

Contesting Israeli Apartheid: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions in Context

With Sami Hermez, Ribam Barghouti, and Issa Mikel of the NYC Campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

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With Israeli state militarism and expansionism reaching its peak with a seven-year assault on the West Bank and Gaza and a devastating war on Lebanon, individuals and groups around the world are increasingly joining the campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. Just as it took a world-wide, grassroots movement to topple the Apartheid regime in South Africa, so many are convinced that non-violent economic, political, and cultural pressure on Israel is the only way to bring justice to Palestinians and equality between Palestinians and Jews.

Come join us during Israeli Apartheid Week to learn more about BDS and the recent war on Lebanon.

Sami Hermez, who returned to his home of Lebanon just as the Israeli military attacks on that country began, will present an eyewitness account of the War on Lebanon this past summer as well as discuss the Lebanese Call for BDS.

Riham Barghouti and Issa Mikel will give a presentation on the current campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. They will discuss the arguments for BDS as well as give an overview of some of the strategies involved in launching a BDS

campaign. They will also discuss some of the arguments against BDS and present a number of counterarguments.

Question and answer period to follow.

Sami Hermez is a doctoral candidate of Anthropology at Princeton University currently conducting research on armed and unarmed resistance in Lebanon. He has been in Lebanon since the July 2006 war, where he has been teaching a course on the Anthropology of violence at the American University of Beirut and has been working on relief and redevelopment in the South. He is a founding member of the NYC Campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions.

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