

Education Innovation in Palestine Academia

A workshop organized by Birzeit University (BZU) and
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

 **Saturday, April 29, 2023, Hall 243-Institute of Law Annex Building
Birzeit University**

08:00 – 08:30 Reception and registration

08:30 – 08:45 Welcome Remarks: Dr. Beshara Doumani, President, Birzeit University, Palestine

08:45 – 09:30 **Panel 1:**
What's the Role of Palestinian Universities in and for the Palestinian Society: A critical Review of Strength and Limitations of our Current Educational Model.
Moderated by: Dr. Motasem Hamdan, Al-Quds University, Palestine
Panelists:
Dr. Alan Shihadeh, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Eng. Aref Hussein, Alnayzak, Palestine
Dr. Yacoub Ashhab, Palestine Polytechnic University, Palestine

09:30 – 10:30 Speed Dating on Education Innovation
Moderated by: Dr. Franz-Josef Ulm, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA and Dr. Reema Sbeih Birzeit University, Palestine

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:45 **Panel 2:**
What's the Role of the Instructor in Palestine Academia and the Palestinian Society?
Moderated by: Dr. Haynes Miller, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
Panelists:
Dr. Elham Kateeb, Al Quds University, Palestine
Dr. Muna Dmadi, An-Najah National University, Palestine
Dr. Samia Al-Botmeh, Birzeit University, Palestine

11:45 – 12:30 The PalUROP Program & Rapid-fire Student Presentations
Presented and moderated by Dr. Haynes Miller, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

12:30 – 13:30 Networking lunch

13:30 – 13:45 Outcome of Speed Dating on Education Innovation

13:45 – 14:30 Breakout Session: What does Change Look Like? How Can we Achieve it?
Moderated by: Dr. Franz-Josef Ulm, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA and Dr. Reema Sbeih Birzeit University, Palestine

14:30 – 15:15 **Panel 3:**
What's Next for Palestine Academia and its Universities under Occupation?
Moderated by Dr. Abdelkarim Abdelraziq, Country Director Erasmus + National Office in Palestine, Palestine
Panelists:
Dr. Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts Boston, USA
Dr. Adnan Shehadeh, Palestine Polytechnic University, Palestine
Dr. Mustafa Jarrar, Birzeit University, Palestine
Marwan Tarazi, Birzeit University, Palestine

15:15- 15:20 **Closing Remarks:**
Dr. Philip Khoury, Associate Provost, MIT, USA and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut.