

Activities Report

Law for Palestine



October 2022 – October 2023

About Law for Palestine

In March 2020, Law for Palestine (L4P) was officially established, formally registering in both the United Kingdom and Sweden. As a youth-led, non-profit human rights organization, L4P's inception unfolded when a collective of passionate young individuals united with the shared goal of filling the gap in the work for human rights and international law concerning the Question of Palestine.

The organization's primary objectives include building an effective global network of legal professionals interested in the Question of Palestine, providing enriched, multifaceted, and objective legal content on Palestine and the Israeli occupation, and positively engaging the directly affected communities by enhancing their legal capacity and connecting them with international legal mechanisms.

L4P also seeks to raise awareness and stimulate discussion about the Palestine-Israeli occupation within the realms of international law and human rights. This involves presenting diverse viewpoints and establishing a comprehensive system to collect and record all developments and materials related to international law and the Question of Palestine.

Our team comprises experts, scholars, researchers, and qualified interns from across the globe. Operating primarily on a pro bono basis, our youth-led organization thrives on the dedication of members who contribute their time, bound by a shared commitment to L4P's mission.

In a short period, L4P has emerged as a credible source of information and a hub for discussion among international law scholars and professionals interested in the Question of Palestine. In July 2022, L4P received accreditation from the UN Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Moreover, Law for Palestine has cultivated a wide network of partner organizations and universities globally, including partnerships with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) members to conduct joint activities in the UN and the Human Rights Council.

Vision

Meeting the aspiration for an organized, effective, knowledge-based and impact-oriented legal action for justice in Palestine

Mission

Strengthening legal action for justice in Palestine through; planning and strategizing legal action, raising awareness among the 'legal community' interested in the Question of Palestine, building a global network of jurists interested in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, archiving the legal developments in Palestine/Israel, enriching the international legal content on Palestine and Israel, and last but not least, involving and engaging with the affected communities on the ground and the young jurists and building their legal capacity.

Our activities report

The Weekly Legal Scene Report

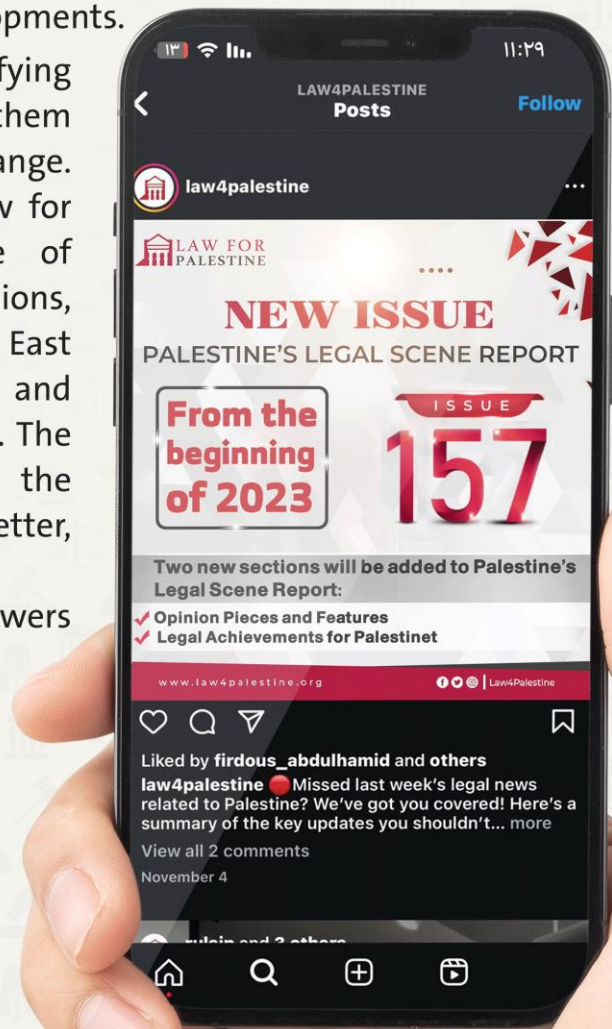
The Weekly Legal Scene report, available in both Arabic and English, provides a comprehensive review of legal developments related to the Question of Palestine. It is an indispensable resource for over **4,000** professionals, offering insights on:

