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**EUROPE**

[**Le Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.paixjuste.lu/)organized a [conference](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?p=7357) on **11 October 2013** in Luxembourg, on the blockade of the Gaza Strip as well as two movie [screenings](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?p=7357) on **15 and 16 October 2013**. The association will also organize several different [artistic events and conferences](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?p=7357) throughout the month of **November 2013**.

[**The European Coordination Committee for Palestine**](http://www.eccpalestine.org/) published on **9 October 2013** a new [e-tool](http://www.eccpalestine.org/tell-your-meps-to-support-new-rules-on-israels-participation-in-eu-programs/) allowing its supporters to send a message to members of the European Parliament and ask them to take action to support the recently approved EU guidelines on Israeli settlements.

[**The Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie/) convened a [panel discussion](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/dublin-public-meeting-israel-palestine-international-law-the-icc-and-beyond-with-shawan-jabarin-and-michael-kearney) on **11 October 2013** in Dublin on *The International Criminal Court and beyond*. Two esteemed experts on international law and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, **Shawan Jabarin** (Al-Haq) and **Dr. Michael Kearney** (University of Sussex) were invited to speak.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Adalah-NY**](http://adalahny.org/) is organising two protests in New York City on **27 October 2013** [at the Beacon Theater](http://adalahny.org/event/1088/protest-idan-raichel-self-proclaimed-israeli-propagandist-and-army-supporter), against Idan Raichel, self-proclaimed Israeli propagandist and army supporter - and on **29 October 2013** [at the Alice Tully Hall](http://adalahny.org/event/1087/protest-israel-philharmonic-orchestra) against the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

[**The American Task Force on Palestine**](http://www.americantaskforce.org/) will celebrate its 10th Anniversary at its [annual Gala](http://gala.atfp.net/) taking place in Washington on **29 October 2013**.

[**The Center for Palestine Studies**](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine/) is presenting on **30 October 2013** the event [*Palestine and the Public Intellectual, Honoring Edward Said*](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=579621918740366&set=oa.239223229564418&type=1&theater) at the Columbia University Low Library Rotunda. Renowned scholars**Judith Butler** and **Cornel West** will take part in the event. RSVP [required](http://new.sipa.columbia.edu/experience-sipa/events/judith-butler-and-cornel-west-in-conversation).

[**The Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP)**](http://www.fmep.org/) hosted a discussion on **9 October 2013** on the theme [*Two States or One? The Future of Israelis and Palestinians*](http://washingtonpeacecenter.net/node/10689). FMEP also organized on **17 October 2013** the event [*1973: The Road to War*](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1djUsnHOh16n9muXLQwH6KiiFaHhbtwo6kfHm24ONEfE/viewform), presenting Israeli historian **Yigal Kipnis** new book.

[**The JCC in Manhattan**](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/) and the [**David H. Sonabend Center for Israel**](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/center-for-israel) are organising on **31 October 2013** a [panel discussion](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/center-for-israel?page=cat-content&progID=28945) entitled *Is peace possible now? The current*
*Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative*. Scheduled speakers are **Tal Becker**, Principal Deputy Legal Adviser at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and **Ghaith Al-Omari**, Executive
Director at the American Task Force on Palestine (ATFP). The discussion will be moderated by **Ethan Bronner**, Deputy National Editor of The New York Times. Tickets are available using this [link](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/center-for-israel?page=cat-content&progID=28945).

[**Jewish Voice for Peace**](http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/) and [**Mondoweiss**](http://mondoweiss.net/) have put together a [collection of articles](http://mondoweiss.net/forum-state-paradigm) to mark the 20 years since the signature of the Oslo Accords, entitled *What Comes Next?: A forum on the end of the two-State paradigm*, investigating the current state of thinking about one-State and two-State solutions. Their latest [article](http://mondoweiss.net/2013/10/israelpalestine-recognized-comprehensive.html) *Once the one-State reality in Israel/Palestine is recognized, the basis for a comprehensive peace will be clear* has been published on **17 October 2013**.

[**The Middle East Children Alliance (MECA)**](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/) organised on **17 October 2013** at the University of California/Berkeley a [joint presentation](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=4850389ae3e2d55804103e6af&id=fea420d881&e=2c2e337210) with **Josh Ruebner** (US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation) presenting his new book [*Shattered Hopes: Obama's Failure to Broker Israeli-Palestinian Peace*](http://joshruebner.com/?page_id=687) and representatives of [Defense for Children International Palestine](http://www.dci-palestine.org/).

