



## International Law in Translation: Perspectives on and from Palestine

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### Speakers of the conference

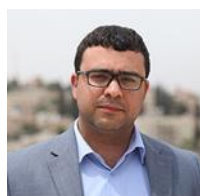
#### Welcoming and introduction:



**Muhammad Khalaf** is the dean of the Faculty of Law at Al-Quds University. His teaching and research experience focuses on civil law and private international law. He holds a PhD degree from Ein Shams University in Egypt, and a master's degree from Al-Quds University in Jerusalem. He is also a practicing lawyer and a member of the Academic Committee of the Palestinian Judicial Institute.



**Irene Schneider** is Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies. She received her PhD from Tuebingen University in 1989 and published her Dissertation under the title "Das Bild des Richters in der adab al-qadi-Literatur". In 1996 she finished her habilitation at the University of Cologne with a Study published under the title "Kinderverkauf und Schuldnechtschaft. Untersuchungen zur frühen Phase des islamischen Rechts" (English short version in the article: Freedom and Slavery in Early Islamic Time. In 2008 she turned down the offer of the Chair "Islamic Studies and Gender Studies" at the University of Zurich and in 2014 the offer of the Sharjah Chair of Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter/UK.



**Munir Nuseibah** is a human rights lawyer and academic based in Al-Quds University in Jerusalem, Palestine. He is an assistant professor at Al-Quds University's faculty of law; the director (and co-founder) of Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic, the first accredited clinical legal education program in the Arab World; and the director of the Community Action Center in Jerusalem. He holds an LL.M in International Legal Studies from the Washington College of Law of the American University in Washington DC and a PhD degree from the University of Westminster in London, UK, where his thesis dealt with Forced Displacement in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict, International Law, and Transitional Justice.

## **Conference panels:**

### **Panel I:**



**Saleh Hijazi** is Deputy Regional Director – MENA at Amnesty International; he worked at the organization since 2011 except in 2017 when he was a visiting fellow at the European Council for Foreign Relations. Previously, he worked at Al-Quds University Human Rights Clinic and Human Rights Watch in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. He holds a BA in Liberal Arts from Lawrence University in the US and MA in Human Rights from the University of Essex in the UK.



**Osama Al-Risheq** works as Clinical Legal Supervisor at the AL Quds Human Rights Clinic/ Al Quds University and is co-founder and coordinator of the Monitoring and Documentation Unit which works to document human rights violations in the South East suburbs of Jerusalem and Al Quds University. Mr. Al Risheq holds MA in International Law from Kent University in England and currently is a P.h.D Candidate in International criminal law at Vrije University in Amsterdam.



**Riem Spielhaus** is Professor for Islamic Studies with a focus on education at the University of Goettingen. She is also head of the department ‘Knowledge in Transition’ at the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research (Braunschweig). In addition, her research interests include female authorities in Islam, the institutionalisation of Islam, and the political participation of Muslims in Europe.

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### **Panel II:**



Jana Lozanoska, is a Visiting Assistant Professor and Head of Social Science Division and Human Rights Program at Bard College-Al Quds University, Palestine. She holds a doctoral degree from the United Nations University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica and LL.M degree in international humanitarian law from the University of Geneva and Graduate Institute for International Studies, Switzerland. Her research interests are in the intersection of transitional justice, justice, ethics and technology.



**Rainer Grote** is a Senior Research Fellow at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. His main fields of research are Constitutional Law, Comparative Public Law and Human Rights on which he published and edited numerous books and articles. He has been teaching as Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Goettingen since 2013.



**Susan Power** (BCL, National University of Ireland, Galway, PhD, Trinity College Dublin) is Head of Legal Research and Advocacy at Al-Haq, Law in the Service of Man. She lectured law for seven years in Griffith College Cork and Dublin, Ireland between 2010 and 2017. Dr. Power has worked on the Control of Economic Activities in Occupied Territories Bill (Ireland 2018), submitted communications to the International Law Commission on the Draft Principles on the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts. She has published academic articles in the Journal of Conflict and Security Law, has been a Committee member and judge on the Irish Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Court, Corn Adomnáin.



**Michael Lynk** is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada. He taught courses in labour, human rights, disability, constitutional and administrative law. He is the co-editor, with Susan Akram, Michael Dumper and Iain Scobbie, of *International Law and the Middle East Conflict* (Routledge, 2011) among few other books he co-authored and coedited. In January 2015, Professor Lynk was named to the Mayor of London’s Honours List for his work on humanitarian issues. He was appointed in 2016 as Special Rapporteur for the human rights situation in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967 for a six-year term.

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**Panel III:**



**Dörthe Engelcke** is a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg. She has also held fellowships at the Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School and the Lichtenberg-Kolleg, the Göttingen Institute of Advanced Study. Her main fields of research include Muslim Family Law, Legal Pluralism, and personal status laws applied by Christian communities.



**Mathias Rohe** is the Founding Director of the Erlangen Centre for Islam and the Law in Europe and holds the Chair of Private Law, Private International Law and Comparative Law at the Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. He served as Judge at the Higher Regional Court Nuremberg and takes part in the German Islam Conference since it was initiated in 2006.



**Somoud al-Damiri** is the first Prosecuting Attorney woman of the Personal Status in the Arab world. And the first judge in the Court of Appeal in the Shari’a courts in Palestine and the supervisor of Judicial Planning in Shari’a courts. She Participated in the preparation of the first manual work procedures central committee of foundling and abandoned children. Al-Dmairi was Awarded the integrity and transparency of the public sector in Palestine in 2010.

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**Panel IV:**



**Kai Ambos** is Chair of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Comparative Law, International Criminal Law and Public international Law at the University of Goettingen since 2003. He is also Judge at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and amicus curiae of the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace. He also served as Counsel at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court.



**Muhammad Shalaldeh** is the Palestinian Minister of Justice. He is a legal academic scholar who holds a PhD degree in international law and diplomatic law, and is the head of the Palestinian International Humanitarian Law institute. He taught law in a number of Palestinian universities and served as the dean of the faculties of law at Al-Quds University and Al-Istiqlal University.