

NorPal Workshop:

Strengthening of higher education and research in Palestine:

What can Norwegian academic institutions and environments do?

Time: 26 February 2026, 10:00 - 15:00
Registration and coffee
from 09:00 - 10:00

Place: Oslo Metropolitan University,
OsloMet, OsloMets festsal,
Pilestredet 52, Oslo

Registration for the workshop

NorPal website



Program:

I. Opening session

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome remarks
Chair of the NorPal Board Monica Rolfsen

10:05 - 10:25 Opening address: The needs of the higher education sector in Palestine
Emergency Committee of Universities in Gaza

10:25 - 10:40 Norway's cooperation with Palestine
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:40 - 11:20 Keynote: Rebuilding after war and catastrophe – a theoretical and practical approach
Professor Sultan Barakat, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

11:20 - 11:40 Break

II. Experiences and examples – preparation of proposals for the NorPal call

11:40 - 11:55 Subgroups as methodology to connect and coordinate efforts
Emergency Committee of Universities in Gaza
Subgroup Representative

11:55 - 12:35 Short presentations of ongoing and planned cooperation between Palestine and Norway
Academics and students

12:35 - 13:15 Discussion and exchange in groups around areas of interest and importance in support of higher education and research in Palestine – planning of applications for the NorPal call
All workshop participants

13:15 - 14:00 *Lunch and mingling*

III. Closing session: Where do we go from here?

Chair: Tanja Storsul, NorPal Board

14:00 - 14:25 **Panel discussion – building on experience**

- Researcher Rawia Awadallah, OsloMet
- Associate Professor Marius Grønning, NMBU
- Professor Anne Kveim Lie, University of Oslo
- Professor Hans Skotte, NTNU
- Assistant Professor Anders Davidsen, University of South-Eastern Norway

14:25 - 14:55 **Closing dialogue – the next steps**

- Emergency Committee of Universities in Gaza
- Director Omar Shweiki, Friends of Palestinian Universities
- Professor Sultan Barakat
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

14:55 - 15:00 **Closing of the workshop**

NorPal Chair Monica Rolfsen



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