

Palestine, Israel and the Assault on Academic Freedom

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Over the last few years, professors and students have seen a marked rise in attacks on scholarship and teaching that express perspectives critical of the State of Israel and its regime of occupation, dispossession and discrimination against the Palestinian people. These attacks have included the denial or withdrawal of tenure from academics; efforts to sanction or suppress the activities and even existence of organizations like Students for Justice in Palestine or the Muslim Students Association; attempts to “eliminate” classes deemed to be biased against Israel and to prevent speakers from appearing on campus; and threats to individual students and professors. This conference brings together scholars and students whose work and practice have been impacted by such assaults on academic freedom to explore the impact of selective censorship on our campuses and beyond and to affirm the necessity to protect academic freedom for everyone.

Keynote Speakers: Lisa Rofel (UCSC); Stephen Zunes (USF) and Saree Makdisi (UCLA)

Conference sponsored by: UC Riverside Departments of Ethnic Studies and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at UCR; UAW 2865; California Scholars for Academic Freedom; Palestine Legal; American Muslims for Palestine (AMP); Palestinian American Women's Association (PAWA); Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) LA-OC-IE Chapter; Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP); International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) and LA Jews for Peace.

The conference is free and open to the public and disabled accessible. For more information, contact David Lloyd: david.lloyd@ucr.edu or (951) 827-1459 (messages)