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The Empty Chair: a simple action that academics and students can take in solidarity with Palestinian colleagues

John Chalcraft.

Academics, researchers and students in privileged and relatively wealthy parts of the world are concerned that our Palestinian peers and colleagues are denied the rights that we exercise and enjoy on a daily basis.

We, unlike them, can cross national borders to attend conferences with relative ease. We, unlike them, can travel within our national territory to give lectures, examine PhDs, sit vivas and so on, without being turned back at checkpoints. We, unlike them, can invite visiting researchers and collaborators from many parts of the world and our own country, without fear that those colleagues will not be able to come because of military occupation or siege. We, unlike them, can commute to teach or study without being stopped by soldiers. We unlike them, do not lose students and teachers to Israeli bombs and bullets. We, unlike them, enjoy infrastructure that is not

periodically ransacked or destroyed. We, unlike them, can access essential imported educational materials, from pencils to books, with relative ease. And many of us, unlike them, do not write and research under a permanent racist suspicion of terrorism and extremism.

Many of us, in the humanities, social and natural sciences, if we address the question, can recognise, with some uneasiness, this profound contradiction: the rights we enjoy as educators, students and researchers are denied our Palestinian colleagues. We also know that racial oppression and violence, in its many varieties, works to exclude and silence educators and researchers in many parts of the world.

For the most part, however, the academic community as a whole does not feel that it has the time or resources to reflect on the issue or take significant action.

There is, however, something simple that all academics and students working in any field of study can do to raise awareness about what all those of conscience can recognise as an intolerable contradiction. It doesn't take up any significant time or resources. It's called the empty chair.

The Empty Chair

At any ordinary academic event (lecture, workshop and so on), an empty chair is placed on the podium, around the table, or in the audience. An appropriate graphic or symbol, such as the BDS logo, is placed on the chair to indicate that it is not just an ordinary empty chair. At the outset of the event, the meaning of the chair is explained.



The BDS logo.

The chair symbolises the absence of a Palestinian academic or student from the room. It draws attention to the fact that the absence of Palestinians results from the intolerable and decades old restrictions placed on their travel, research and study by the Israeli government.

The empty chair thus draws the attention of everyone in the room to the question of

fundamental academic rights. It signals that we enjoy those rights, while Palestinians do not. It generates a sense that academics and students take this situation seriously. It signals that an injury to one is an injury to all: that academic freedom is not just for the privileged few, and that exceptions to, and restrictions on these freedoms, wherever they occur, concern all of us. It is intended to send a message of solidarity based on fundamental rights to our Palestinian colleagues and peers. It also indicates that there is a welcoming place for Palestinians in the room if and when Israeli restrictions are finally lifted. The empty chair thus symbolises the refusal of academic apartheid. It is not just a piece of spontaneous ad hoc-ery, or a straw in the wind, but linked to a wider civil society movement of transnational solidarity for freedom, justice and equality – the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement.

Standing against apartheid in South Africa was a symbol for standing up against all racial oppression. Likewise, standing up today for Palestinian academic freedom symbolises support for all those academics and students around the world, including in our own academia, who are denied equal rights in various ways. Academics and students of colour, especially women, and those from communities disempowered by race and class, often face institutionalised forms of discrimination.

It is important that, apart from placing a suitably adorned chair in the room, the other action that needs to be taken is for the meaning of the empty is explained. Such an explanation is bound to differ from context to context. It could, for instance, be done as follows:

The organiser or chair, could explain that in convening a panel or setting up an academic event of any kind, we assume and exercise a number of fundamental academic rights and freedoms. These freedoms are fundamental to our work and our constituting purposes, but they are usually taken for granted.

These rights and freedoms have been denied to our Palestinian colleagues for so long, so systematically, and on such an unjustified basis, that we believe it is now time to draw attention to the issue. We cannot in good conscience enjoy without comment our academic rights and freedoms while others are systematically denied them.

This panel therefore draws attention to such an issue simply and quietly by putting an empty chair in the room —a chair that we assume would have been filled by a Palestinian in the absence of Israeli restrictions.

