

Intervention at the Rosa Luxemburg Conference (Vienna, 2019)

If you don't move

...you won't feel your chains;

...you won't feel the shackles on what may be said and thought;

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...you won't feel the shackles on what may be said and thought in Austria about Israel and Israeli Apartheid.

It appears that the organizers of the Rosa Luxemburg Conference - like the majority of the Austrian "Left" – do not want to move when it comes to the systematic oppression of Palestinians. They prefer not to express their views - above all not in public - on the BDS movement, which is a non-violent, international human rights campaign launched by a broad alliance of Palestinian civil society in 2005.

We ask ourselves: What are they afraid of?

We ask them: What are you afraid of?

Are you afraid of feeling your shackles – the chains that shackle all of us?

Are you afraid that the Community College (VHS) will banish you from their facilities if you allow BDS to be openly discussed? Are you afraid that you will be slandered as anti-Semites? Are you afraid to face the fact that Israel has violated international law for decades on a daily basis, and that this is only possible because of our silence, and our complicity?

By means of the BDS campaign, Palestinian civil society demands:

1. An end to the occupation and colonization of all Arab lands, and the demolition of the Wall.
2. Complete legal equality for the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel.
3. The recognition of the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland and their property as agreed in UN Resolution 194.

Is this really asking too much?

Take a stand!

Make a move!

Feel your shackles!