

NorPal Workshop:

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# 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](#)

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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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