

**The Transformation of Palestine –
Palestine and the Palestinians 60 Years after the Naqba**

International Symposium in Berlin
Monday/Tuesday, March 8/9, 2010

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Welcome by Barbara Unmüßig, Co-President of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

First Session (2.00 – 4.00 pm):

1. Diversity in Unity? - Fragmentation of the Palestinian People and the Fight for Unity

Presentation of Papers:

1. Prof. Dr. Michael R. Fischbach (Randolph-Macon College, Virginia)
2. John Ging (UNRWA Gaza)
3. Salah Abdel Shafi (PLO-Representative, Stockholm)
4. Prof. Dr. Zachary Lockman (New York University)

Discussion

Chair: Joachim Paul (Director of the hbs Arab Middle East Office, Ramallah)

Coffee Break 4.00 – 4.30 pm

Second Session (4.30 – 6.30 pm):

2. Domination and Deformation - Living under the Occupation

Presentation of Papers:

1. Prof. Dr. Samir Awad (Birzeit University)
2. Dr. Sabri Saidam (Birzeit University)
3. John Ging (UNRWA Gaza)
4. Dr. Sabine Hoffmann (Free University, Berlin)
5. Prof. Dr. Mkhaimar Abusada (Al Azhar University, Gaza)

Discussion

Chair: Layla Al-Zubaidi (Director of the hbs Middle East Office, Beirut)

Dinner 6.30 - 7.30 pm

hbs cafeteria

Evening Event (8.00 – 10.00 pm): Public Panel Discussion

Two States for One People? – The Political Split in Palestine

*Participants: Prof. Dr. Ali Jarbawi (Minister of Planning, PA-Ramallah)
John Ging (UNRWA Gaza)
Prof. Dr. Helga Baumgarten (Birzeit University, Ramallah)
Prof. Dr. Nathan Brown (George Washington University, Washington)*

Chair: Barbara Unmüßig (Co-President of the hbs, Berlin)

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Third Session (9.00 – 11.00 am):

3. On the Waiting List? - Democracy in Palestine

Presentation of Papers:

- 1. Prof. Dr. Helga Baumgarten (Birzeit University, Ramallah)*
- 2. Prof. Dr. Nathan Brown (George Washington University, Washington)*
- 3. Mouin Rabbani (MERIP)*
- 4. May Jayyusi (Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Ramallah)*

Discussion

Chair: Bernd Asbach (Head of the hbs Middle East Department, Berlin)

Coffee Break 11.00 – 11.30 am

Fourth Session (11.30 am – 1.30 pm):

**4. Fighting in and for the Holy Land? -
Secularism and Religion in Palestine**

Presentation of Papers:

- 1. Prof. Dr. Nathan Brown (Carnegie-Endowment, Washington)*
- 2. Nicolas Pelham (Author/Journalist, Jerusalem)*
- 3. Prof. Dr. Helga Baumgarten (Birzeit University)*
- 4. Prof. Dr. Mkhaimar Abusada (Al Azhar University, Gaza)*

Discussion

Chair: Joachim Paul (Director of the hbs Arab Middle East Office, Ramallah)

Lunch (1.30 – 2.30 pm)

hbs cafeteria

Fifth and final Session (3.00 – 5.00 pm):

**5. The Vision of a Palestinian State -
Palestine, the Arab States and the International Community**

Presentation of Papers:

1. Dr. Muriel Asseburg (SWP, Berlin)
2. Mouin Rabbani (MERIP)
3. Prof. Dr. Zachary Lockman (New York University)
4. Salah Abdel Shafi (PLO-Representative, Stockholm)
5. Prof. Dr. Ali Jarbawi (Minister of Planning, PA-Ramallah)

Discussion

Chair: Christian Sterzing (former Director of the hbs Arab Middle East Office, Ramallah)