
Winter School Program

The International Order After Gaza: Failures, Emancipatory Possibilities, and Decolonial Futures

4–12 February 2026 | Antwerp & Birzeit Universities

*All sessions take place in room **K202**, [City Campus](#), unless announced otherwise.*

Day 1 – Wednesday, 4 February:

Arrival of participants.

Day 2 – Thursday, 5 February

9:00–9:20 – Opening Remarks

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9:30–11:00 – Self-determination, Statehood, and International Law

Ms. Dana Farraj, part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Birzeit University, and PhD candidate in International Law at the University of Burgundy

11:15–12:45 – Genocide in Palestine: International Responses, Accountability Gaps, & Structural Dynamics shaping the World after Gaza

Dr. Shahd Hammouri, Lecturer in International Law at the University of Kent and an international legal consultant

Lunch

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14:15–15:45 – Institutional Responsibilities of Universities

Prof. Gamze Erdem Türkelli & Prof. Thalia Kruger, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp

16:00–17:00 – Genocide, Starvation, and the Right to Food

Mr. Juan Echanove, Lead of the Right to Food Team at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Day 3 – Friday, 6 February:

Field visit to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague.

Departure time & location: 7:00 am from **Paardenmarkt 107 (the church)**.

Day 4 – Saturday, 7 February: Free day.

Day 5 – Sunday, 8 February:

Optional visit to the Royal Museum for Central Africa

Departure time & location: 8:00 am from **Antwerp Central Station**.

Day 6 – Monday, 9 February:

Field visit to the European Parliament & Belgian Parliament, Brussels.

Departure time & location: 9:00 am from **Antwerp Central Station**.

Day 7 – Tuesday, 10 February

09:30–10:00 – Debriefing Session on Field Visits (**Room S.R.218**)

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10:15–11:45 – Accountability and Criminal Liability within Europe (Room S.R.218**)**

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13:30–15:00 – Corporate Complicity in Colonisation, Apartheid, and Genocide (Room S.R.218**)**

Ms. Lydia de Leeuw, Strategic Litigation Lead, the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO)

15:15–17:00 – The Depoliticisation of Youth (Room S.K. 202**)**

Mr. Ahmad Atallah Lahham, Assistant researcher at Muwatin institute and PhD student at University of Zaragoza

Evening (TBC) – Informal Meeting with the Student Movement in Belgium (Faculty of Law Lounge, V building**)**

Day 8 – Wednesday, 11 February

09:00–10:30 – Repression in Europe, Anti-Palestinianism, & the Instrumentalisation of Anti-Semitism (S.R.112**)**

Dr. Sophia Hoffinger, Senior Monitor Officer Germany, The European Legal Support Center (ELSC)

10:45–12:00 – Collective Genocide: Humans & Nature in the New Global Order (S.R.112**)**

Ms. Salam Butmah & Ms. Hadil Ayyoub, Muwatin Students & Research Assistants

Lunch

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13:30–15:00 – The Future of the Human Rights System in the Context of Contemporary Transformations & Crises in the World Order (S.K.202**)**

Ms. Aseel Hussein, Muwatin Student Researcher

15:00–16:00 – Key Takeaways & Final Reflections (S.K.202**)**

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19:00–22:00 – Closing Dinner (Amvrosia Cousina, Hoogstraat 71, 2000 Antwerpen)

Day 9 – Thursday, 12 February:

Departure of participants.

By 19 February, students will submit a short-written assignment for assessment, reflecting on the future of the international legal order, drawing on the various sessions throughout the Winter School. The program is recognised for 3 ECTS at the University of Antwerp.