

Resource Guide
Considering Palestine/Israel. What Does the Boycott Mean?*
Saturday, February 7, 2015

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1. PRIMARY DOCUMENTS
(Petitions, statements, etc.)

-- **Official site of the BDS movement**

<http://www.bdsmovement.net/bdsintro>

-- **US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel**

<http://www.usacbi.org/>

<http://www.usacbi.org/mission-statement/>

-- **Statement by the Asian American Studies Association**

<http://aaastudies.org/content/index.php/about-aaas/resolutions>

-- **Statement by the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association**

<http://www.naisa.org/declaration-of-support-for-the-boycott-of-israeli-academic-institutions.html>

-- **Statement by the American Studies Association**

http://www.theasa.net/what_does_the_academic_boycott_mean_for_the_asa/

http://www.theasa.net/images/uploads/ASA_Boycott_FAQs.pdf

-- **Short article by Lisa Duggan, head of ASA, in response to criticism of the association's decision**

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/opinion-la/la-ol-israel-boycott-american-studies-blowback-20141113-story.html#page=1>

-- **Second article by an ASA member in its defense**

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/opinion-la/blowback/la-ol-israel-academic-boycott-blowback-20131227-story.html#page=1>

-- **Petition by Middle East Scholars and Librarians asking for a boycott**

<http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/18811/over-100-middle-east-scholars-and-librarians-call->

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u1Z0GOyVCmkii1t4hgR9Me4y-wLfuGaIS3LZvQ_AZUQ/viewform

-- **Statement by American Association of University Professors (opposing a boycott)**

2013 statement: <http://www.aaup.org/news/aaup-statement-academic-boycotts>

2005 statement: <http://www.aaup.org/report/academic-boycotts>

-- Short article by Lisa Duggan, prof in American Studies at NYU and head of the American Studies Association, on some of the reactions to "Circuits of Influence," the NYU American Studies' grad student conference on the boycott

<http://socialtextjournal.org/circuits-of-influence/>

-- Statement by John Sexton, NYU president, on "Circuits of Influence" and its right to be part of the discourse of the university

-- Letter by Rashid Khalidi and Judith Butler on increased incidents of censorship and intimidation in academic and cultural institutions

<http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/blog/scholars-condemn-censorship-and-intimidation-of-israel-critics>

-- **MLA resolution condemning Israel's policies on academics of Palestinian ethnicity obtaining entry and exit visas**

http://www.mla.org/2014_resolutions

-- **Article on the resolution**

<http://mondoweiss.net/2014/05/association-resolution-criticizing>

-- **Saõ Paulo biennial**

Letter by the artists protesting Israeli govt funding for the biennial:

<http://hyperallergic.com/146032/sao-paulo-biennial-participants-demand-organizers-return-israel-funding/>

-- **Curators' statement**

<http://hyperallergic.com/146308/sao-paulo-biennial-curators-join-artists-in-repudiating-israeli-sponsorship/>

-- **Recent petition at Princeton University asking tenured professors to request the university to divest from companies that contribute to or profit from the occupation**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5SS7zLUxIHqaDIqbmlYRlppMHc/view?pli=1>

2. SECONDARY LITERATURE

-- **Judith Butler's speech given at Brooklyn College**

<http://www.thenation.com/article/172752/judith-butlers-remarks-brooklyn-college-bds>

-- **8 essays commissioned by the *Los Angeles Review of Books* from academics, pro- and anti-boycott**

<https://lareviewofbooks.org/academic-activism/>

-- **Free downloadable Verso book "The Case for Sanctions against Israel"**

<http://www.versobooks.com/books/956-the-case-for-sanctions-against-israel>

-- **Martin Shaw about changing his mind on this issue**

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/martin-shaw/boycotting-israel-situation-has-changed-and-i-have-changed-my-mind-too>

-- Ben-Gurion University professor Neve Gordon's LA Times article of 2009 asking for a boycott (article which led to censure at his university and calls for his resignation, etc)

<http://articles.latimes.com/2009/aug/20/opinion/oe-gordon20>

-- Article by Gideon Levy on Neve Gordon's article

<http://normanfinkelstein.com/2009/08/29/excellent-article-by-gideon-levy/>

--A Report on the Cultural Boycott of Israel

<http://hyperallergic.com/179655/a-report-on-the-cultural-boycott-of-israel/>

3. RESPONSES AGAINST THE BOYCOTT

-- **Kenneth Marcus, "Is BDS Anti-Semitic?"**, from Cary Nelson and Gabriel Brahm, eds., *The Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel* (Wayne State University Press) (PDF)

More on this book at <http://wsupress.wayne.edu/books/detail/case-against-academic-boycotts-israel>

-- **Letter written by a number of prominent curators, art critics, calling against the artistic boycott**

"Challenging Double Standards: A Call Against the Boycott of Israeli Art and Society" (PDF)

-- **Debate on "Democracy Now" between professors Eric Cheyfitz and Cary Nelson about the American Studies Association's decision to adopt a boycott resolution**

http://www.democracynow.org/2013/12/18/debate_is_academic_groups_boycott_of

-- **Critique of boycott by Norman Finkelstein**

<http://vimeo.com/36854424>

And a response to Finkelstein: <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2012/06/a-response-to-norman-finkelstein/>

-- **Critique of boycott by Noam Chomsky**

<http://www.thenation.com/article/180492/israel-palestine-and-bds>

Responses to Chomsky:

And some responses to Chomsky: <http://www.thenation.com/article/180590/responses-noam-chomsky-israel-palestine-and-bds>

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