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"Solidarity: From Sympathy with the Victim to Unification of Global Struggle"

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15 and16 December 2026

Programme

First Day –Tuesday, 15 December 2026			
9:00	**Morning Coffee and Registration**		
9:30	**Opening Remarks**		
	Address by the President of Birzeit University		
	Address by the Director of Muwatin Institute of Democracy and Human Rights		
10:00	*Keynote Address by Andrea Sangiovanni* *On The Value of Solidarity*		
10:45	**Break**		
11:00	**Session I:**	**How to Understand Solidarity and How it Works**	**Chair: *Basem Ezbidi***
	Solidarity under impossible conditions: Palestine solidarity in Germany between public indifference and state repression		**Jannis Julien Grimm**
	Decolonial Escalation: How Movements Learn to Refuse Under Pacification		**Bram J. De Smet**
	Historical Formation and Conceptual Transformations of Solidarity		**Yasmeen Jubeh**
12:30	**Session II:**	**Emerging Forms of Solidarity**	**Chair: *George Giacaman***
	Solidarity and Human Rights Discourse Amid Genocide: A Lever for Liberation?		**Nimer Sultany**
	From Colonial Exploitation to Global Solidarity: Class, Colonialism and Resistance in Postcolonial Literature from India and Palestine		**Santosh Kumar**
	Pan-Africanism as Solidarity: The Political Imaginary of Collective Liberation		**Thalia Kruger, Eman AlAsah**
14:00	**Lunch**		
14:45	**Session III:**	**The Precursors and Repercussions of Solidarity**	**Chair: *Basil Farraj***
	Solidarity from Below: Kurdish and Palestinian Struggles and the Politics of Liberation		**Sardar Saadi**
	From the Prison Cells and the Tunnels to Rethinking Human Rights Beyond the Liberal Trap		**Stefania Vlachou**
	Approaches to Emancipatory Struggle: Global Forms of Solidarity in Experiences of Captivity		**Khalida Jarrar**
	Solidarity with Palestine: When the Tools of Colonial Repression Turn Inward		**Hasan Ayoub**

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Second Day- Wednesday, 16 December 2026

10:00	**Morning Coffee and Registration**	
10:30	*Keynote Address by Salim Vally* *More Than a Visceral Tug: Palestine, the Unravelling of Liberalism and the Imperative for Global Resistance*	
11:15	**Session IV:** **Solidarity Around Rights**	**Chair:** ***Lena Meari***
	Who Are "the People"? Gendered Exclusion, Self-Determination, and the Limits of Emancipatory Solidarity with Palestine	**Mohammad Allahham**
	The Palestine Solidarity Movement and the Questioning of the Legal Form of Human Rights	**Aseel Hussain**
	The Right to Health between Genocide and the Market: Towards International Solidarity based on Common Benefit and Emancipatory Human Rights	**Hayat AlTaweel, Islam Nasr**
	AI giants and the Annihilation of Gaza	**Yara Al Hindi, Bayan M. Arqawi, and Tareq Sadeq**
13:15	**Lunch**	
14:00	**Session V** **Acts of Solidarity**	**Chair:** ***Rahaf Salahat***
	Universities against the genocide: Solidarity with Palestine in the Spanish higher education communities.	**Diego Checa Hidalgo**
	Palestine Solidarity Movement at the University of Granada: From Ethical Response to Repoliticisation	**Belén Habboob Martos and Nadia Hindi Mediavilla**
	The Role of Palestinian Christians in Shifting the Stances of Western Churches Toward the Palestinian Cause: The Case of Kairos Palestine	**Munther Isaac, Rifat Kassis**
	Challenging Israeli Impunity: South–South Solidarity, Grassroots Mobilization and the Limits of Political Change	**Tamara Tamimi**