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The United States of America

* The Washington report on Middle East Affairs and the Institute for Research: Middle East Policy hosted a [conference](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/israels-influence-good-or-bad-for-america/) on the role of the Israeli lobby on American policy “Israel’s influence: Good or Bad for America?” at the National Press Club on March 18 in Washington D.C.
* The 6th Annual Houston [Palestinian Festival](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/the-6th-annual-houston-palestinian-festival/)presented by the Palestinian Cultural Centre will take place on March 19 and 20 in Houston, Texas.
* On March 20 in Winnetka, Illinois, Lake Shore Unitarian Society is organizing an [event](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/israeli-military-detention-no-way-to-treat-a-child/) “Israeli Military detention: No way to treat child” by guest speaker Jennifer Bing from AFSC.
* On March 20 at the convention centre in Washington D.C. “[Protest AIPAC! Support Palestine!](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/protest-aipac-support-palestine/) event will take place”, spearheaded by Al-Awda, the Palestinian Right to Return Coalition.
* On March 21, Women Voice for Peace in is organizing and [event](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/disarm-aipac-dc/) in Washington D.C. called “Disarm AIPAC – no more aid for Israel”.
* On April 25, Beirut-based Palestinian documentary filmmaker Mai Masri will screen her first feature film, [3000 Nights](https://www.facebook.com/events/197005450669609/) at Columbia University, for its New York premiere.

Europe

* On March 16, Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign organized Mostafah Salameh’s [book launch](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/dublin-2) and talk in Dublin. Salameh, a Palestine refugee, had just returned from an expedition to the South Pole.
* On March 16, Irish Pages and the Imagine Festival of Ideas and Politics organized scholar and writer Avi Shlaim’s [conversation](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/belfast-the-irish-pages) with Chris Agee on “Israel and Palestine: What Now?”
* On July 16, Joint Advocacy Initiative and YMCA Palestine are organizing [Journey for Justice – Palestine 2016](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/palestine-journey-for-justice-palestine-2016-jai) in the West Bank.
* On March 21 at the Parliament of London, the Palestinian Return Centre and Friends of Palestine are organizing a [seminar](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/palestinians-refugees-from-syria-the-forgotten-people/) “Palestinian Refugees from Syria – the forgotten people”.
* On March 21 in London Palestinian Solidarity campaign is organizing a [movie screening](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/screening-side-road/) “On the Side of the Road” by director Lia Tarachansky which looks at the fateful events of 1948.

Palestine

* On March 15 Palestinian Centre for Human Rights organized a [panel discussion](http://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=7953) to draft recommendations on “Lighting Gaza” campaign. The panel was attended by the electricity sector, electricity experts, representatives from CBOs and journalists.
* The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights published its weekly (10-16 March) [report](http://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=7970) on “Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory”

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* Palestine refugee and West Bank teacher, Hanan al-Hroub has been awarded the Global teacher prize, known as the “[Education Nobel](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/west-bank-palestine-refugee-wins-education-%E2%80%98nobel%E2%80%99-prize)” for her work with traumatized children in the West Bank.
* The Working Group of CEIRPP organized a [panel discussion](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qWs3uSEwNU&list=PL87igb1vaCC6avaWXhuOb-P1418Bh_OwZ&index=1) on “Women’s role in the search for Israeli-Palestinian peace” on the margins of the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on March 14, with Sarah Taylor of Human Rights Watch, Hiba Husseini, legal advisor to the Palestinian negotiations team and Lihi Joffe, of the Coalition of Women for Peace.