



**Program of Adalah's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arab Law Students' Conference**

Neve Shalom–Wahat al-Salam

Thursday 8 October – Saturday 10 October 2015

This three-day conference marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this annual event. The conference brings together Palestinian Arab law students from throughout Israel to discuss key human rights issues facing Palestinian citizens of Israel and Palestinians living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). Most of these human rights concerns are not discussed in Israeli law schools. For the 10<sup>th</sup> year of this conference, Adalah decided to focus on issues of impunity concerning the killing of civilians during the 2014 Gaza War and in October 2000 (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), and Israel's "land grab" in Jerusalem. Further the law students will be able to participate in several workshops relevant to cause-lawyers including legal, political and ethical dilemmas, tort damages for discrimination, representing detained protestors, and how to build a case. The conference will also bring together several former Adalah staff members and stagaires to lead sessions with the law students.

**Day 1 – 8 October 2015**

8:30

**Departure from Haifa, Nazareth and Wadi Ara and breakfast**

10:30 – 15:00 (including lunch)

**How is the Israeli government changing the face of Jerusalem?**

Field tour of Jerusalem with **Mahmoud Jiddah** and Adalah **Attorney Suhad Bishara**

The tour begins with an overview of the special legal status of Jerusalem, the legal mechanisms being used by Israel to seize Palestinian property and land in the city, and a slide show provided by the Civil Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem showing Israel's attempts to Judaize the city and alter its historical Palestinian character.

16:00 – 19:00 (including dinner)

**When a lawyer faces questions and dilemmas beyond the law**

Lawyers who defend human rights are sometimes faced with questions and dilemmas from beyond the legal field, and find themselves responsible for taking political, social and even ethical decisions. In two rounds of workshops led by Adalah staff attorneys, we will discuss examples of such cases. We will assume the role of the cause lawyer and debate these sometimes fateful decisions. In these workshops, we will discuss the issues of:

- 1) Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike and force-feeding
- 2) The boycott of Israel and the anti-boycott law
- 3) The ban on political parties that reject the Jewishness of the state from running in the Knesset elections

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19:00 – 21:00

### **Screening of the film *Bloody Sunday* and discussion**

In 1972, the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association organized a historic march to demand an end to arbitrary arrests and discrimination by the British government against Irish Catholics. The most important feature of this march was its peaceful nature and the marchers' rejection of the armed violence orchestrated at the time by the IRA against the British government. The film reviews the preparations for the march, how it unfurled, and how it ended.

## **Day 2 – 9 October 2015**

8:30 – 9:30

### **Breakfast**

9:30 – 11:00

### **Gaza: the war that ended and the war that is ongoing...**

More than a year has passed since the recent Israeli assault on the Gaza Strip, but a year has not sufficed to clear the rubble of homes and schools destroyed by Israeli planes, relieve the suffering of the injured, or ease the pain of thousands who lost loved ones. However, this short time was enough for Israel to essentially conclude its "investigation" into the war and to exonerate the army of the killings of 2,200 Palestinians, including 521 children.

**Saleh Hijazi**, a researcher from Amnesty International, will speak about the violations of international law committed by Israel in Gaza during the 2014 offensive, while **Salah Mohsen**, former Adalah Media Director and currently the Research Director at Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement, will speak about the Israeli blockade of Gaza, before and after the war.

**Dr. Hala Khoury-Bisharat**, the former Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Adalah and a lecturer at the Carmel Academic Center and Tel-Aviv University, will open and moderate this session.

11:00 – 14:00

### **Workshop on Damages and Compensation**

We will hear about the damage and compensation claims, mostly in road accident or work-related injuries cases. But what do damage claims look like when the case is political? Or when the damage is the result of racist attacks, discriminatory treatment or even war crimes? **Attorney Muayid Miari**, a former Adalah stagaire and currently a specialist in this field, will discuss his own experiences and open the floor to questions.



## **Workshop on Representing Detainees**

In recent years we have seen a serious escalation in attacks on demonstrators and on the right to political protest. The number of arrests in 2014, for example, reached its highest level since October 2000. Hundreds of detainees were represented during their time in detention by Adalah and dozens of volunteer lawyers, including **Attorney Yamen Zeidan**, who will review the process of representing detainees involved in political protests.

*14:00 – 16:00*

### **Lunch and group photo**

*16:00 – 17:30*

## **Commemoration of October 2000**

In October 2000, 13 young Palestinians in Israel were killed (12 citizens of Israel and 1 man from Gaza). 15 years have passed and those responsible have not been held accountable. **Professor Mustafa Kabha**, head of the Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies at the Open University of Israel, will present a historical overview of the causes, events and consequences of the October 2000 uprising. Former **Adalah Attorney Orna Kohn, a member of the October 2000 legal defense team**, will then speak about the problems, legal questions and lessons to be learned from the legal struggle to hold those responsible for the killings to account.

**Attorney Hussein Abu Hussein**, Chairman of Adalah's Board of Directors, will moderate this session.

*17:30 – 19:00*

## **A Discussion on the October 2000 Uprising**

A session with Professor Kabha and Attorney Orna Kohn will form the starting point of a discussion of many topics related to the events of October 2000, including the investigation by "Mahash" (the Israeli Police's internal investigations department) and the subsequent closure of all the investigatory files without any trials or charges. In addition, we will ask whether, in light of the current escalation of attacks on demonstrators, the events of October will be confined to the past, or whether the prevailing mentality of hostility towards the Arabs within the police will continue to present a threat in the future.

*19:00 – 20:00*

## **Dinner**

*21:30 – 23:00*

## **Evening Entertainment**

**Day 3 – 10 October 2015**

9:00 – 10:00

**Breakfast**

10:00 – 11:30

**Women in the Naqab: How do they challenge marginalization?**

Home demolitions, non-recognition of villages, a lack of essential services, forced displacement and urbanization – all of these policies violate the rights of Bedouin women in the Naqab (Negev) due to the fact that they are Palestinians. A patriarchal society, the exclusion of women from the public sphere, early marriages, and the murders of women – all of these issues harm women in the Naqab due to the fact that they are women. Caught in the middle, their daily lives become a continuous struggle. **Hanan El-Sane'**, a prominent feminist activist and founder of the Badiyat Center, will speak about the struggles led by women in the Naqab at the legal, public and institutional levels in order to overcome their constraints, as well as the quiet, daily struggles that are waged by every Bedouin woman in the Naqab to remain on her land and to realize her potential.

12:00 – 13:30

**How to build a legal case to protect fundamental rights**

Workshops will be led by Attorney Nisreen Alyan of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Attorney Rawan Ighbarieh, a former Adalah stagaire, of the Kayan Feminist Organization, and Attorney Ala Mahajna, a former Adalah attorney and now an attorney in private practice. The workshops will center on the process of building legal cases as human rights cases, including: field research, working with affected groups, exhausting pre-trial procedures, writing petitions, and other specific, practical steps to be taken by the lawyer in drafting the legal case.

13:30 – 14:30

**Lunch**

14:30 – 15:30

**Evaluation and Awarding of Certificates**

15:30

**Return to Haifa, Nazareth and Wadi Ara**