year-old settler colonial project that is Zionism."
- Palestine 101
- Also see:
 - Freedom Bound: Resisting Zionism & White Supremacy
 - o Together We Rise: Palestine as a Model of Resistance

Israel & Palestine: A Very Short Introduction by Jewish Voice for Peace

A ~6 minute <u>video</u> explaining the conflict

The Violence of Demanding Perfect Victims by Noura Erakat

- "Fixating on Palestinians as imperfect victims is the absolution of, and complicity with, Israel's colonial domination."
- Read the full article

MORE RESOURCES

- The Root of Violence Is Oppression by Jewish Voice for Peace
- Decolonization is not a metaphor
- The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House by Audre Lorde

Statements

- Palestinian Prisoners' Statement on Gaza and the Palestinian Resistance
- THE FIGHT AGAINST ISRAELI APARTHEID IS A FIGHT FOR FREEDOM FOR US ALL.
- NLG International emphasizes Palestinian right to resist, stands in solidarity with Palestine
- National Lawyers Guild at UC Davis School of Law (King Hall) Resolutely and Unapologetically Supports the Decolonization of Palestine
- National Lawyers Guild at Southwestern Law's Statement on Palestinian Genocide and Call to Action
- Critical Resistance: Solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for liberation
- Angela Davis's Statement of Solidarity with Palestine, Gaza, and Sheikh Jarrah

- Condemnation Letter of the University of California Board of Regents Statement on Mideast Violence
- National Lawyers Guild Solidarity with Ryna Workman

Events & Recordings

- Archive of events by the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- Teach-In on the Crisis in Palestine by the Racial Violence Hub
- Mustafa Barghouti's Interview on CNN 10/8/23
 - o Israel's Siege & Bombing of Gaza Are War Crimes. Is Ethnic Cleansing Next?
- Israeli Journalist Gideon Levy: Israel Should Lift Siege & Call Off Plans for Ground Invasion of Gaza
- How Do We Talk About Palestine Now? ...Rebutting Zionist Narratives

Censorship & Activism

- The Push to Quash Criticism of Israel Is a Push to Quash Free Speech by Saree Makdisi
- The Palestine Exception to Free Speech by Palestine Legal & the Center for Constitutional Rights
- Boycott, Divest, Sanction Toolkit by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
 - Divest from Israel by ASFC
 - o Bovcott, Divest, Sanction
- How to stay safe online by Students for Justice in Palestine
- Deadly Pattern: 20 journalists died by Israeli military fire in 22 years. No one has been held accountable.
- Law Firms Rescind Job Offers From Pro-Palestine Students at Harvard, Columbia
- How Much Discomfort Is the Whole World Worth?
- Palestinian Organizers: We Honor Our Grief by Practicing Hope

Historical Context

- The Nakba Is Now by Saree Makdisi
- Genocide, ethnic cleansing, and another Nakba in Palestine by Jewish Voice for Peace
- Palestine Sixty Years Later by Thomas Suárez
- Reborn as Fida'i: The Palestinian Revolution and the (Re)Making of an Icon by Loubna Qutami
- Popular Resistance in Palestine: A History of Hope and Empowerment by Mazin B.
 Qumsiyeh
- Armed Struggle and the Search for State: The Palestinian National Movement,
 1949-1993 by Yezid Sayigh
- Memory, Inequality, and Power by Edward Said
- Rethinking Our Definition of Apartheid: Not Just a Political Regime
- Past is Present: Settler Colonialism in Palestine by Omar Jabary Salamanca, Mezna
 Qato, Kareem Rabie & Sobhi Samour
- Masalha: The Palestine Nakba: Decolonising History, Narrating the Subaltern, Reclaiming Memory by Steven Salaita
- Zionist Colonialism in Palestine by Fayez A Sayegh

- The Untold History of Palestine & Israel
- Gaza Has Suffered Under 16-Year Blockade
- A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution
- I tracked down the house Israel stole from my grandfather by Jalal Abukhater
- Quick Facts: The Palestinian Nakba
- Just another battle or the Palestinian war of liberation?
- What Preceded the Killings in Israel and Gaza Was Not "Peace" It Was Apartheid
- The violence of the oppressed
- Why are so many Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails?
- How Israel Went from Helping Create Hamas to Bombing It
- What is Hamas? A simple guide to the armed Palestinian group
- Summary of the UN Special Rapporteur's Report on the Widespread and Systematic
 Deprivation of Liberty in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Books & Further Reading

