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Human Rights in Palestine: An ongoing struggle for peace with justice



moderator

Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh is a specialist in the Middle East in Palestine/Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Gulf States and Yemen. With more than 30 years' experience in over 70 countries worldwide, Katherine is an expert for peacebuilding, conflict transformation, human rights, and nonviolent action and organizing. She has held leadership positions in many human rights and peace and justice organizations including Peace Brigades International-USA, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, and Solidarity 2020 and Beyond. She is also a board member of DAY-Africa, Kenya, and a Rotary Peace Fellow from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

The Panelists



Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh is founder and volunteer director of the [Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability \(PIBS\) at Bethlehem University](#). A 2020 laureate of the Paul K. Feyerabend Foundation award (which acknowledges and encourages remarkable accomplishments that represent a true source of inspiration), and the 2019 recipient of the Takreem award that honors Arab leading accomplishments (for environmental work). He has published numerous scientific papers, book chapters, and several books on topics ranging from cultural heritage to human rights to biodiversity conservation to cancer. He serves on the board of a number of [Palestinian youth and service organizations](#) and oversees many projects related to sustainability of human and natural communities. Qumsiyeh is a member of the Rotary Club of Bethlehem Palestine.



Reem Ghunaim, is a global citizen originally from Tulkarm, Palestine. She is a sought-after public speaker and consultant and is a Positive Peace Activator and a Global Peace Index Ambassador for the Institute for Economics and Peace. Reem started in Rotary as a Rotaractor in Ramallah, Palestine and later earned her master's degree in City and Regional Planning and a certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution through a Rotary Peace Fellowship at Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center. As the immediate past Executive Director for the Rotary Action Group for Peace based in Portland, Oregon, Reem is the recipient of the 2021 Global Peace and Humanitarian Award that recognizes her transformative work and leadership. Reem is a Rotary Peace fellow from University of North Carolina and is currently leading her own company at the Founder Institute.



Suheir Freitekh is originally from Nablus and currently based in Ramallah, Palestine. She is strongly committed to peace and development exemplified by her ongoing commitment to research and study in the field as well as her work on peace initiatives and projects with INGOs (International Crisis Group and others) and with Palestinian NGO's and government entities. Suheir earned a MA in Peace and Conflict Resolution from a European University and is completing her second master's degree in development and nonviolent organizing and action at the University of Haifa. She is currently a Rotary Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, working on her social change initiative to empower women in Palestine through nontraditional careers and economic security.



Sahar Vardi is an Israeli anti-militarist and human rights activist from Jerusalem. Sahar led the Israel program for the American Friends Service Committee for ten years, where she founded the Database of Israeli military and Security Export (<https://dimse.info/>). Prior to this, Sahar worked with the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, ICAHD, founded by Jeff Halper and New Profile. Sahar was involved in a protective presence/accompaniment program in the South Hebron Hills in the West Bank and is involved in grassroots anti-occupation activism in Jerusalem and throughout the Palestinian West Bank. She is a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford in the UK.

Solidarity 2020 and Beyond, an international solidarity network lead by grassroots activists and organizers utilizing nonviolent action for change and co-founded by Rotary Peace Fellows and Waging Nonviolence, <https://wagingnonviolence.org/>, an online news portal supporting people-powered news and analysis are additional co-sponsors of the webinar.

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