

Letter of Support for American Political Science Association (APSA) Organized Section 17, Foundations of Political Theory "Academic Boycott Resolution"

AMCHA Initiative Note: More information on APSA's resolution can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The resolution had claimed, "Israeli academic institutions are complicit in Israel's settler colonization of Palestine, and the attendant ethnic cleansing, dispossession, military occupation and apartheid policies that constitute this colonization."

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Dear colleagues,

We are writing in order to express our support for the BDS resolution that will be discussed at this year's APSA meeting. We are the members who brought the resolution to Robyn Marasco and the Board, requesting that it be discussed.

We believe: (a) that Israeli policy towards Palestinians, including Palestinian citizens of Israel, amounts to a form of settler colonization and an unconscionable system of apartheid; (b) that this system, and the cooperation of Israeli universities with it, harms academic freedom in a fundamental way by restricting the ability of Palestinian scholars to meet, learn and exchange ideas; and (c) that, as political theorists, we have a duty to protest the chilling effects that Israel's anti-BDS stance has had on normative enquiry even in North American universities.

These chilling effects are indicated by the fact that 1/5 of us do not feel as if we can use our names on this declaration out of fear of retaliation against our positions in the university. Others were afraid to join us in signing this declaration at all out of concern that they would be denied entry to Israel and/or transit to Occupied Palestinian Territories (as two Members of Congress, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar were this past week).

We are committed to discussing these matters in an open and respectful way, and we look forward to having a thoughtful debate within our scholarly community.

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13. Nancy Fraser, The New School for Social Research
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19. Jairus Grove, University of Hawaii
20. Jack Jackson, Whitman College
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