

Course in International Mobilization for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

- A Human Rights Based Approach -

BADIL's *Course in International Mobilization for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People* is a 10 day program, designed to educate participants on the issues, both current and historical, which impede the access to and realization of the rights of the Palestinian people in Mandate Palestine and in the diaspora.

The program (tentative)

Day 1: Palestinian Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons: an International Law Framework

Day 2: Ongoing Nakba: Policies of Forcible Transfer, Colonization, and Annexation

Day 3: Palestinian Political Prisoners

Day 4: Palestine in International politics

Day 5: Palestinian Identity and Israeli Policies of Fragmentation

Day 6: Third Party Duty Bearers and the International Community

Day 7: Volunteer Day

Day 8: Working Group Discussions on the International Discourse and Terminology

Day 9: Palestinian and International Solidarity Mobilization

Day 10: Conceptualizing an International Mobilization Network and Strategy

The program will include:

- Lectures and discussions with Palestinian and international advocates;
- Field visits throughout Mandate Palestine, including to refugee camps, villages in Area C, highly segregated cities, and areas subject to de-facto annexation;
- Working group discussions on practical strategies to understand and strengthen mobilization networks.

Who?

BADIL is seeking up to 20 international participants who are engaged in the human rights sector, preferably in the Palestinian struggle itself. We are ideally targeting participants with some experience as advocates, activists, mobilizers, or policy officers, in international partner organizations and solidarity networks.

Why?

In the face of unrelenting Israeli policies of forcible displacement, annexation, and apartheid, designed to systematically fragment and diversify Palestinian voices, experiences, and needs, BADIL is looking for mechanisms to strengthen and unify the discourse on the Palestinian case. This is an opportunity to bring together potential, new and already active advocates and mobilizers in the international human rights space, to broaden practical understandings and knowledge of the Palestinian cause within international networks, as well as our reach and connection into those networks. It is also a space to connect with other movements and work in parallel with the struggles they too face.

BADIL hopes to open a discussion on the effectiveness of current international discourse and explore more productive ways of understanding and framing the Palestinian struggle, including:

- Exploration of the structural policies of colonization, forcible transfer, annexation and apartheid that operate to systematically deny Palestinians their rights, and most fundamentally their right to self-determination;
- The challenges to realization of Palestinian rights in the post-Oslo reality, having failed to deliver an end to the conflict;
- Discussion of the obligations and responsibilities of duty bearers, including the international community, the United Nations and individual third states;
- Outlining the rationales and shortcomings of other frameworks adopted by the international community, including the humanitarian aid approach and the conflict management approach;
- An understanding of a human rights based approach to addressing and resolving the Palestinian case.

Through these discussions, BADIL aims to lay the groundwork for an international solidarity network that mobilizes to promote and uphold Palestinian people rights in a proactive and responsive manner, informed by a practical understanding of the context and having witnessed Israel's systematic policies of forcible transfer, annexation, and apartheid.

The practicalities

- When:** Wednesday, July 31 to Friday, August 9, 2019 in Bethlehem, Palestine.
- Costs:** Registration for the course is \$200, which will cover the cost of accommodation, meals, and travel within Palestine. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their international travel and any insurance.
- Apply:** Please fill out the course [application form](#) outlining your interest in the course, including a copy of your CV. Submissions can be made to Layla Allen at layla@badil.org, on or before **Friday, May 31, 2019**.
- Offer:** Accepted participants will be contacted on or before **Monday, June 3, 2019**.
- Registration:** Upon acceptance, participants will be required to pay the registration fee in order to secure their place. Participants will also be sent a registration form in order to provide BADIL with further details.