- Tolerance Is a Wasteland: Palestine and the Culture of Denial by Saree Makdisi
- Gaza as Site and Method: The Settler Colonial City Without Settlers by Nour Joudah
- Incarcerated Childhood and the Politics of Unchilding by Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
- Free Palestine! A Reading List from Haymarket Books
 - o 3 FREE EBOOKS
- Love as the Practice of Freedom by bell hooks
- Palestine Resource List by UCLA SJP
- <u>Captive Revolution: Palestinian Women's Anti-Colonial Struggle within the Israeli Prison</u> System by Nahla Abdo
- Unfortunately, It Was Paradise by Mahmoud Darwish
- Books & poetry from Palestinian authors
- Palestinian Poster Archive
- The Revolution Will Not Be Litigated
 - Rules for Radical Lawvers by Katie Redford
- Your Silence Will Not Protect You by Audre Lorde
- Be A Revolution by lieoma Oluo
- Let This Radicalize You by Kelly Hayes & Mariame Kaba
 - EXCERPT: What Preceded the Killings in Israel and Gaza Was Not "Peace" It
 Was Apartheid
 - o EXCERPT: Rejecting Our Fear of Each Other
 - Workbook
- Movement Building Involves Discomfort by Kelly Hayes
- Except for Palestine: The Limits of Progressive Politics by Marc Lamonte-Hill & Mitchell Plitnick
- Freedom Is A Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, & The Foundations of A Movement by Angela Davis
- Justice for Some: Law & the Question for Palestine by Noura Erakat
- We Do This Til We Free Us by Mariame Kaba

Global Context

- Global Impact of Zionism by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- US Military Funding to Israel by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- We Charge Apartheid? Palestine and the International Criminal Court
- Not On Our Dime
- <u>Settlement Expansion in Occupied Palestinian Territory Violates International Law, Must Cease, Many Delegates Tell Security Council</u>
- Israel to tell ICC it does not recognise court's authority

Jewish Perspectives on Anti-Zionism

- We have an active role to play in the Palestinian struggle for liberation by Palestinian
 Liberation Movement
- We call for an immediate end to the violence by Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council
- I'm a US Jew. What Should I Be Doing Right Now? By Jewish Voice for Peace
- Our Approach to Zionism by Jewish Voice for Peace
- Jewish Grief Must Not Be Used as a Weapon of War by Jewish Voice for Peace
- Not On Our Dime

Intersectionality

- Palestine as a feminist struggle by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- Ending Zionism is a feminist issue by Nada Elia
- Intersectional feminism: Wonder Woman, Palestinians, Wakanda and Zionism by Jamie
 Omar Yassin
- Can You Be a Zionist Feminist? Linda Sarsour Says No
- <u>Feminist Approaches to Theorizing Genocidal Violence, Wars, and Occupations series at</u>
 the Racial Violence Hub
- Feminist Scholars on Policing and Empire series at the Racial Violence Hub
- Purple-Washing: Israel's Faux Feminism Through the Lens of Medical Apartheid by UCLA SJP
- Palestine as a gueer struggle by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- Queer Anti-Colonial Struggle from the US to Palestine
- Beyond Propaganda: Pinkwashing as Colonial Violence by al Qaws
- Palestine as a reproductive justice struggle by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
- Checkpoint Births by Visualizing Palestine
- Why the Occupation is a Reproductive Justice Issue by Leanne Gale and Gabi Kirk
- Israel Is Destroying the Fantasies of Liberal Zionism by Saree Makdisi
- Che Guerva's Visit to Palestine
- From the River to the Sea to Every Mountain Top: Solidarity as Worldmaking by Robin D.
 G. Kelley
- Black Power and Palestine: Transnational Countries of Color by Michael R Fischbach
- Kwame Ture on Zionism and Imperialism
- Palestine: anti-imperialism and solidarity belong to the working class