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Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

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“The Complex Challenges Facing Palestinian Universities: Is there a Way Out?”

Hall 242 - The Institute of Law Annex Building - Birzeit University

Friday 30th September and Saturday 1st October 2016

The Program

Friday 30th of September 2016

9:15

Registration

10:00

Opening Remarks

Address by The President of Birzeit University

Address by H. E. The Minister of Higher Education

Address by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Muwatin, the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy

Address by the General Director of Muwatin, the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy

Address by the Director of the Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

11:00 1st session Higher Education: Continuity or a New Beginning? Chair: Asem Khalil

Marwan Awartani

Higher education: Revising Tacit Assumptions

Salah Al-Zarou Tamimi

The Problematic Relationship Between Political Authority and Higher Education in the Arab World

Sari Nusseibeh

The University: Another Brick in the Wall?

12:30 Lunch

14:00 2nd session What Does Higher Education in Palestine Aspire To? Chair: Nidal Sabri

Nabeel Kassis

How Can Universities Attend to National Needs and Achieve a Degree of Universality at the Same Time?

Ali Jarbawi

Some Obstacles Facing Higher Education and Universities in Palestine

Said Zidani

Teaching Universities in the First Place

15:30 Break

15:45 3rd session Self-Imposed Constraints in Higher Education Chair: Hada Aryan

Hani Masri

The Perception of Palestinian Political Elites of the Role of Universities

Sa'ida Afouna

Commercialization of Higher Education

Abaher Sakka

An Assessment of the State of the Social Sciences at Palestinian Universities

Hassan Ayoub

Social Science Research in Palestine: Between Means and Ends

Saturday 1 October 2016

9:00 4th Session Universities' Economy and the National Economy Chair: Shireen Al-Basha

- Samia Butmeh** Neoliberal Policies and Their Impact on Higher Education in Palestine
- Ibrahim Barham** Enhanced Competitiveness of Universities : a Key Driver for Private Sector Empowerment
- Abdul-Rahman Tamimi** The Need to Develop Thought Patterns as a Requisite to Producing Research that Meets Societal Needs

10 Break

10:45 5th session Higher Education Under Occupation Chair: Rana Barakat

- Mazen Qumsiyeh** Developing Science, Research and Education in Palestine
- Anan Al-Atireh** The Patriotic Component of Birzeit University and the National Societal Role of the Student Movement
- Ghada Madbouh & Lourdes Habash** Palestinian Education Under Occupation: Failure or Success?

12:15 Lunch

13:15 6th session Regulatory Frameworks of Higher Education Chair: Lourdes Habash

- Ramzi Rihan** Palestinian Higher Education in Context
- Hisham Kuhail** How do Regulatory Frameworks Reflect Societal Vision of Higher Education?
- Mirvat Bulbul** Whose Responsibility is Quality Assurance in Higher Education?

14:45 Break

15:00 7th session Higher Education and Nation Building Chair: Mudar Kassis

- Mamdouh Al-Aker** What Does Civil Society Expect From Universities?
- Talal Shahwan** Prospects for Developing the Research Component at Palestinian Universities
- George Giacaman** Can Universities Survive the "War" Being Waged Against Them?