



# Russell Tribunal on Palestine

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## NEW YORK SESSION of THE RUSSELL TRIBUNAL on PALESTINE

'US Complicity and UN failings in Dealing with Israel's Violations of International Law Towards the Palestinian People'

*New York, 6 & 7 October 2012*

### Day One: Saturday, 6 October 2012

**Jury Members:** Alice Walker, Angela Davis, Cynthia McKinney, Mairead Maguire, Stephane Hessel, Ronnie Kasrils, John Dugard, Dennis Banks, Michael Mansfield QC, Judge Martin Pallin, Miguel Angel Estrella.

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9.00 AM     **Doors Open**

10.00 AM    **Introductory Remarks: Pierre Galand and Stephane Hessel**

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### I. INTRODUCTION

10.30 AM    **Ilan Pappé:** *The Birth of Zionism and its Impact on the Palestinians: From Dispossession to Occupation*

11.10 AM    **Break**

11.30 AM    **Peter Hansen:** *United Nations' Involvement in Palestine: From Mandate to Present*

12.10 PM    **Ben White:** *Israeli policies Since 1948*

12.40 PM    **Lunch**

2:00 PM     **Huwaida Arraf:** *Israel's Violations of International Law*

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**II. THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE OBSTRUCTION OF PALESTINIANS' RIGHT  
TO SELF DETERMINATION**

- 2.30 PM     **John Quigley:** *The Establishment of a Palestinian State*
- 3.00 PM     **Vera Gowlland-Debas:** *The United Nations: What is the legal responsibility  
of an Intergovernmental Organization?* (Historical perspective)
- 3.30 PM     **Break**
- 4.00PM     **Vera Gowlland-Debas:** *The United Nations: What is the legal responsibility  
of an Intergovernmental Organization?* (Current)
- 4.30 PM     **Susan Akram:** *Palestinian Refugees and the United Nations*
- 5.00 PM     **Raji Sourani :** *The Case of Gaza*
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**5.30 PM: END OF DAY 1**

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**Day Two: Sunday, 7 October 2012**

- 9.00 AM     **Doors Open**
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**III. THE ROLE OF THE US IN SUPPORTING VIOLATIONS OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS**

- 10.00 AM    **Diana Buttu:** *The US's Role in Palestine & the Middle East*
- 10.30 AM    **Katherine Gallagher:** *UN Vetoes and Military Aid*
- 10.55 AM    **Break**
- 11.25 AM    **Noam Chomsky:** *US-Israel-Palestinians: Retrospect and Prospect*
- 12.00 PM    **David Wildman:** *Christian Zionism and the Israel Lobby*
- 12.25 PM    **Lunch**

#### IV. WAYS FORWARD

- 1.45 PM **Phyllis Bennis:** *US Civil Society and International NGOs*
- 2.10 PM **Gianfranco Fattorini:** *The Human Rights Council*
- 2.35 PM **Gus Massiah:** *International Civil Society*
- 3.00 PM **Break**

#### V. IS THERE A CASE FOR SOCIOCIDE?

- 3.20 PM **Johan Galtung:** *What is Sociocide?*
- 4.00 PM **William Schabas:** *From Vow to Law: How can Prohibition of Sociocide Become an International Norm?*
- 4.30 PM **Russell Means:** *The Sociocide of the Native Americans*
- 5.00 PM **Saleh Hamayel:** *A Palestinian Sociocide?*
- 5.30 PM *Final Remarks*

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#### END OF DAY 2

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#### Day Three: Monday, 8 October 2012

- 10.30 AM **Press Conference:** *Jury will Present Findings*