



معهد مواطن للديمقراطية وحقوق الإنسان
Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

Muwatin's 26th Annual Conference When Will the Smile Return to Our World?

Held in the virtual space and live streamed via Muwatin's Channel on YouTube
25-27 September 2020

Programme

First Day - Friday, 25 September 2020

17:00 Opening Remarks

Address by the President of Birzeit University

Address by the Director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights

Keynote Address by Vijay Prashad: An Agenda for the Global South after COVID-19

18:00 Session I: Manifestations of the Crisis in the Arab World

Chair: *Mudar Kassis*

National Sovereignty for Arab Countries: A Utopia?

Héla Yousfi

The Unconventional Imperialism Requires an Unconventional Left

Dalal El-Bizri

Second Day - Saturday, 26 September 2020

11:00 Keynote Address by Rajesh Tandon

Reimagining Futures Where All Lives Matter: Participatory Democracy in Post-pandemic Era

11:45 Session II: The Future of Capitalism

Chair: *Lisa Taraki*

The Crisis of Capitalism under the New World Disorder

Mustapha Kamel Al-Sayyed

Populism and Hannah Arendt

Raef Zreik

13:00 Break

17:00 Session III: The Depth of the Crisis

Chair: *Rana Barakat*

The Repositioning of Political Corruption in the Current Global System

Basem Ezbidi

Is International Solidarity Possible across the Redeemable-irredeemable Divide?

Reem Bahdi

Forging an African Governance/Human Rights Identity in a Post

Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua

COVID-19 World Order

Third Day - Sunday, 27 September 2020

11:00 Session IV: Current Reality and Requirements for Change

Chair: *Bettina Marx*

Violence, Capitalism, and the Spectre of Fascism

Sami Khatib

Civil Resistance and Nonviolence

Haytham Manna

Gulf Capitalism and the Changing Global Political Economy

Adam Hanieh

13:00 Break

17:00 Session V: Features of a Future

Chair: *Jamil Salem*

But When Was Our World Smiling?

Gilbert Achcar

The Arab World after the Pandemic

George Giacaman

18:15 Keynote Address by Samuel Moyn

The Fall of Welfare and the Rise of Human Rights

19:00 Conference Conclusion

Conference held in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Palestine & Jordan