



**The North American Association of Islamic
and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)**

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Presents

The 53rd Annual Conference

“Palestine, Israel, Questions of Free Speech and Interreligious Relations”

Thursday, October 24, 2024

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**A Virtual Conference on ZOOM Platform
All Sessions Held in Eastern Standard Time (UTC-05:00)**

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcoming and Introductory Remarks

Mohammad Hassan Khalil, Michigan State University (MSU)
East Lansing, MI, NAAIMS President and Program Chair

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Panel Session 1

Questions of Justice and Humanitarianism

Chair/Discussant: Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, MI

James Godfrey (University of Canberra, Australia): “Let it flow? Prevent Duty and Freedom of Expression on Campus Related to Palestine”

Michale Vicente Pérez (University of Memphis, Memphis, TN): “Anthropological Reflections on Freedom, Speech, and the Politics of Advocacy on the Palestine Question”

Alaa Ababneh (College of Archeology Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain): “Faith-based Humanitarianism in Gaza: A Scope Review of Methodologies and Approaches”

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Panel Session 2

The College Campus Scene

Chair/Discussant: Saleem Alhabash, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, MI

Evelyn Alsultany (University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA): “Antisemitism and Islamophobia: The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Response to October 7, 2023”

Stephen P. Gasteyer (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI), and Faith Saerah (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI), and Vilitcia Barghouti (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI): “The Failed Silencing of Voices for Palestinian Justice: A Comparative Case Study”

Sophia Butt (University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, UK): “Weapons of Mass Instruction: The Silencing of Political Dissent on University Campuses”

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Keynote Address:

What Genocide in Gaza has Revealed about Racism, Colonialism, and Law

Moderator: Linda Sayed, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, MI

Noura Erakat (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ): Department of Africana Studies and the Program of Criminal Justice; and Human Rights Attorney

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Panel Session 3

Palestine, Israel and the United States

Chair/Discussant: Linda Sayed, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, MI

Gaby Mohr-Avitia (Wayne State University, Detroit, MI), and Jessica Saba (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI), and Nidia Hernández (Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ), and Jessica I. Ramirez (Portland State University, OR): “Voices of Solidarity: Challenging Censorship in Social Work Discourse on Palestine during an Ongoing Genocide”

Lailatul Fitriyah (Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA): “The Stubbornness of ‘Commonalities’: Taking Justice Seriously in Interreligious Dialogue”

Nazita Lajevardi (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI), and Tabitha Bonilla (Northwestern University, Evanston, IL): “How Islamophobic and Antisemitic Attitudes Shape American Views on Israel, Palestine, and Domestic Communities”

4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, MI