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Friday, October 23 2020	
Opening Session 2:30 - 3:00 pm	
Chair of Board of Trustees, Institute for Palestine Studies	Tarek Mitri
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First Session 3:00 - 5:00 pm Reformulating a national liberation project Moderator: George Giacaman	
Palestinian resistance from a liberation project to an independence project: What next?	Maher Charif
Palestine: Between the improbability of an independent state and the inevitability of a homeland	Nadim Rouhana
The main causes of the crisis of the Palestinian national movement: Observations and conclusions	Majed Kayali
Beyond the two-state solution	George Giacaman
Second Session 5:00 - 7:00 pm Influencing the international and regional systems Moderator Honaida Ghanim	
The position of the European Union and its impact on the parties of the conflict	Leila Chahid
What was accomplished through international law and what is still pending	Nasser Al-Kidwa
US Perspectives on Palestine: Elections, Public Opinion and Agenda Imperatives	Rabab Abdulhadi
Normalisation and Subordination: End of a stage	Elias Khoury
Transcending the crisis: A network of alliances with civil society organizations and global protest movements	Honaida Ghanim

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Second Day: Saturday, 24 October 2020

Third Session 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Out of the Impasse

Moderator : Ala Alazzeh

Presence and absence: Restoring the economy to its sociopolitical condition	Ala Alazzeh
Palestinian suspended liminality and the crisis of the road to liberation	Yasmin Qadan
Thoughts on regaining the momentum	Ameer Makhoul
The impact of dissolving the Palestinian Authority on the two-state solution	Nadia Abu Zaher

Fourth Session 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ways of restoring the initiative for the Palestinian struggle

Moderator: Ahmad Asad

Popular resistance: The struggle through civil disobedience and daily life as resistance	Ahmad Asad
Youth movements: The question of continuity	Razi Nabulse
Community initiatives in refugee camps in Lebanon: Successes and failures	Ayham Alsahli
The Palestinian student movement: Crisis and options*	Ahmad Mufid

*A Paper prepared by the Idea Factory students

Third Day: Sunday, 25 October 2020

Fifth Session 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Decolonization, transnationalism, and the liberation of Palestine**

Moderator: Ghada Almadbouh

The absolute minimum: On rights, justice, and Palestine liberation	Andy Clarno
Black Lives Matter, internationalism, and the Palestinian struggle for liberation	Hasan Ayoub
Emancipation in the age of settler colonial sovereign power	Mark Ayyash

Sixth Session 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Political choices available to Palestinians

Moderator: Ghassan Khatib

Making the Palestinian question pertinent again	Jamil Hilal
On the concept of separation and the national strategy required to confront it	Ibrahim Abrash
No quick solutions to the conflict: The necessity of a long-term effective strategy	Daoud Talhami
Between two pandemics: Corona and Arab normalization	Issam Makhoul
Towards a new Palestinian political economy	Ahmad Azem
Urgent questions	Raef Zreik

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