

# ACADEMIC BOYCOTT NOW!



## JOINT RESOLUTION

**We, the signatories, come together to the Academic Boycott Now! conference, recognizing the following:**

- 1.** The Israeli apartheid system has been in breach of international law since its foundation with the Nakba—the ongoing displacement and dispossession of Palestinians from historic Palestine, beginning in 1948 and continuing to the present day. This process constitutes the structural denial of Palestinian self-determination through military occupation, mass incarceration, and Zionism (meaning the movement for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine and the ideology of Jewish Supremacy in Palestine) constitutes the basis for the structural denial of Palestinian self-determination through different means, among them military occupation and mass incarceration.
- 2.** In the latest phase of the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people, which intensified following October 2023, Israel has systematically destroyed the conditions necessary for Palestinian life in Gaza. These actions constitute genocide as defined in Article II of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Israel has directly killed Palestinians, caused serious bodily and mental harm, and deliberately destroyed health, education, commerce, industry, services, information and communication, and municipal infrastructure in order to bring about the physical and cultural destruction of Palestinians.
- 3.** Israel continues to violate international law by denying Palestinian refugees their right of return, as stipulated in UN Resolution 194, and by illegally occupying the Occupied Palestinian Territory (including the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip), and the Syrian Golan Heights. Since 1967, Israel has extended martial law over these territories, including arbitrary and indefinite detention, in which torture and sexual violence, including rape, are systematically practiced. Illegal Israeli settlements continue to expand through civilian and military intervention, with the complicity of the international economical, political, and media stakeholders.



4. The current situation in Palestine transcends regional borders. To systematically surveil, control, and annihilate Palestinians, Israeli corporations have specialized in military and policing technologies and training, which are then exported globally. Israel is a significant driver of militarization, authoritarianism, and the violation and erosion of human rights worldwide, providing drones, AI-based recognition systems, and surveillance spyware. All groups with anti-militarist agendas and commitments to fundamental human rights, as well as popular struggles worldwide, should oppose the state of Israel.

5. Israeli cultural and academic institutions are integral to the settler-colonial project. They contribute to the erasure and rewriting of historical facts, Palestinian cultural heritage, and academic achievements, as well as to the illegal appropriation of land and cultural goods. These institutions directly develop military and policing technologies and train and assist the Israeli military and intelligence personnel. As institutions of apartheid, they also systematically discriminate against Palestinians. By maintaining academic ties, global academia normalizes and funds this state of affairs. For example, the European Union enables this normalization by allowing Israel's participation in Horizon Europe. Italy and Germany even blocked the partial suspension of Israel from the program, considered by the European Commission.

6. The Federal Republic of Germany and its institutions are fully complicit in the provision of military aid to Israel. This includes arms as well as personal, logistical, and diplomatic support, despite serious accusations of violations of international law. Germany also enables and abets Israeli crimes by normalizing apartheid and genocide and by defending Israel's continued participation in international cultural, sports, and academic forums.

7. Germany further contributes to this complicity by persecuting and criminalizing Palestinians, their organizations, and anti-genocide activism within its territory; this includes deplatforming and defunding organizations expressing solidarity with or concern for Palestinian suffering. A notable example is Bundestag Resolution No. 10191/19, which applies the IHRA working definition of antisemitism in a manner that equates criticism to Israel with antisemitism, contradicting ECHR decision 16/15271 and European Commission decision E2016/005122- (ASW). This repression was intensified by Resolution No. 2024) 13627/20), which calls for "exclusion from classes or studies and even up to exmatriculation in particularly serious cases," as well as the cancellation of artistic, academic, and cultural funding.

