

ADVOCACY HUB: Students' voices at the Human Rights Centre

Palestinian Nationality and Citizenship Status Navigating Multifaceted Realities and Challenges across Israel, the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Refugee Communities in Lebanon and Jordan	
<u>Date and Time</u> May 9th 16:00 CET	<u>Hybrid seminar</u> At the Human Rights Centre: Via Beato Pellegrino, 28, 35137 Padova PD, Italia Online: register to receive the Zoom link

Registration: Please register by the 8th of May <https://forms.gle/LEYMqUOwThMiyieUA>

The project: ADVOCACY HUB: Students' Voices at the Human Rights Centre

We're happy to announce the inaugural seminar of our **student-led initiative, ADVOCACY HUB: Students' Voices at the Human Rights Centre**. Supported by the **University of Padova** and the **Human Rights Centre Antonio Papisca**, the project aims to bring together theory and practice, beginning with the first seminar, which aims to explore the complexities of Palestinian citizenship, beyond the war in Gaza.

The first seminar: Palestinian Citizenship and Nationality

We will focus on **Palestinian citizenship**, exploring the differences, challenges, and advocacy efforts. Rather than solely focusing on the ongoing conflict in Gaza, our objective is to look at the historical background that has contributed to the oppression experienced by Palestinians across the region for decades.

The program:

- **Palestinians within Israel and Palestinian Territories:** situations of Palestinians residing within Israeli territory, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza;
- **Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon:** the specific challenges faced by refugees in Lebanon, exploring their living conditions and implications for nationality and rights;
- **Palestinians in Jordan:** the refugee status and historical journey of Palestinians in Jordan, providing insights into their experiences and broader implications for the Palestinian narrative.

Objectives:

1. Deepen the comprehension and knowledge of the topic;
2. **Inform participants about projects and internships** in this field;
3. Facilitate connections with speakers for **future research or advocacy initiatives**.

The format: Presentations by our speakers followed by Q&A open discussion.



ADVOCACY HUB: Students' voices at the Human Rights Centre

Speakers

Baha Hilo: *Educator and Social Activist*

Palestinian from Bethlehem, Graduate of Birzeit University(with a degree in Sociology;

Worked with humanitarian, human rights, and advocacy groups including the UN;

Since 2013, focused on education in Palestine through an initiative called “To Be There”;

Coordinates educational visits, including the annual Olive Harvest, Olive Planting, Palestinian Land Day, summer study programs, and Christmas in Palestine.

Atwa Jaber: *Ph.D. Researcher in international history and politics at the Geneva Graduate Institute*

BA in law and public administration from Birzeit University, MA in development studies from the Geneva Graduate Institute;

Expertise in the histories and geographies of forced displacement, with a focus on Palestine;

Worked and conducted research with the Global Health Center, the Small Arms Survey, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Oxfam, and the United Nations.

Moderator

Pietro de Perini: *Ph.D. in International Politics. Researcher and Professor at UNIPD*

Researcher in international politics at the Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies at the University of Padua, where he teaches 'Human Rights in International Politics' and 'International Relations'.

He is the co-editor-in-chief of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights (Brussels, Peter Lang), editor-in-chief of the Journal Peace Human Rights Governance (Padua University Press), and associate editor of the International Journal of Human Rights (London, Routledge).

Student organisers

- **Sabaeta Zeneli:** first-year Master's student in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance
- **Xhuana Spaneshi:** second-year Master's student in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance

Contact: For any questions advocacy.hub@unipd-centrodirittiumani.it

