

About Geographers for Justice in Palestine

We are geographers, faculty, graduate students and people of conscience organizing in response to institutional silence and complicity with the Israeli state's colonial, discriminatory and oppressive policies towards Palestinians.

We are appalled with Israel's scholasticide; its mass killing and detention of Palestinian colleagues; and the systematic and willful destruction of education and knowledge systems in Palestine, including universities, schools, libraries and archives.

We strive to support the Palestinian call for the academic boycott of Israel and to join the growing international campaign led by scholars, intellectuals, trade unions and other civil society organizations until Israel is held accountable for its violations and abides by international law.

As scholars, and as members of professional geography associations such as the AAG, the RGS and the ICGG, we bear a unique responsibility to confront academic complicity and to expose and repudiate our discipline's historical relation to empire, militarism and colonialism.

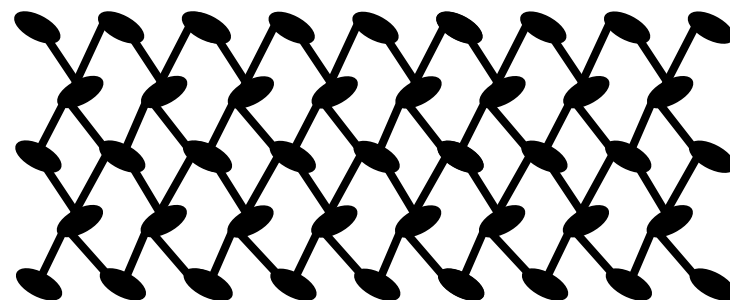
It is in this spirit that we stand firm in our belief that ethical principles must guide our professional collaborations and academic endeavors to craft abolitionist geographies for justice and liberation.

GJP at AAG

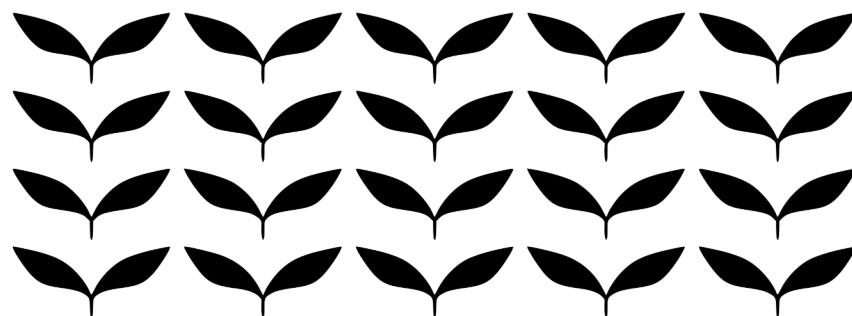
GJP has organized a series of sessions at AAG 2025 that can be found under the session series "Dismantling the Palestine Exception" – find more information by clicking on "AAG 2025" on our website at geog4pal.org. These will be great spaces to connect with GJP campaign organizers and hear fantastic research! Join us!



Geographers of conscience:



Stand Against the Genocide of Palestinians



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FAQ

For more FAQs, please visit our website at <https://geog4pal.org/>

Who can sign this form? Anyone who has an active AAG membership can sign.

How do I sign? Scan the QR Code or visit the link on this pamphlet to sign the petition!

Who is organizing this petition campaign? This is an AAG member-led initiative organized by Geographers for Justice in Palestine (GJP). Learn more about us here: <https://geog4pal.org/>

Who will see this list of signatures? The list of petition signatories will only be shared with the AAG Executive Council, who will verify active membership of the petitioners. The Executive Council has maintained it will keep this list confidential.

What is a special meeting and why do we need to petition? According to AAG bylaws (Article IV, Section 2), members may call for a special meeting by a petition of at least 10% of the members. Once our petition is submitted, the AAG Executive Director will verify the active membership status of signatories. The Council is then obliged to call for a special meeting and will notify all eligible members 30 days in advance of the meeting.

The purpose of the special meeting will be to open the space for the academic debate and discussion on the proposed resolution(s). This meeting would be open to all active AAG members and would likely be held virtually several months from now. According to AAG bylaws (Article IV, Section 5) meetings can be held virtually, in which case minimum participation for a valid vote would be 5% of all eligible members.

We have read the bylaws and met with the AAG Executive Council and Executive Director. This is the only member-based democratic mechanism that exists for membership to seek association-wide change in the AAG.

Have I already signed this? GJP has also been circulating a BDS *pledge* (which you can see on our website) but the pledge and the petition are not the same. The pledge is an internal organizing tool to build awareness and numbers internally, while this petition is external and will be submitted to the AAG Executive Council.

Sign the Petition for a Special Meeting of the AAG Membership to consider Boycott and Divestment Resolutions

If 10% of AAG membership (~800 members) sign this petition, we can oblige the AAG Executive Director and Council to hold an online “special meeting” to open the space to discuss resolutions concerning an **academic boycott of Israeli universities** and **financial divestment** of the AAG from Israeli companies. You can read the petition language at the link below.

It is important to **sign this week!** Sign the petition below:



bit.ly/aagpetition

What is this campaign about?

For decades, Palestinian organizations have called for an international boycott of Israeli academic and cultural institutions. These institutions are deeply complicit in planning, implementing, justifying and whitewashing the Israeli system of oppression that has denied Palestinians their basic rights guaranteed by international law. They have hampered Palestinians' exercise of these rights, including academic freedom and the right to an education. **The academic boycott targets complicity, not identity, and is a boycott of Israeli institutions, not individuals.**

It has become clear that the US-backed Israeli colonial project and military campaign endangers not only Palestinian lives and educational institutions in Palestine but also those who express solidarity with the Palestinian liberation movement. Scholars and students in the United States are now facing discipline and deportation for their research and speech related to Palestine. Educational institutions are a critical arena of this struggle. Our campaign builds the power for us to be proactive, organized, and ready to act collectively in service of both solidarity with Palestine and also the future of higher education.

We have the opportunity to use our professional membership-driven organization to spread wider awareness, within our discipline and to the broader public, of geography's complicity in these military and colonial projects. We can build a more radical and more organized geography by working in solidarity with liberation movements.