

Call for Papers

Conference on: "Israeli-Zionist Violence: Manifestations"

Palestinians in particular, and Arabs and Muslims in general, are often accused, by Israel and the western world, of being belligerent and violent. This conference poses the proposition that true violence and belligerence is actually practiced mainly by the Israeli-Zionist side; and that the so-called Palestinian, Arab, or Islamic violence consists simply of attempting to protect themselves against aggression and violence directed toward them from Israel and Zionism and their sponsors and supporters.

Violence, here, refers to all kinds of violence: physical, mental, moral, emotional, linguistic, legal, and any other form of violence.

This is simply a hypothesis around which the conference revolves, and could be proven or rejected through the study of Israeli-Zionist practices and ideologies. Papers can deal with Israel alone or involve a comparative study with other relevant regimes, assuming that papers are based on solid library or field research which meets international academic standards of research and documentation, and not simply on political views or subjective feelings.

Thus 'Israeli-Zionist Violence and Belligerence' will be the subject of The Fifth International Conference which will be held during the third week of Palestinian Society and Heritage at the Society of Inaash Al-Usra, Al-Bireh, Palestine.

Those interested are invited to submit an abstract of 250-300 words to reach the planning committee no later than Dec. 31, 2009. Final papers should be received by March 31, 2010.

The following are the suggested, but not exclusive, themes of the conference.

First Theme: manifestations of violence

1. **Within Israeli society:** crimes against members of the family; rape and other sex crimes; trade in children and white slavery; crime rates in general.
2. **Toward the other:**
 - a- Toward non-Israelis in general.
 - b- Against Islam and Muslims.
 - c- Against Arabs in general.
 - d- Against all Palestinians.
 - e- Against specific Palestinian groups.
 1. Palestinians crossing the roadblocks.
 2. Prisoners.
 3. Children.
 4. Pregnant women.
 5. People of Gaza.

6. Against Palestinian property as an extension of Palestinian people: animals, trees, houses, other property.

3- General:

1. Production and marketing of arms.
2. Marketing Israeli skills gained from above mentioned practices, and training others to use such skills.
3. Fabrication of information and rumors to incite the use of violence by others

Second Theme: causes of violence

1. Immediate causes

- a. Pragmatic strategies designed to achieve specific goals.
- b. Methods made necessary by security needs.
- c. The "other" does not understand any other language.
- d. Motivated feelings of hatred toward the "other".
- e. Due to specific Israeli personality structure.
- f. Motivated by a specific ideology.
- g. Desire to appropriate what the "other" owns.

2. Indirect and long term causes:

- a. Influenced by West European colonial movements.
- b. Influenced by Jewish experience in Europe, especially the Holocaust
- c. Influenced by the teachings of Judaism.
- d. Influenced by some selective factors among those attracted to Zionism and colonial settler ideology.