

## Academic Coordination Against Colonization in Palestine Calls European Academia to mobilize for Palestine on 12 March 2024

The Academic Coordination Against Colonization in Palestine (ACACP) is a network of researchers, teachers, doctoral students, and members of the higher education and research community who are committed to call for an end to colonization and genocidal war in Palestine. The ACACP is part of the larger transnational movement (SAWP). Its positioning is defined in the following text: <u>l'Appel du monde académique français pour la Palestine : arrêt immédiat de la guerre génocidaire</u>

Since 7 October 2023, more than 30,000 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli army and more than 80% of the 2.2 million Gaza population is being besieged within a surface of 360 km2. The Israeli army has killed 94 university professors, 231 teachers and more than 4,300 students in addition to having destroyed 346 schools and the totality of the universities in Gaza. The International Court of Justice has alerted against the risk of genocide threatening the Palestinian people in Gaza. The West Bank territories are also submitted to a regime of blockade intensifying by the day. Silence is not possible anymore and it is unacceptable.

In light of the active complicity of the French government in this genocidal war led by Israel against the Palestinian people and the curtailing of freedom of expression around Palestine, the ACACP invites the French academic community to join the call for a **European day of solidarity with the Palestinian people on 12 March 2024.** The ACACP demands:

- An immediate, unconditional, and permanent ceasefire.
- The permanent lifting of the blockade on Gaza
- The defense of the right of the Palestinian people to seek education.

For that we suggest the following actions:

- Urge our universities to act collectively against the Israeli apartheid regime
- Establish academic links with Palestinian academics and universities.
- Support and participate in the academic boycott against Israeli academic institutions that are complicit with violating Palestinians' rights.
- Defend freedom of speech and academic freedom on Palestine here and outside of France.

It is possible to act regardless of our number as there are multiple means of action: Meetings, occupation of university spaces via "die-ins", projection of films, readings of Palestinian poetry, wearing the keffiyeh,

record the destroyed universities and the names of the Palestinian students who have been killed, interrupting teaching to talk about Palestine, etc. We count on your creativity!

We invite you to contribute to strengthen our mobilizing by massively sharing this call on social medias <u>(Instagram, facebook, Twitter)</u>. You can use the following hashtags: #EndIsraelsGenocide#FreePalestine#EndIsraelScholasticide#March12forPalestine#FrenchscholarsforPal

estine #EuropeansholarsStandwithPalestine#Scholarsgainstwar

You can share your actions, in all their variety, by emailing: palestinecoordination@gmail.com

## A day for Palestine: Stop Genocide- Stop Colonization-Academic Boycott Against Israeli Institutions of Higher Education

## 12 March 2024