The Jewish-Arab Center – The University of Haifa, Sikkuy, Adalah and The Ibn Khaldoun Center

Wednesday 16 May 2007: Sefadia Hall, University of Haifa

Palestinians and Jews in Israel:
On the Threshold of Confrontation or Reconciliation?
The Current Situation and Future Perspectives

The Program:

9:00-9:30 Arrival and Orientation

9:30-10:00 Welcome:
Mr. Dan Bavly, Chairperson of the Board, The Jewish-Arab Center, University of Haifa
Dr. Muhamad Amara, Member of the Board of Directors, Sikkuy
Dr. Mahmoud Yazbak, Member of the Board of Directors, Adalah
Dr. As’ad Ghanem, University of Haifa and the Ibn Khaldoun Center

10:00-11:30 Session One: The Governing Regime and Demands for Change: The Future Vision and The Democratic Constitution
Session moderator: Mr. Ali Haider, Adv., Co-Executive Director, Sikkuy
Dr. Arik Karmon, The Israel Democracy Institute
Hassan Jabareen, Adv., General Director, Adalah
Dr. As’ad Ghanem, University of Haifa and the Ibn Khaldoun Center
Dr. Asher Cohen, Political Science Department, Bar Ilan University
Dr. Ilan Saban, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa

11:30-13:00 Session Two: Relations Between the Two National Groups
Session moderator: Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar, Citizens’ Accord Forum
Prof. Sammy Smooha, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, University of Haifa
Mr. Baker Awdi, General Director, The Center Against Racism
Mr. Shuli Dichter, Co-Executive Director, Sikkuy
Prof. Marwan Dwairy, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Adalah
Mr. Marzouq Halabi, Author and Journalist

13:00-13:30 Break

13:30-15:00 Session Three: Policies of the Government and Law Enforcement Authorities Towards Arab Citizens
Dr. Nihaya Daoud, The Hebrew University
Mr. Shawqi Khatib, Chairperson, The High Follow-up Committee for Arab Citizens of Israel and Head of The National Committee of Arab Mayors
Mr. Michael Eitan, Member of Knesset
15:00-16:30  **Session Four: The Role of the Media in Covering Issues of the Arab Community**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Faisal Azaiza, Head of The Jewish-Arab Center, University of Haifa  
Mr. Wadie Awawdi, Kol al-Arab  
Mr. Hisham Naffa’, Al-Ittihad  
Mr. Uzi Benziman, Ha’aretz  
Mr. Ben Dror Yamini, Ma’ariv  
Ms. Haneen Zoubi, General Director, I’lam – Media Center for Arab Palestinians in Israel Media Center

16:30-16:45  **Summary:** Dr. Khaled Abu Asba, Co-Chairperson, Board of Directors, Sikkuy