

Black Feminism Initiative Student-Faculty WorkGroup Statement on Genocide in Palestine

The UCLA Black Feminism Initiative Student-Faculty Workgroup vehemently and unequivocally opposes the ongoing genocide of Palestinian peoples by the settler-colony “Israel”.

We denounce the Israeli government’s targeted injury and annihilation of indigenous Palestinian families, communities, and ecosystems. We demand an end to the deadly blockade of food, water, electricity and supplies to the Palestinian people. We call for an immediate end to targeted assault of so-called safe routes and hospitals. We condemn the global media’s parroting of violent Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian rhetoric. We stand in solidarity with Palestinians and call for an end to this devastating siege in Gaza.

We believe that repertoires of violence circulate globally. We understand Israel’s tactics as imperial strategies of extinction, pulled from a singular playbook shared by various settler nations –

As abolitionist feminists, we recognize the intimate [connections](#) that exist between Israeli defense forces and U.S. police forces, including shared police training programs, surveillance strategies, weapons, ideology and strategies of containment, all of which cause irreparable bodily and psychic harm. We call for the dismantling of all prisons, whether they are lockups in cages or lockdowns in Gaza, the world’s [largest open air prison](#).

As transnational feminists, we recognize the role of Israel and the United States in the mass displacement of Indigenous people across Latin America and Africa from their native lands for profit, [fueling](#) the rapacious migration industrial complex.

As anti-violence feminists, we recognize the occupation of Palestine as a form of intimate state violence, including [sexual abuse](#), [reproductive violence](#), [labor exploitation](#) and [execution of children](#), and [dismantling of families and kinship networks](#). We see this aggression, and any genocide, as a threat to intimate, sexual, and reproductive justice.

As anti-imperialist feminists, we understand that global imperial powers such as the [United States](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Britain](#), and [Italy](#) created or support the state of Israel to protect their imperial and economic interests in the Middle East. We also recognize that these imperialist states use Palestine as a site of [practice and experimentation](#) for carceral strategies of containment and punishment that shore up the global imperial complex.

As feminist scholars who live, work, and are funded by a university located in the United States, we demand an end to American tax dollars and interventionist policies that fund Israeli military and genocide in Palestine and abroad. We stand in [solidarity](#) with Palestinian scholars at the University of California and around the world.

As Black feminists, we support Palestinians' right to resist and exist. We condemn all apartheid states. We remember Nakba and support land defenders everywhere. We join a [lineage](#) of radical black feminist writers, activists, journalists and cultural workers who have stood up against the decades-long Israeli occupation and voiced their solidarity with Palestinian struggles for liberation.

The deadly occupation of Palestine and its destructive global impact is the root of the devastating violence in Gaza.

Israel's genocidal acts of terror and violence undermine the global struggle for collective liberation. #FREE PALESTINE WITHIN OUR LIFETIME #FREE THEM ALL