- Judicial rulings, decisions, and official positions issued by Palestinian, **Israeli, Arab and international** authorities
- Publications from human rights NGOs
- Opinion pieces and feature articles
- Human rights conferences and events

From October 2022 to October 2023, we published **252** issues of the Palestine Legal Scene report, covering over **1700** legal developments.

This initiative plays a vital role in simplifying complex legal matters and making them accessible to professionals who can drive change. By delivering timely, detailed updates, Law for Palestine ensures that a wide range of stakeholders -including embassies, UN missions, parliamentarians, members of the Middle East Quartet, and legal experts- stay informed and engaged with the evolving legal landscape. The report is also occasionally highlighted in the CEIRPP's NGO Action News weekly newsletter, amplifying its reach.

Through this, Law for Palestine empowers professionals to remain at the forefront of legal advocacy and analysis.



Jurists for Palestine Forum

The Forum is Law for Palestine's discourse-driven initiative aimed at elevating the legal conversation surrounding Palestine-Israel and international law. It provides a rights-based agenda and progressive perspectives, fosters connections among members, enhances the capabilities of lawyers, and identifies strengths and gaps to inform strategic legal action.

The Jurist Forum engages over **1,250** members, including jurists, lawyers, and policymakers, creating a rich pool of legal expertise from its diverse community. Since our last activity report in October 2022, the forum has hosted seven webinars in both Arabic and English, attracting more than **500** participants worldwide and generating 10,000 views on YouTube. Most webinars have been documented with full transcripts and summaries in both languages.



Special event for the Canadian Parliament: Embracing Responsibility: Canada's responsibility towards Palestine under international law

Over **150** officials, activists, and researchers joined Law for Palestine on the 31st of May 2023 for a significant event organised in partnership with the Palestinian General Delegation to Canada and key Canadian MPs, on Canada's obligation towards Palestine under international law.

Held at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the gathering focused on the prolonged Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territory and Canada's role in addressing this critical issue. Notable speakers, including UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese and former UN Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk, discussed the impact of Israeli policies on Palestinian rights and urged Canada to uphold its international legal obligations by supporting justice and peace initiatives in the region.

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In collaboration with
Honorable Alexandre Boulerice MP
Honorable Elizabeth May MP
Honorable Mario Beaulieu MP

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Speakers

- Francesca Albanese**
UN Special Rapporteur on Palestine
- Michael Lynk**
Former UN Special Rapporteur on Palestine
- Neve Gordon**
Professor of IL, Queen Mary University of London
- Karen Rodman**
Human Rights Advocate, Law for Palestine
- Tizetino Marfeliello**
Legal Team representing Gaza Victims (ICC)
- Lara Friedman**
President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace
- Wesam Ahmad**
Director of Al-Haq, Center for Applied IL



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Training Programs and Workshops

High-Level Workshops on the Law of the Sea and Palestine-Israel

Law for Palestine, ASCOMARE, and DEHUKAM organised a high-level training, focusing on the Law of the Sea (LOS) within the Palestine-Israel context. This workshop attracted over 55 attendees, including university law professors, diplomats, and experts holding PhDs and LL.Ms.

The intensive five-day program covered a range of essential topics such as technical aspects of LOS, UN legal manuals and more. The discussions extended to specific applications relevant to the Israel-Palestine situation, enriching the discourse through expert-led panels.