The organiser or speaker may want to state that this is a civil society action based on fundamental rights.

It can be noted that this is not just a spontaneous gesture, but aligned with the aims and principles of the Boycott, Divestment Sanctions movement for freedom, justice and equality.

It can be mentioned that the action seeks to draw attention to all forms of racial oppression and silencing.

Academics and students may object that such an action bears no relationship to their panel, their subject of study, their constituency, or their aims and objectives. They may worry about the politicisation of the academy, and accusations of anti-Semitism. The answer to this objection is to underline that this action is motivated by the intolerable violation of fundamental academic rights and freedoms. As such it concerns us all. It touches our constituting purposes as academics and students, regardless of subject of study, and regardless of our specific political position. No researcher can accept academic apartheid. The empty chair signifies such a refusal.

The advantages of the action are several. It has the potential to touch very wide constituencies in academia at large. It does not require a special space, but uses spaces that already exist in the ordinary course of our work. It does not require time or resources. It does not need central coordination (apart from the provision of the basic idea and a possible template). It allows for sensitivity to context – and can be tailored and customised to suit local circumstances. It can spread very rapidly. It is linked to a wider BDS movement, which assure its coordination with Palestinians and gives it a much broader traction.

An Appeal to our Palestinian readership.

From The Editor

One of the key themes in BRICUP's campaign for an academic boycott of Israel is the denial of Palestinian academic freedom and right to education described in the previous article. Personal accounts of university life under Israeli siege and occupation will therefore be, not only of great interest to our supporters, but also of very practical use in gaining support for the boycott from academics and students on UK campuses.

We therefore welcome contributions to the Newsletter from Palestinian academics and students. We will welcome personal accounts, either about obstacles imposed teaching and research or, alternatively, about progress in teaching or research that has been achieved in the face of that oppression.

Our newsletter goes out monthly to almost 700 academics on campuses across the UK and we know that it is forwarded to others. If you would like to make a contribution of any length on any academic related topic, please contact the Editor at

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Israeli Doctors Complicity in Torture -A Review

Derek Summerfield, Chris Burns Cox and Ghada Karmi.

Background

It is 20 years since Amnesty International concluded that Israeli doctors working with the security services "form part of a system in which detainees are tortured, ill-treated and humiliated in ways that place prison medical practice in conflict with medical ethics". In 2009, 725 physicians from 43 countries appealed to the World Medical Association (WMA), the official international watchdog for medical ethics, attaching a raft of more recent evidence from reputable human rights organisations that supported Amnesty's conclusions, and pointed to the studied refusal of the Israeli Medical Association (IMA) to take action. The IMA is a WMA member and at the time the WMA President was the IMA President Yoram Blachar. The WMA refused even to acknowledge the submission and it became clear that the WMA would not act against the IMA under any circumstances.

The Evidence

As an example of the independent evidence at hand, consider this report from December 2015, entitled "Backed by the System: Abuse and Torture at the Shikma Interrogation

Facility". This comes from B'Tselem (http://www.btselem.org) Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories (which is EU funded), and from HaMoked, Centre for the Defence of the Individual. It is based on affidavits and witness accounts provided by 116 Palestinians held for security reasons and interrogated at the Shikma facility, Israel, from August 2013 to March 2014. Five of these were minors. Nearly every single detainee was exposed to some or all the range of measures described, many of which satisfy internationally ratified definitions of torture. This included: single or concerted beatings, sometimes with rifle butts and often while the detainee was handcuffed and blindfolded; repeated interrogations of up to 35 hours at a time and for up to 40 days whilst tied tightly in an unnatural position on a special chair; sleep deprivation; solitary confinement; extremes of hot or cold temperatures; constant shouting and threats to the family of the detainee; prolonged periods tied spreadeagled to the 4 corners of a bed in solitary confinement; poor or absent medical care. Four of the minors were subjected to physical violence.

