



VIRTUAL HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

“Apartheid, International Law, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory”

Convened by the
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)

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Bio Notes of Panellists

Mr. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein is the International Peace Institute’s President and Chief Executive Officer. Previously, he served as the UN’s High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2014 to 2018 after a long career as a Jordanian diplomat, including as his country’s Permanent Representative to the UN and Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Al Hussein served on the UN Security Council, was a configuration chair for the UN Peacebuilding Commission, and began his career as a UN Peacekeeper in the former Yugoslavia. He has also represented his country twice before the International Court of Justice, served as the President of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and in 2005, authored the first comprehensive strategy for the elimination of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Operations while serving as an advisor to Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Mr. Al Hussein is a member of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders working together for peace, justice and human rights, founded by Nelson Mandela.

Ms. Agnès Callamard is Secretary General at Amnesty International since 2021. She leads the organization’s human rights work and is its chief spokesperson. She is responsible for providing overall leadership of the International Secretariat, including setting the strategic direction for the organization and managing relations with Amnesty International’s national entities. Ms. Callamard has been a prominent figure in the human rights world for decades. In 2016, she was appointed as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions. Along with her UN work, Ms. Callamard was also the Director of Global Freedom of Expression at Columbia University in New York. Previously, she was Executive Director of the freedom of expression organization Article 19. She returned to Amnesty International after twenty years, having previously held the role of Chef de Cabinet for then Secretary General Pierre Sané.