



Land, People and Culture
26th International Conference
Dar al-Kalima University, Bethlehem, Palestine
September 28 - October 5, 2023

Following its academic and contextual traditions, Dar al-Kalima University is holding an international conference during September and October of 2023, under the theme of land, people and culture. The conference will have a particular focus on the Palestinian question, as 2023 marks the 75th remembrance of the **Nakba**, the catastrophe in which hundreds of Palestinian villages were destroyed and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were forced to flee their homes and have been denied the right of return since.

This conference is part of the university's established commitment toward assessing various aspects of **culture, identity, and art**. As the only university in Palestine specialized in art and culture, Dar al-Kalima University has launched numerous undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as a wide range of professional diplomas, in order to further develop understanding and engagement with cultural and artistic industries, research, and publishing. These efforts act as part of its contribution to the global discussion on formation of identities and effective communication within various cultural experiences internationally.

Dar al-Kalima University's conference aims to provide a forum in Palestine for the sharing of such research and the promotion of scholarly debate, interaction, and dialogue among Palestinian researchers and participants from around the world. The inclusion of scholars and participants from places such as Europe, United States of America, Latin America, Africa, and Asia will bring an international scope and diverse perspectives to the event, fostering an **essential, interdisciplinary, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural environment**.



Themes

- Land, people, and material culture under the scope of heritage and archeology.
- Land, people, and settler colonialism from an international perspective.
- Land, people and religion: the role of religion in settler colonialism & resistance.
- Land, people, race, and gender.
- Land, people, and visual art before and after the **Nakba**: the role of visual culture in constructing memories and narratives.
- Land, people, and performing arts: historical and contemporary analyses on performing art and formation of identities.

Program Details

Thursday, September 28, 2023: Arrivals to Bethlehem

Friday, September 29, 2023: **Day 1 of Cultural Tour**

- Visits to Jaffa and Eid Hon
- Lunch in Haifa
- Guided tour in Bahai Gardens
- Overnight in Galilee

Saturday, September 30, 2023: **Day 2 of Cultural Tour**

- Visit to Kufr Ber'em-Akko and the fishermen's market with lunch
- Tour of the old city of Nazareth
- Overnight in Galilee

Sunday, October 1, 2023: **Day 3 of Cultural Tour**

- Tour of the main sites in Jerusalem's old city, including Nativity Church and Al-Aqsa Mosque
- Visit with the Afro-Palestinian Community in Jerusalem
- Opening reception for the conference in Bethlehem

Monday, October 2, 2023 - Wednesday, October 4, 2023: **3 Days of Lectures & Dialogues in Bethlehem**

Thursday, October 5, 2023: Departures from Bethlehem



Cost

Full program (including tour and lectures, seven nights total, September 28 - October 4):

- \$1,150 USD per person in a shared double bedroom
- \$1,645 USD per person in a single bedroom

Conference sessions held in Bethlehem ONLY (four nights total, October 1 - October 4):

- \$599 USD per person in a shared double bedroom
- \$894 USD per person in a single bedroom

Registration

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