This report entirely corroborates the 2011 report (Doctoring the Evidence, abandoning the victim: the involvement of medical professionals in torture and ill-treatment in Israel) authored by Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHRI) and the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI). It was part of the evidence base we and the other signatories submitted to the WMA in January. It was summarily dismissed by the WMA President without investigation. The extensive evidence base shows that this is a systemic issue: doctors at interrogation facilities ignore complaints by Palestinian patients, enable interrogators to use abuse and torture, do not report harm to inmates to their superiors or any other party, and send victims of these measures back into the hands of their abusers. Doctors have an institutional role in processes which produce illegal abuse and torture of detainees. They sanction what goes on in the interrogation rooms, their presence in the unit conferring moral authority and legitimacy to the interrogators.

It is noteworthy that no less than 80 detainees out of the sample of 116 required medical care during their time at the Shikma facility. Twenty of the detainees who saw a doctor stated that the doctor ignored their complaints or gave them ineffective treatment. In 8 of these cases the complaints that were ignored had to do with violence by soldiers or police officers at the time of the arrest or later.

Two minors complained about beatings to a doctor and were ignored. In all cases the doctors permitted detainees to be returned to the interrogation room or to the cell, even when these were the source of their pain and medical complaints. As the report puts it, "these doctors breached their duty to first and foremost ensure the welfare of their patients, and created false pretences of professional medical monitoring of the abusive interrogation system in violation of the Tokyo Declaration. The Declaration-ratified by the IMA in 2007- prohibits physicians from participating in torture and cruel or degrading treatment of another person, from condoning torture or providing substances or knowledge to facilitate such practices or to countenance torture".

As an example of other kinds of neglect of care, one of the cases was of a 19 year old high school student called Taha Latifah who was severely beaten by soldiers during his arrest and on the way to the facility. He had epilepsy and was still suffering from a two year old head injury caused by shrapnel. He told all this to the doctor who saw him at Shikma. The doctor had at his disposal the medical form which recorded ongoing severe health problems, including mental health issues and suicidal tendencies. The doctor ignored all this information and certified that Taha Latifah was generally healthy and not on regular medications. He was taken into intensive interrogation which lasted 22 hours a day for 12 days, always handcuffed. During his 44 days at Shikma Taha Latifah was not provided with the medication he took regularly prior to his arrest. Once, after losing consciousness while tied to the interrogation chair, the doctor gave him pain killers and a drug to lower fever, and the interrogation continued. HaMoked filed complaints about this and similar cases which were, rejected by the authorities for "lack of evidence".

The Future

The present position of the campaign against medical complicity with torture in Israel was described in the May edition of this Newsletter (http://bricup.org.uk/documents/archive/BRICUP Newsletter110.pdf)which set out an additional evidence-based appeal made to the WMA last year by 71 UK doctors: the WMA President was now the prominent UK medical academic, Sir Michael Marmot. There has still been no response from the WMA despite no less than 3 requests from the British Medical Journal for Professor

Marmot to do so.

http://www.bmj.com/content/349/bmj.g4386/rr-0

The WMA is mandated to ensure that member associations, of which the BMA is one, abide by its declarations- in particular the anti-torture Declaration of Tokyo, which forbids doctors from having any involvement with torture and obliges them, whenever they encounter it, to protect the victim and to speak out. In the end we felt we had little alternative but to report the situation to the General Medical Council (GMC), since this is the formal body to whom UK doctors are answerable for their professional and ethical conduct. The basis of the appeal was the instant rejection of the evidence-based appeal by 71 UK doctors without examination of this evidence and inaccurate statements about past investigations, the immediate endorsement of the IMA, and refusal to offer justification for this decision to us, or to the BMJ despite 3 requests by them.

The failure of the WMA to respond to the extensive evidence that we and others have submitted is particularly disturbing when we know that the Simon Wiesenthal Centre received a response from Professor Marmot, acting as WMA President and writing on WMA notepaper, within a week of submission, assuring them that "investigations have revealed no wrong doing . . . by the Israeli Medical Association" (It is highly relevant that the Simon Wiesenthal Centre is an organization which affirms in its mission statement that 'we stand with Israel'.) The published documentation undermining this bland assurance has been both extensive and consistent over many years.

