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OPEV  
observatory to prevent  
extremist violence

## Seminar

### Examining the Paradigm of Preventing Violent Extremism in Light of UN Efforts

Hall 243, Institute of Law Annex Building- Birzeit University

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

This seminar aims to initiate a debate on the nature of current efforts aiming at Preventing Violent Extremism and try to explore the conditions for ensuring that these efforts do not undermine human rights, including the Palestinian right to resist occupation in accordance with international law, and achieve its right to self-determination. It also aims at examining the possibility of a potential Palestinian contribution to establishing a more effective and efficient and human rights based response to violent extremism. The examination involves: deconstructing current hegemonic ideas of security-only approaches to the phenomenon, identifying the structural causes of violent extremism, exploring the dynamic relations between a real-democracy and security, and identifying key-experiences implemented by Palestinian resistance that contribute to the prevention of violent extremism.

## The Program

**09:45 Registration**

**10:00 Global Efforts to Prevent Violent Extremism**

Towards understanding Palestine's positioning within the global landscape of violence and extremism

*Mudar Kassis*

Current UN Efforts on PVE and the SG Plan of Action

*Stacy Weld-Blundell*

In the debate about the real: towards a new understanding of key actors, radicalization, violent extremism and violence

*Mar Benseny*

**11:45 Coffee Break**

**12:00 Context and Drivers of Violent Extremism in Palestine and Agenda for Action**

Main vectors and factors of radicalization and Palestine

*George Giacaman*

An Agenda for Action: The Palestinian Contribution to the Debate on PVE

*Munther Amireh*

## Speakers

**Munther Amireh**

Coordinator of The Coordination Committee for Popular Resistance

**Mar Benseny**

Middle East and Peacebuilding Expert and Mashreq Coordinator at NOVACT

**George Giacaman**

Professor of Philosophy, Democracy and Human Rights, Contemporary Arab Studies, and Cultural Studies at Birzeit University

**Mudar Kassis**

Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights at Birzeit University

**Stacy Weld-Blundell**

Rule of law technical specialist - UNDP