The event concluded with a panel focused on guiding participants towards meaningful career paths in maritime law. Professionals from esteemed entities like the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), the UN Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (DOALOS) offered insights into career opportunities, professional development, and the application process in maritime law. - [Link](#)



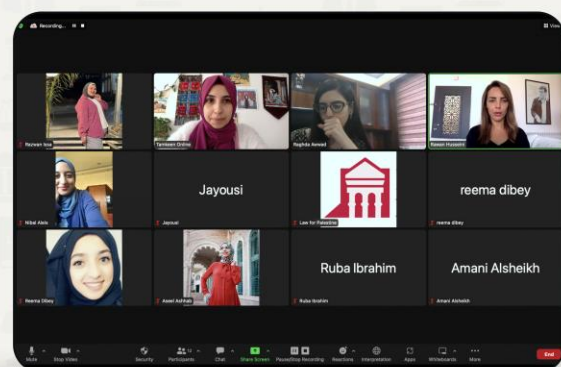
Career Paths and Law of the Sea Opportunities



Empowering Female Lawyers

In partnership with Tamkeen, a six-day program aimed at enhancing the professional influence and legal skills of Palestinian female lawyers was completed in October 2022. This initiative covered 14 hours of intensive training across three weeks, focusing on legal personality, leadership, and professional public engagement.

Through these efforts, L4P not only facilitates better understanding and engagement with the legal process but also strengthens the professional capacity of individuals who can effect change.

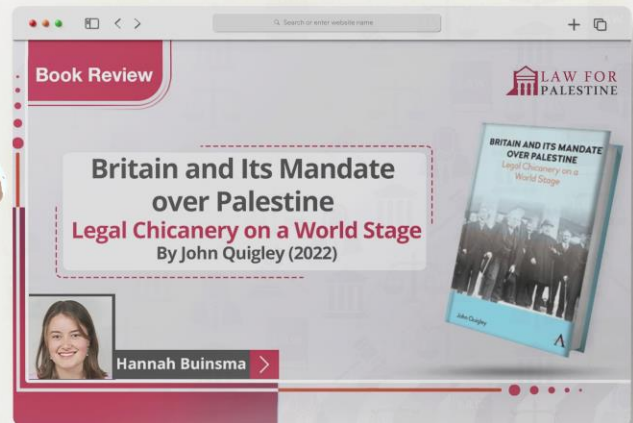
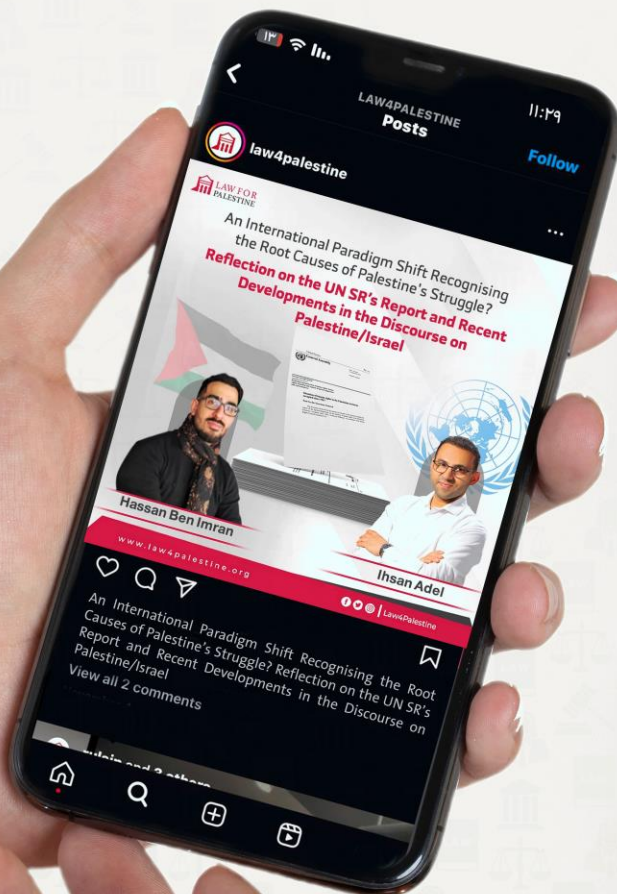


legal personality and public sphere influence for Palestinian female lawyers.

