

Antwerp & Birzeit Universities Winter School

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

4 - 12 February 2026

Draft Program

Day 1, Wednesday, 4 February: Arrival of participants & Welcome dinner.

Day 2, Thursday, 5 February:

- **Opening Remarks**, Muwatin Institute & LDRG.
- **Session 1 (9:30 - 11:00):** Self-determination, Statehood, and International Law, *Ms. Dana Farraj*.
- **Session 2 (11:15 - 12:45):** Collective Genocide: Humans and Nature in the New Global Order, *Salam Al-Butmeh, Muwatin Students and Researcher Assistants*.
- Lunch*
- **Session 3 (14:00 - 15:30):** Institutional Responsibilities of Universities, *Prof. Gamze Erdem Türkelli & Prof. Thalia Kruger*.
- **Session 4 (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, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague.

Day 4, Saturday, 7 February: Free day.

Day 5, Sunday, 8 February: Visit to Royal Museum for Central Africa, Brussels (*optional*).

Day 6, Monday, 9 February:

- Field visit, The European Parliament, Brussels.
- **Evening Session (TBC):** Solidarity in a Time of Endless War and Authoritarianism, *Prof. Gert Van Hecken*.

Day 7, Tuesday, 10 February:

- **Debriefing session on the visits to The Hague and Brussels (9:00 - 10:00).**
- **Session 1 (10:15 - 11:45):** Accountability and Criminal Liability within Europe, *The Hind Rajab Foundation*.

Lunch

- **Session 2 (13:30 - 15:00):** Repression in Europe, Anti-Palestinianism, and the Instrumentalisation of Anti-Semitism, *The European Legal Support Center (ELSC)*.
- **Evening:** Informal meeting with students that participated in encampments in Belgium.

Day 8, Wednesday, 11 February:

- **Session 1 (9:00 - 10:30):** Genocide in Palestine: International Responses, Accountability Gaps, and Structural Dynamics shaping the World after Gaza, *Prof. Noura Erakat (TBC)*.
- **Session 2 (10:45 - 12:00):** The Depoliticisation of Youth, *Mr. Ahmad Atallah Lahham*.

Lunch

- **Session 3 (13:30 - 15:00):** Corporate Complicity in Colonisation, Apartheid and Genocide, *Dr. Shahd Hammouri*.
- **Session 4 (15:15 - 17:00):** The Future of the Human Rights System in the Context of Contemporary Transformations and Crises in the World Order, *Muwatin Student Researcher*.
- **Closing Remarks**, Muwatin Institute & LDRG.

Day 9, Thursday, 12 February: Departure of participants.

**All sessions will take place in room K202 on the [city campus](#) of the University of Antwerp, except for the visits or where indicated otherwise.*

By 19 February, students will submit a short, written assignment for assessment. This assignment will require participants to reflect on the future of the international legal order, drawing on the various presentations delivered during the Winter School. **The program is recognised for 3 ECTS credits.**