Complicity by doctors with torture is perhaps as grave a charge as could possibly be brought to the GMC: the issue should have been referred to the WMA as a whole for consideration but has not been. How could our case and the attached independent evidence be properly examined within just one week? Moreover this instant rebuttal itself appears to violate the WMA's own internationally recognised anti-torture code and the Declaration of Tokyo. We sent the WMA President the published documentation from reputable, independent organisations like Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, an evidencebase that clearly provides an immediate basis for triggering the Declaration of Tokyo. There is a direct precedent for the case we have made to the GMC when Dr Derek Keilloh was struck off 5 years ago for unethical misconduct for violation of the Declaration of Tokyo. He saw the effects of torture (of Baha Mousa, at the hands of British

soldiers), but did not protect the victim, and did not speak out.

Conclusion

After some months the GMC reiterated in response to our submission that this case was beyond their remit since they were not in a position to investigate a body like the WMA. This seems a very narrow interpretation of its remit, which cannot but involve an investigation in any particular case. Evidence amounting to *res ipsa loquitur* was produced and available to them. We have been looking into a possible case for judicial review.

Defend Moshe Machover- A Science for the People Petition

From mathematicians, scientists, academic philosophers and defenders of free speech and human rights

Highly respected campaigner for justice for the Palestinians Moshe Machover was expelled from the Labour Party on October 3rd. On October 30th, as the result of an unprecedented grassroots campaign, he has been reinstated. However

- there has been no apology, including for the baseless slur of supposed antisemitism that was alleged against him
- there has been no response to the demands from so many Labour supporters for an enquiry into how this debacle came about, and for a root-and-branch reform of the disciplinary processes of the Party to bring them into line with natural justice and trade union best practice.

The statement below began circulating before Machover's reinstatement yet is just as accurate and urgent after this victory as it was before. Add your name to join the growing, international chorus in defence of political freedom: for Moshé and for all of us.

Defend Moshe Machover: Investigate his expulsion from the Labour Party.

We, the undersigned mathematicians, scientists, academic philosophers and defenders of free speech and human rights support the call by UK Labour Party members for the establishment of an immediate inquiry to review all the circumstances of Moshé Machover's expulsion from the Party; and also to investigate the operation of those

office holders and units responsible for this and other recent disciplinary actions, including the moral, political and legal implications of their procedures and decisions.

As has been detailed in his own defence and in an open letter signed by more than 1250 Labour Party members, Machover--an internationally renowned Israeli mathematical logician based in the UK since 1968--faces a range of politically-motivated and inconsistent accusations. The anonymity of Machover's original accusers and the sloppy response of Labour's disciplinary bureaucrats raises doubts about the motivations of all involved. It reads like a smear of advocates of Palestinian human rights as anti-semites in an attempt to relegate criticism of Israel to the margins of UK politics.

Under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, the Labour Party has become a beacon of hope to millions around the world animated by the principles of solidarity, freedom, peace and equality. A membership purge which targets a lifelong champion of precisely these principles diminishes that light. The spirit and content of the charges against Machover evoke the shameful tradition of American McCarthyism. Such tactics will inevitably rebound on the integrity and legitimacy of any who tolerate or employ them.

As detailed in the historical documentary about Matzpen, the Israeli socialist organization he helped found, Machover is a longtime target of political intimidation and censorship. Machover deserves our solidarity both for his persistent courage and for the political freedoms he has long stood for: his own, Palestinians' and those of academics around the world. Moshé Machover embodies both the proud Jewish tradition of internationalism and the rigorous intellectual integrity to be expected from a scholar of his stature.

