



The Taubenschlag Institute of Criminal Law
The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

Security Prisoners or Political Prisoners?

8 January 2007

The conference will take place in the
Malka Brender Hall of Justice
Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

9:30-11:00 Introductory Remarks: General Survey and the Basic Facts

Chair: Dr. Shai Lavi, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, and the Taubenschlag
Institute of Criminal Law, Tel Aviv University

Attorney Abeer Baker, Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
Security Prisoners or Political Prisoners? Presenting the Issue

Dr. Mimi Ajzenstadt, School of Social Work and Social Welfare and the Institute of
Criminology, The Hebrew University
Security Prisoners in Israel: Between Definitions and Data

Dr. Maya Rosenfeld, Truman Institute, The Hebrew University
*The Role of Political Prisoners in the Palestinian Struggle for Liberation from the Israeli Occupying
Regime: A Historical Perspective*

11:15-12:45 The Question of Categorization

Chair: Dr. Anat Matar, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
Objects or Subjects: Theoretical Comments on the De-Politicization of the Issue

Professor Alon Harel, Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University
The Legal Status of the Distinction between Prisoners on the Basis of the Crime's Classification

Attorney Avigdor Feldman
Semantics, Ideology and the Legal Norm Hiding behind the Term "Security Prisoner"

Attorney Yael Berda
The Security Risk as a Security Risk

Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 From Detention to Release: Part One-The Legal System

Chair: Attorney Michael Sfard

Comments on the Discrimination against "Security" Prisoners in the Legal System

Professor Lisa Hajjar, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Military Courts

Attorney Eliahu Abram, The Public Committee Against Torture in Israel

The Use of Torture

Attorney Tamar Pelleg – Sryck, Hamoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual

Administrative Detentions – Versatile and Easy to Use

Attorney Moshe Hacoheh, Chief District Public Defender, District of Jerusalem

Denying Consultation with a Lawyer

Mahmoud Zahra, Former Security Prisoner

A View of the System from Within the Jail

16:30-18:00 From Detention to Release: Part Two-Imprisonment

Chair: Attorney Lea Tsemel

The Political / Security Prisoner

Attorney Sahar Frances, The Addameer Prisoners' Support and Human Rights Association

Prisoners in Solitary Confinement: Legal Aspects

Dr. Ruhama Marton, Physicians for Human Rights – Israel

Prisoners in Solitary Confinement: Psychological Impact

Attorney Sigi Ben-Ari, HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual

Family Visits

Anat Barsella, Researcher, B'Tselem – The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories

B'Tselem's Report on Family Visits, "Barred from Contact."

18:30-20:00 From Detention to Release: Part Three- Release or Liberation

Chair: Professor Ronen Shamir, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

Attorney Emi Palmor, Director of the Department of Pardons, The Ministry of Justice
Pardon Procedures, Considerations in Apportioning Punishments and Reducing Prison Terms

Professor Leslie Sebba, Institute of Criminology, The Hebrew University
Releasing Political Prisoners

Fares Kadura, Chair of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, The Palestinian Authority
The Palestinian View

The Conference will be held in Hebrew

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