International Law & Palestine Blog

The International Law & Palestine Blog serves as a vital platform for in-depth legal analysis of the Palestine-Israel issue. As the first specialised legal blog on this subject, it aims to deliver comprehensive insights and assessments that promote legal solutions and enrich discourse within international law, particularly regarding Palestine and the Israeli occupation. Since October 2022, Law for Palestine has published nine research articles in both Arabic and English.

These articles feature thorough legal analyses, reviews of legal literature, and summaries of international court rulings pertinent to Palestine. Written by a diverse group of international experts and skilled researchers from affected communities, the blog offers a wide range of content aimed at enhancing and diversifying understanding. By providing multifaceted and objective legal information, the International Law & Palestine Blog has established itself as a key resource for anyone seeking to engage deeply with the legal landscape of the Palestine-Israel context.



Law for Palestine issues a report on Israel's arrest policy against Palestinian University Students **and its weaponization to erode Palestinian national identity and consolidate colonialism**

On 27 April 2023, Law for Palestine published the report “Israel’s Arrest Policy against Palestinian University Students (in the West Bank and Israel): A Tool for Eroding Palestinian National Identity and Consolidating Israeli Colonialism.”. The report addresses Israel’s systematic weaponization of student imprisonment for Palestinian university students of the West Bank as well as Palestinian university students who are citizens of Israel, as tool to further erode Palestinian political and cultural identity in order to consolidate Israeli settler-colonialism.



Law for Palestine's Engagement at the Human Rights Council

Oral Statements

During the Regular Sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Law for Palestine delivered several impactful oral statements addressing critical issues faced by the Palestinian people. These statements highlighted the stark double standards in international responses to the conflicts in Ukraine and Palestine, urging states to adopt universal jurisdiction measures within their national courts. Law for Palestine called for unwavering support for the International Criminal Court's (ICC) investigation into Israeli actions, rather than obstruction.

In collaboration with Shams, Law for Palestine also addressed the suppression of civic spaces and the implications of settler colonialism on Palestinian education. They focused on the Israeli policy of detaining Palestinian university students, emphasizing the detrimental effects this has on academic freedom and community development. Through these statements, Law for Palestine aimed to amplify the voices of those affected by these injustices and to hold accountable those responsible for the systemic violations of human rights in Palestine.



Side events

Law for Palestine organized and participated in several impactful side events at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. On June 26, 2023, in collaboration with Shams, Law for Palestine hosted a significant event titled "Israel's Arrest Policy Against Palestinian University Students and its Weaponization to Erode Palestinian Identity and Consolidate Colonialism." Esteemed experts and activists convened to discuss the systematic detention of Palestinian university students and the profound implications this has for Palestinian identity and self-determination.

Additionally, on June 20, 2023, Law for Palestine took part in a side event called "Occupied Palestine Territory: Civic Space Reclaimed," organized by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in partnership with The Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA). This event focused on Israel's suppression of civic spaces and the silencing of voices advocating for Palestinian rights.

Notable speakers included Miloon Kothari and Chris Sidoti from the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Itay Epshtain, Special Advisor at NRC and AIDA, and Anisha Patel, Senior Legal Researcher and Board Member at Law for Palestine.



Law for Palestine's Media Engagement and Event Participation

During this reporting period, Law for Palestine actively engaged with various media outlets and participated in numerous events organized by partners and other organizations. This included a significant webinar hosted by the Malaysian Bar Council focused on concrete actions for accountability, as well as the launch event for Al-Haq's report titled "Israeli Apartheid as a Tool of Zionist Settler Colonialism." Additionally, Law for Palestine contributed to discussions with national and international media and participated in a dynamic conversation hosted by The Think Change Podcast in collaboration with ODI in the UK, which explored the dynamics of the Palestine-Israel situation.



Law for Palestine Speaks at Al-Haq Report Launch Event on "Israeli Apartheid as a Tool of Zionist Settler Colonialism"



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