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Call for papers to participate in the International Scientific Conference entitled:

**Sustainable Development in the Context of Conflicts and  
Crises (wars, post-war, occupation and conflicts)**

**Faculty of Law and Public Administration  
The Department of Public Administration  
Birzeit University / Birzeit / Palestine**

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**Greetings to all,**

**The Department of Public Administration at the Faculty of Law and Public Administration, Birzeit University, extends its best wishes, and has the honor to invite you to participate in the international scientific conference entitled:**

**"Sustainable Development under Conditions of Conflict and Crises"**

**Date of the conference:** 23 - 24 April 2019

**Place:** The Faculty of Law and Public Administration Birzeit University / Palestine .

**Conference general theme:** *The conference attempts to bring together researchers, experts, students and administrators from different countries to discuss theoretical and practical issues in the field of public administration, public policies related to sustainable development, especially topics related to the implementation of the United Nations Development Goals 2030. The conference will also explore and emphasize on case studies and models that have existed under conditions of war, crises and occupation. The conference will help answer the main question: How can sustainable development be achieved in the context of wars and crises?*

*A scientific committee will evaluate the submitted papers. Accepted papers will be announced on January 15, 2019 to be presented in the conference. Distinguished papers will be published in a special publication for the conference. The conference also help distinguished papers for further development and to turn them into policy proposals that can be used by countries and communities living under similar conditions, in order to advance effective sustainable development models.*

## The Main Themes and sub themes of the Conference

### **First: Sustainable Development in Palestine: Reality and Challenges**

- 1- Palestine report on the implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals 2030 by the State of Palestine and its role in achieving the goals of sustainable development.
- 2- The efforts of the Palestinian government to achieve the principle of "No one is left behind."
- 3- Sustainable development in the local Palestinian context.
- 4- International support for Palestine and its role in achieving sustainable development.
- 5- The challenges of sustainable development in Palestine.

**Second: Sustainable Economic Development under Crisis Conditions: Cross-sectoral Partnerships and their Role in Achieving Sustainable Development.**

- 1- Sustainable models and patterns of production and distribution of public goods and services.
- 2- Creating sustainable employment opportunities and achieving sustainable economic growth .
- 3- Policies and procedures for achieving a sustainable local economy.
- 4- Building partnerships for sustainable development.

**Third: Sustainable Environmental Development in Crisis Conditions, Is It Possible?**

1. Sustainable agricultural policies / organic agriculture (natural).
2. Cleaning the environment of the remnants of wars and conflicts: water, food.
3. Home agriculture and self-sufficiency to meet family needs and provide adequate nutrition.
4. Best practices in environmental protection (wildlife, water, soil, pollution reduction
5. Recycling policies, practices, and partnerships at the local, regional and global levels.

**Fourth: Sustainable Social Development: The Importance of Congruence and Social Integration .**

1. Defending the poor and fighting poverty: What can local / national / international policies do?
2. Public health and safety of communities and groups.
3. Good education and how it contributes to the achievement of the World Development Goals 2030
4. Gender equality and sustainable development: mainstreaming gender issues into public policies and actions for sustainable development.
5. Refugee issues: What policies and procedures are needed to address these issues?

**Fifth: Good Governance for Sustainable Development: The Need for Cooperation in the Context of Conflict and Crisis.**

1. Partnerships, governance and sustainable development.
2. Governance under conditions of crises and conflict-- the special context of sustainable development in conflict and crisis situations.
3. Effective institutional performance and sustainable development.
4. Evidence and data-based policies as a cornerstone of sustainable development.

**Sixth: Sustainable Development at the Local Level, Experiences and Success Stories, Effective Resource Management at the Local Level.**

1. Local partnerships and their impact on sustainable development.
2. Managing public funds at the local level (financing of local administration and how to improve it).

3. Decentralization and its role in promoting sustainable development.
4. Achieving sustainable development goals 2030 at the local level, opportunities and challenges.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

1. Exchange of models and patterns of public policies on sustainable development.
2. Exchange of lessons learned from practical experiences in this context.
3. Disseminate and publicize public policy success stories on sustainable development.
4. Provide learning opportunities for the concerned Palestinian parties in the design, development and implementation of public policies related to sustainable development.
5. Develop opportunities for partnership between local and international actors to promote the achievement of sustainable development goals 2030.

#### **Additional Details:**

1. Hospitality and reception costs (travel tickets, hotels while in Palestine, travel costs between hotels in Palestine and Birzeit University) will be covered for participants who will be admitted.
2. It should be noted that there are no conference registration fees.

#### **Terms of Acceptance of Abstracts:**

1. *It has to be related to one of the main or sub-themes of the conference.*
2. *Do not exceed 500 words written in Arabic or English.*
3. *Include at least 5 related keywords.*
4. *Proposals written in Arabic should use 14 Simplified Arabic Font.*
5. *Proposals written in English should use 12.Times New Roman*

**Important Days and Dates:**

- **Submission of abstracts of papers: 01/12/2018 – 13/1/2019**
- **Announcement of Accepted Abstracts: 15/01/2019**
- **Send full papers: 01/03/2019**
- **Announcement of the results of the papers by the Scientific Committee and the declaration of accepted research: 01/04/2019**

*To register and send abstracts, please contact the Conference Coordinator Dr. Jehad Alayasa on the following email: [jalayasa@birzeit.edu](mailto:jalayasa@birzeit.edu)*

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*We are pleased to provide you with an appropriate scientific and research environment that allows you to extend and share your important contributions with experts in the field of sustainable development, public administration and public policy.*

*The conference will also provide telecommunication alternatives such as video conferencing and other video-conference means for researchers who cannot enter Palestine .It will also provide English to Arabic interpretation and visa versa.*

*Please circulate this invitation to interested colleagues and researchers in your universities, institutes and academic institutions.*

Yours sincerely

**Conference Organizing Committee**