8. The ongoing Nakba has led to the formation and intensification of numerous student and academic groups in solidarity with Palestine. These groups have challenged German complicity in the genocide through various means, including producing reports on academic complicity and calling for an academic boycott of Israeli institutions—a measure described as "the bare minimum" by Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

**In light of our political responsibility and solidarity, we, the signatories, unite and act at once with an organized collective campaign for a general academic boycott of academic and cultural Israeli institutions in accordance with the guidelines of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI).**



We proceed to summarise these guidelines on the following three levels:

1. **Institutional:** We demand educational, scientific, and cultural bodies active in Germany and internationally to:
  - a) Fully disclose the nature of their collaborations with Israeli institutions and other entities that violate or could violate international and humanitarian law, to enable individual and institutional accountability.
  - b) Suspend or terminate collaborations with Israeli institutions until PACBI conditions are met.
  - c) Divest from Israeli institutions and companies.
2. **Individual:** We call on students, academics, administrative and logistic workers across German institutions to refuse collaboration, invoking conscientious objection.
3. **Organizational:** We call for the obstruction and disruption of joint projects, funding, and cooperation with apartheid institutions and their agents through direct action and strikes.

Anchored in precepts of international law and universal human rights, the BDS movement, including PACBI, rejects on principle boycotts of individuals based on their identity (such as citizenship, race, gender, or religion) or opinion. If, however, an individual is representing the state of Israel or a complicit Israeli institution (such as a dean, rector, or president), or is commissioned/recruited to participate in Israel's efforts to "rebrand" itself, then **their activities** are subject to the institutional boycott the BDS movement is calling for. Mere affiliation of Israeli scholars to an Israeli academic institution is therefore not grounds for applying the boycott.

Following PACBI guidelines, this campaign of academic boycott shall continue until Israel's academic and cultural institutions meet two basic conditions:

**1. Recognize the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people as enshrined in international law, including the three basic rights outlined in the 2005 BDS Call:**

- a) Ending Israel's occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall.
- b) Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality, and
- c) Respecting, protecting, and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.

**2. End all forms of complicity in violating Palestinian rights as stipulated in international law. This complicity includes discriminatory policies and practices as well as diverse roles in planning, implementing, and/or justifying Israel's human rights abuses and violations of international law.**

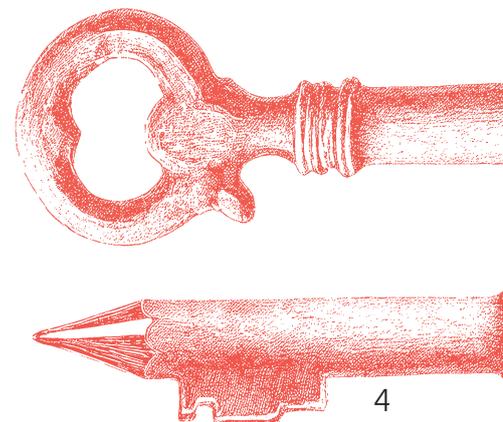


Along with the above, **we also call on German academia to advocate for the BDS resolutions, and to advocate for them in international academic networks and associations.** We urge international networks and associations that have resolved BDS resolutions to hold their complicit German counterparts accountable for actively opposing them.

As necessary reparations for aiding and abetting Israeli crimes, **we call on German institutions to redirect all the infrastructure, personnel, and funding currently available for Israeli institutions (e.g., joint virtual campuses, specially allocated research funding, etc.) toward Palestinian institutions in the West Bank and in rebuilding institutions in Gaza.** Furthermore, procedures must be implemented to **hold accomplices at German institutions accountable for their contributions toward the crimes perpetrated against the Palestinian people.**

Finally, we, the signatories, affirm that acknowledging Palestinian suffering without a commitment to concrete action is empty and insufficient. Only by meeting these fundamental conditions can a genuine political solution be pursued, one that guarantees equal rights for all people in the territory. For this reason, we raise our voices together with the global Palestinian solidarity movement and proclaim:

***PALESTINE  
WILL BE  
FREE!***





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  - SfP Heidelberg
  - Uni Komitee Tübingen
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  - SfP Hannover
  - SfP Lüneburg
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  - Palästina Antikolonial
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