**New Yorkers Against the Cornell-Technion Partnership (NYACT)** will be hosting on **23 October 2013** in New York a [panel discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/171774193020237/) on *Militarization, Domestic Spying, and the Boycott of Israel* with **David Swanson** (RootsAction), **Fahd Ahmed** (Desis Rising Up and Moving - DRUM), **Riham Barghouti** (Adalah-NY) and **Anna Calcutt** (NYACT).

[**The Palestinian BDS Movement**](http://www.bdsmovement.net/) urges the American pop artist Rihanna to [cancel](http://variety.com/2013/biz/news/rihanna-and-other-artists-who-play-israel-feel-the-pressure-1200729050/) her concert in Tel Aviv scheduled on **22 October 2013**.

[**Tree of Life Educational Fund**](http://www.tolef.org/) organised on **19 October 2013** in New York its [Fourth Annual conference on Israel and Palestine](http://nyc.tolef.org/), on the theme *We Refuse to be Enemies: Voices of*
*Conscience from Israel and Palestine.*

[**Visualizing Palestine**](http://visualizingpalestine.org/infographic/Admin-Detention) published on **10 October 2013** their latest [visual](http://visualizingpalestine.org/infographic/Olive-Harvest) *Uprooted*, denouncing the 800,000 olive trees uprooted in Palestine since 1967.

[**The Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/)presented on **12 October 2013** its new [programme](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4087) featuring a discussion with **David Klein**, professor at California State University Northridge who has been targeted by Zionist groups for his support of the [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS)](http://www.bdsmovement.net/) movement. The music closing the programme, entitled *They’re Building a Wall*, was performed by the Jewish American folksinger **David Rovics**.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**The Alternative Information Center (AIC)**](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/) will organize its [21st international political camp](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/politics/activism/7042-join-aic-political-camp-22-27-december) from **22 to 27 December 2013**.

[**The Emergency Water Sanitation and Hygiene group (EWASH)**](http://www.ewash.org/en/) launched a new [petition](http://www.thirstingforjustice.org/?page_id=1086) targeting the EU through its [Thirsting for Justice Campaign](http://www.thirstingforjustice.org/).

[**The European Union Mission in Jerusalem**](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/westbank/index_en.htm)is organizing the [Euro-Palestinian Water film festival](https://www.facebook.com/events/177908595734345/) from **21 October to 7 November 2013** in different Palestinian cities.

[**The Popular Struggle Coordination Committee (PSCC)**](http://www.popularstruggle.org/) published the [final statement](http://bilinconference.wordpress.com/) of its Eighth International Conference on Nonviolent Popular Struggle entitled *Towards the Mobilization of Popular Resistance: adopting a unified strategy.*

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR)**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/) released on **10 October 2013** its weekly [Report on Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9857:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-03-09-october-2013-&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) covering the period from 3 to 9 October 2013.

[**Peace Now**](http://peacenow.org.il/eng/) published its latest [report](http://peacenow.org.il/eng/Jan-Jun-2013) on **17 October 2013** stating there was a 70 percent increase in West Bank settlement construction in the first six months of 2013 compared to last year.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**OCHA oPt**](http://www.ochaopt.org/) released on **12 October 2013** its latest [Protection of Civilians report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2013_10_12_english.pdf) covering the period from 1 to 7 October 2013.

The Working Group of [**the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm) is organizing an event on **21 October 2013** at the United Nations, with **Avner Gvaryahu** from [**Breaking the Silence**](http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/)who willpresent the collective testimony book, [*Our Harsh Logic: Israeli Soldiers' Testimonies from the Occupied Territories, 2000-2010*](http://www.amazon.fr/Our-Harsh-Logic-Testimonies-Territories/dp/0805095373).

[**The World Bank**](http://www.worldbank.org/%C2%B2)issued a new [report](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2013/10/03/000456286_20131003173450/Rendered/PDF/AUS29220GZ0Are030Box379840B00OUO090.pdf) on **2 October 2013** entitled *West Bank and Gaza Area C and the Future of the Palestinian Economy*.

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