

Mada's Ongoing Events

Workshop on Legal Advocacy

"We must recognize the limitations of legal advocacy. The state's definition as a Jewish state means that there are elements within it that are not amenable to change, on the basis of dozens of laws that prescribe clear racial discrimination." This quote is taken from a talk given by **Dr. Yousef Tayseer Jabareen**, Director of the Dirasat Center and lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa, at a workshop held by Mada al-Carmel.

Mada al-Carmel has initiated several workshops as part of its research project on political participation, which examines the tools of political action employed by Palestinian citizens in Israel from 1948 to the present day. The workshop on legal action concluded the first stage of the project, which consisted of a total of five workshops covering different areas.

The workshop was opened and facilitated by Professor **Nadim Rouhana**, Director of Mada al-Carmel and of the **Political Participation Project**. Attorney **Hussein Abu Hussein**, Chair of the Board of Directors of Ittijah, asked, "Is Israel a state of law, and moreover how valid is this question, given that South Africa was a state of law during Apartheid?" Attorney **Hassan Jabareen**, Director of Adalah, argued that resorting excessively to legal advocacy creates the illusion of a democratic regime and justice among people subject to oppression.

The Honorable Judge Emeritus **Rayek Jarjoura** stated that the policy of racial discrimination is clear and evident in all spheres, and that suffering has been ongoing from 1948 to the present day. He contended that recourse to the judiciary does not create major change, particularly since it (the judiciary) is governed through racist laws. **Dr. Hala Khoury-Bisharat** of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tel Aviv discussed the various avenues of international advocacy, and the ways it relates to local legal advocacy as part of the struggle of the Palestinian people. **Dr. Raif Zreik** of the Minerva Center for the Humanities at the University of Tel Aviv argued that the law does not

strive to achieve social justice, but rather solely considers legal incidents and the relevant facts.

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