LITIGATING PALESTINE: CAN COURTS SECURE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS?

AGENDA

Friday March 25

3:00   Introduction by Professor George Bisharat, UC Hastings College of the Law

3:15  – Panel I – Palestinian claimants and defendants before U.S. Courts

- Noura Erakat, Adjunct Professor, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, “Palestinians in US Federal Courts: Constructing a ‘Terrorist’ Prototype”
- Linda Moreno, Esq., “Political Prosecutions in America: Prosecuting Other People’s ‘Terrorists’”

5:15-5:30  – Break

5:30-6:15  – Keynote Address

- Professor Jules Lobel, University of Pittsburgh Law School, “Success Without Victory: The Politics of Palestinian Litigation”

Saturday March 26

8:45  – Panel II – Courts in Israel/Palestine

- Nimer Sultany, SJD Candidate, Harvard Law School, “The Master's House and the Master's Tools: Occupation and the High Court”
- Diana Buttu, Esq., “Fitting a Square Peg Into a Round Hole: The Use of Palestinian Courts to Secure Palestinian Rights”

10:45-11:00  – Break

11:00-1:00  – Panel III – Other National Courts and the International System

- Emily Schaeffer, Esq., Law Offices of Michael Sfard, “Litigating Bil’in in Canada: Victories and Obstacles in the Face of an ‘Inconvenient’ Forum”
- Daniel Machover, Esq., Hickman and Rose, “Delegitimising the Rule of Law – The Israeli Campaign Against Universal Jurisdiction”
- Lisa Hajjar, University of California, Santa Barbara, Discussant

1:30-2:30 On Campus Lunch

2:45- Panel IV – Beyond Litigation

- Yasmine Gado, Esq., “The Russell Tribunal on Palestine: London Session on Corporate Complicity in Israel’s Violations of International Law”
- Matthew Ross, Esq. and Elizabeth Jackson, “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions: Defending the BDS Movement from Legal Challenges”
- Samera Esmeir, Professor of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley, “International Strategies of Rule and Liberation Struggles: Between Revolution and War”

4:45-5:00  Closing Remarks by Professor George Bisharat, UC Hastings College of the Law