We stand with Moshé Machover! Signed,

You can read it and add your signature here

A success for the University of Manchester BDS Campaign

In the October Newsletter, the University of Manchester BDS Campaign reported on plans for the university to host an event, co-organized by the Zionist Federation, to 'celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration on October 31st. However, intensive action by a coalition of Manchester campaigning organizations (UoM BDS campaign, Manchester Palestine Action, Manchester Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Fight Racism, Fight Imperialism and Manchester Jewish Action for Palestine) succeeded in causing the organizers to move the event to the Hilton Hotel on Deansgate. They commented 'although this is a great victory for the BDS campaign, the university itself did not cancel it and was from the beginning happy to host this celebration having had communications with the Israeli embassy. There has been increasing conditions imposed on Palestinian student activists and the University's connections and investments in the Israeli arms trade remain to this day. It was the targeted campaign and pressure from students and concerned individuals that managed to drive the Balfour celebrations off campus'.

A protest was organized to start at the Whitworth Hall at the University, which then proceeded to the new location. Huda Ammori (UoM BDS Campaign) described the protest that took place on October 31st as 'Brilliant work. We forced them off campus, took Oxford road for Palestine and then surrounded their conference with Palestinian flags, Dabka music and made their "Celebration" of ethnic cleansing more like a nightmare.

Crackdown on Palestine events on campuses – is this to be a sector wide policy?

The Editor

Disturbing news has come in the last week of interference in the running of Palestine events at two UK universities. At the LSE on Tuesday 7th, a meeting entitled 'Palestinian Rights, the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Movement, and Transnational Solidarity' was to be chaired by Dr. Ayça Çubukçu, Assistant Professor in Human Rights in LSE's Department of Sociology. However, on the afternoon of the meeting, the LSE authorities told the organisers that the chair had to be replaced by a 'neutral' one or the meeting could not take place. Dr Çubukçu was therefore substituted by Pro-Director Professor Eric Neumayer.

This was followed on Wednesday 8th by a similar intervention at Cambridge university over a panel meeting on Palestine, which was to be led by Omar Barghouti (founder member of both the

Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel and the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement), who also spoke at the LSE.

Cambridge University insisted that the "controversial subject" of the meeting required the replacement as Chair of Dr Ruba Salih from SOAS with an "independent chair" – namely their Director of Communications.

This interference in the ability to debate what are seen by university authorities as 'controversial subjects' must be monitored and opposed because of its profound effect on academic freedoms, including freedom of speech. BRICUP will welcome information from our supporters of similar occurrences elsewhere.

We hope to bring you detailed accounts of both meetings in the December issue of the newsletter, In the meantime, the open letter to Cambridge University below is currently gathering signatures. A link for signing is the letter is provided at the end.

Open letter protesting Cambridge University crackdown on Palestine event and threat to academic freedom

We, the undersigned, condemn in the strongest possible terms the attempt by University of Cambridge administrative authorities to interfere in a panel event this evening (Wednesday 8th November) headlined by the internationally recognised Palestinian human rights defender Omar Barghouti, and believe such efforts to constitute an intolerable violation of academic freedom by a self-styled global leader in its furtherance.

The University has insisted that due to the "controversial subject" of the meeting and "opposition" they have received to its hosting, an "independent chair" (their director of communications) who does not have the same political views as the other panellists, must be installed to replace Dr Ruba Salih (SOAS), the respected academic due to moderate the event.

If these terms, designed ostensibly to ensure "open, robust and lawful debate" and the protection of the "free speech of both sides", are not agreed to, it is strongly implied that the event will be cancelled for "health and safety reasons".

As conceded by the University, much of the correspondence it has received opposing the event has come from a letter campaign coordinated by

the well-known pro-Israel lobby group 'StandWithUs' which rests on a litany of potentially libellous and bigoted accusations of racism against Omar Barghouti, fellow panellist Malia Bouattia, and event co-host and registered charity War on Want. It is notable that 'StandWithUs' has in the past year sponsored an event on campus with the Israeli ambassador to the UK Mark Regev without any such intervention from the University.

It is disturbing that University authorities consider appropriate such censorship, including the forced imposition of an "independent chair", on an event designed to raise awareness about the human rights of Palestinians and indigenous peoples around the world.

Omar Barghouti has been subjected to a prolonged campaign of intimidation by the Israeli government; detention and protracted interrogation without charge, travel bans, and threats of "civil assassination" by ministers of state. This sustained pattern of criminal intimidation, common practice for Israel in its treatment of human rights defenders, has been strongly condemned by Amnesty International, who have loudly defended Omar.

