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# EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL: A NEW PATH FOR ISRAEL- PALESTINE?

A Two-Day International Conference  
Birkbeck, University of London



Independent Jewish Voices in  
collaboration with the Bruno Kreisky  
Forum for International Dialogue

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### THE AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE:

- To help shift the debate from externally imposed or brokered state-centric solutions to the building of a new campaign in Palestine-Israel and internationally to achieve full civil and political rights.
- To provide a forum for like-minded Israeli Jews and Palestinians in Israel and the occupied territories, as well as their diasporic supporters, to engage in discussion of this new approach, with the participation of sympathetic politicians, policy-makers, think tank experts, activists and media.
- To provide a new focus of activity for activists outside of Palestine-Israel, which would lead to building new and more powerful and united coalitions within the activist communities and especially among concerned groups and individuals in the Jewish and Palestinian diasporas.

### “RETHINKING THE POLITICS OF ISRAEL/PALESTINE, PARTITION AND ITS ALTERNATIVES”

The Bruno Kreisky Forum initiative “Rethinking the Politics of Israel/Palestine, Partition and its Alternatives” was central in terms of content and speakers.

### PUBLIC SPACE

Panels and presentations were open to public, which included university students from Birbeck's/SOAS and other British universities; interviews were given by participants on individual basis.

### NETWORKING

Meetings with Foreign Office officials, headed by Mr. Clem Naylor, Research Analyst at Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Parliamentarians, headed by Gareth Thomas MP, British Labour Co-operative, who has been the Member of Parliament for Harrow West since 1997 and the Chair of the Co-operative Party since 2001) were organized to reach out to political figures and thus introduce an equal rights' based approach to British policy.

### STATEMENT

The Secretary General of the Bruno Kreisky Forum underlined the Austrian contribution to a new and different language in addressing the question of Israel/Palestine. The support of the Federal Ministry of Defense and Sports was recognized as a creative way of understanding security policy.











