

Zivilgesellschaftliches Engagement in Israel/Palästina

Stimmen gegen
die Perspektivlosigkeit

Civil Society Engagement In Israel/Palestine

*Voices Against
Hopelessness*

Die Vorlesungsreihe fokussiert auf Palästinenser:innen und Israelis, die sich aktiv für die Deeskalation der Gewalt in der Region engagieren. Sie bietet eine Plattform für Stimmen, die im Schatten des Konflikts bleiben, und thematisiert in Zeiten von Gewalt und Hoffnungslosigkeit Solidarität, Erinnerungsarbeit und Dialog.

Die Vortragenden stehen auch in Seminaren und Workshops Studierenden und Kolleg:innen für einen Austausch zur Verfügung.

Die Vorträge werden in englischer Sprache gehalten. Fragen und Beiträge der Teilnehmenden können bei Bedarf in deutsche Sprache übersetzt werden.

The lecture series focuses on Palestinians and Israelis who are actively committed to de-escalating the violence in the region. It offers a platform for voices that remain in the shadows of the conflict and addresses solidarity, memory work and dialogue in times of violence and hopelessness.

The speakers will also be available to students and colleagues for exchange in seminars and workshops.

The lectures will be held in English. Questions and contributions from participants can be translated into German if required.

Dienstag
5. November 2024
13.15-15.00 Uhr
AudiMax

Sustaining Education and Building Peace: Initiatives To Support Gaza's Students During Conflict

Talk by: Asmaa Abusamra

Moderation: Bettina Völter & María do Mar Castro Varela

The initiatives to support Gaza's students during the conflict highlight two principal endeavors: the collaborative effort with the University of Oslo and OsloMet to ensure the continuity of education amidst the ongoing conflict in Gaza, and the research endeavor in partnership with the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) that addresses the specific challenges faced by students in Gaza. The objective of these initiatives is to cultivate resilience, innovation, and creative solutions that can be employed to ensure the continuity of education in challenging circumstances.

Asmaa Abusamra is a researcher at the University of Oslo under a Scholars at Risk scholarship and an assistant professor in educational management at the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza. Her expertise lies in higher education reform, strategic planning, and AI-driven organizational change. She has spearheaded various initiatives aimed at supporting education during conflict, particularly focusing on Gaza, to ensure that educational opportunities remain resilient in times of crisis.

Dienstag
19. November 2024
13.00-15.00 Uhr
Online

The Third Narrative: From an Idea to a Movement

Talk by: Amira Mohammed & Ibrahim Abu Ahmed

Moderation: Vered Berman

A lecture-based speaking engagement, where Amira and Ibrahim share their journey of activism, from their decision to take action after October 7th, to the conception of the podcast Unapologetic - The Third Narrative, and the formation of the community of Third Narrative supporters. They discuss the challenges they have faced since October 7th, their vision for the Third Narrative, and the future they are working towards.

Amira Mohammed is a Palestinian consultant, peace activist, and storyteller from East Jerusalem, advocating, in her own words "the end of Israeli occupation and systemic oppression". With expertise in leadership development, cross-cultural dialogue, and facilitation, she collaborates with NGOs and organizations across the MENA region to promote inclusivity and social cohesion. Amira is also the co-founder of the influential podcast Unapologetic: The Third Narrative, offering nuanced perspectives on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Ibrahim Abu Ahmad is a Palestinian-Israeli political and peace activist, speaker and writer. Ibrahim is the co-founder of the Podcast "Unapologetic - The Third Narrative" and speaks to various groups including students, journalists, elected officials, and policymakers. Ibrahim has a master's degree in National Security Studies from Haifa University, and a bachelor's degree in International Relations, studying at both the American University in Cairo and James Madison University in Virginia, USA. Ibrahim was born and raised in Nazareth and currently lives in Northern Israel.

Dienstag
3. Dezember 2024
15.00-17.00 Uhr
AudiMax

Narrative Structure and Others' Perception of Us

Talk by: Yariv Lapid Moderation: María do Mar Castro Varela

The talk centers on the repercussions of the October 7th Hamas attacks on Israeli civilians, emphasizing the psychological distress, ethical dilemmas, and profound inquiries into identity and accountability that have emerged on both sides of the conflict, among Israelis and Palestinians alike. The speakers emphasize that collective suffering can alter the Israeli self-perception, frequently influenced by external judgments and intricate moral debates. In comparison to historic traumas, the speaker advocates for the development of a novel narrative to address the prevailing sense of insecurity and purpose.

Yariv Lapid is a senior strategy advisor for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, leading the conceptualization of a new research center on Holocaust and Education. He studied history in Israel and Germany, was amongst others a research fellow at Van Leer Institute and worked at Israeli NGOs dealing with social conflict. He was also the director of the Center for Humanistic Education at the Ghetto Fighters House in Israel.

Donnerstag
30. Januar 2025
14.00-16.00 Uhr
AudiMax

Holding on to Humanity - Shared Grief, Shared Hope: How Do We Heal?

Talk by: Yuval Rahamim & Wajih Tmaiza Fawzeyya, Parents Circle - Families Forum
Moderation: Vered Berman

The Parents Circle - Families Forum (PCFF) is a unique organization made up of more than 750 Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families. Since its establishment, the members – all of whom have lost a family member to the conflict – have undertaken a joint effort, during ongoing violence, to transform their incredible loss and pain into a catalyst for reconciliation and peace. They choose to convert anger and revenge, helplessness, and despair, into actions of hope. PCFF is a fully joint Israeli-Palestinian organization at all levels. With more than 25 years of experience in implementing reconciliation and peace education programs in Israel and the West Bank, the organization's bereaved members speak publicly at over 300 reconciliation, dialogue and public events each year, and operate educational, public awareness, and advocacy projects that foster humanization and empathy towards the "other", both Israelis and Palestinians.

Yuval Rahamim was 8 years old when he lost his father, on the second day of the Six Day War. For years he believed that when he'd grow up, he'd avenge his father's death, but it never came to pass. In time Yuval recognized that revenge won't soothe his soul, rather reconciliation and the end of the conflict and the bloodshed. Yuval joined the Forum in 2010 and throughout the years took part and hosted many of the dialogue programs and meetings between Israeli and Palestinians. He also served as the Israeli chairman of the Board of Directors and was co-CEO from 2019 until 2024.

Wajih Tomeezi is from Idna in the Hebron district of Palestine. He is a businessman and owns the company "Wajeeh Tomeeze for poultry systems Co". He has 5 children, is a social activist and human rights defender. Wajeeh lost his brother, Hazem, in 1990 when he was only 13 years old. He also lost 3 of his cousins in 2001, following which he joined PCFF, including serving on the Board of Directors.