It is deeply concerning that the University has attempted to suppress this event through aggressive institutional intervention. In doing so, it risks being seen to side with those who seek to silence the voices of the marginalised, and raises questions about the extent of its commitment to free speech. Such behaviour belies the University's stated commitment to 'light touch' implementation of the government's draconian 'Prevent' legislation. We urge the University not to risk its reputation by intrusive and high handed tactics such as these.

Please note that the event went ahead on (Wednesday, 8th November) with the respected academic originally designated to chair the event forcibly removed from this position following threats to cancel the event from the University. The University's communications director controlled the event instead. Continued signatures in protest are welcome.

Link to open letters list of signatories

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U3L_KU6I 4QbfSVPOXXm6y6Z3DCw9UvYWYmCRQB6t cSY/edit?usp=sharing

Roger Waters to artists: 'Why would you ignore your Palestinian brothers and sisters?'

From Artists for Palestine UK (https://artistsforpalestine.org.uk)

October 30th 2017

Asked about the recent decision by artists Nick Cave, Bryan Adams and Thom Yorke to either cross the picket line called for by Palestinian civil society, or announce their intention to do so, Roger Waters has told Artists for Palestine UK:

'I wonder if Nick and Bryan [Adams, scheduled to play Tel Aviv December 4 and 5, and Jerusalem December 6] and Thom Yorke and the rest of these guys were to spend even a day or two in administrative detention [without charge or trial], or even once have their kids woken and arrested in the middle of the night, or, or, or....whether they would still ignore the screams of the victims and the desperate pleas for help from Palestinian civil society, whether they would still cross the picket line.

And before all the self justification starts, yes, of course other countries have bad records on human rights, not least the USA. But in the fight for human rights we have to make our stand where and when we can. In the 60s it was Jim Crow America, in the 80s and 90s it was Apartheid South Africa, now it is Lawless Apartheid Israel. You stood up for your South African brothers and sisters in the 90s, why would you ignore your Palestinian brothers and sisters in the 2010s?

You stand at a crossroads; you can either heed the cry, respect your brothers' and sisters' picket line and stand with them in their struggle for the basic human rights we all take for granted, or you can turn your backs on them, take the shilling, and entertain their lords and masters at the banquets and balls'.

News from Boycott campaigns on mainland Europe

The monthly Newsletter from the Association of Academics for the Respect of International Law in Palestine (AURDIP)

(http://www.aurdip.fr/?lang=en) includes a link to a video of the presentation made by

Professor Richard Falk at a conference, organized jointly by AURDIP and the Institute for the Study of Islam and the Islamic World in

Paris on September 18th (<u>lire en ligne « Vidéo de</u> la conférence de Richard Falk à l'EHESS).

Professor Falk's lecture, entitled *Envisioning the Palestinian Future*, affirms that the realisation of Palestinian rights and the establishment of a durable peace depend upon an agreement negotiated upon a basis of equality between the two peoples.

Monthly Newsletter from the Belgian Campaign for the Academic Boycott of Israel (BACBI)

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BACBI's November Newsletter (no 29) provides a wide selection of articles on current affairs films, opinion, news of meetings etc from Israel, Palestine and around the world.

Sign the Commitment by UK Scholars to Human Rights in Palestine

This commitment, which has been signed by over 700 academics across UK's higher education system, is one not to accept invitations for academic visits to Israel, not to act as referees in activities related to Israel academic institutions, or cooperate in any other way with Israeli universities.

It is a response to the appeal for such action by Palestinian academics and civil society due to the deep complicity of Israeli academic institutions in Israeli violations of international law. Signatories have pledged to continue their commitment until Israel complies with international law, and respects Palestinian human rights.

For more information, and to sign, go to http://www.commitment4p.com

Notices

Speakers: We are always willing to help provide speakers for meetings. All such requests and any comments or suggestions concerning this Newsletter are welcome.

Email them to: newsletter@bricup.org.uk

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