

Press release.

## US-Palestinian authors to address NZ audiences in April

Internationally renowned journalists Ali Abunimah and Ramzy Baroud will visit New Zealand next month to appear as keynote speakers at New Zealand's 2016 Conference series 'Justice for Palestine', with public events in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin rounding off their Australasian tour. They will host a discussion on Palestine, its history in a middle eastern as well as a global context, through to contemporary questions with a special focus on international cooperation to end the illegal occupation of Palestine.

Dr. Ramzy Baroud has been writing about the Middle East for over 20 years. He is an internationally-syndicated columnist, a media consultant, the founder of [palestinechronicle.com](http://palestinechronicle.com), and the author of several books, including 'Searching Jenin', 'The Second Palestinian Intifada' and his latest 'My Father Was a Freedom Fighter: Gaza's Untold Story'.

Ali Abunimah is co-founder and editor of [electronicintifada.net](http://electronicintifada.net), freelance journalist and author, whose books include 'One Country: A Bold-Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse' and 'The Battle for Justice in Palestine'. A resident of Chicago, he contributes regularly to 'The Chicago Tribune' and 'The Los Angeles Times'. He has appeared on discussion programs on CNN, MSNBC, PBS and other networks, and in a number of documentaries about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including 'Collecting Stories from Exile: Chicago Palestinians Remember 1948'.

The talks will culminate in a discussion of how we in New Zealand and internationally can support the struggle for justice in Palestine, addressing the most effective ways in which international pressure can be applied, including (but not limited to) strategies such as the ongoing 'Boycott Divestment & Sanctions' (BDS) campaign, similar to the campaign of economic boycott that successfully brought South Africa's system of Apartheid to its knees.

Public events:

AUCKLAND – 6pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Town Hall Concert Chamber.

WELLINGTON – 6pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, St Johns in the City, cnr Willis & Dixon Sts, Te Aro.

CHRISTCHURCH – 7pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave.

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Release ends.

Both Ali and Ramzy are available for press interviews while they are in New Zealand (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April). To arrange an interview, please contact:

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