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### Masterclass in Particle Physics

On 5 April 2012, the Physics Department at BZU organized a full-day masterclass in particle physics. The event attracted graduate and undergraduate students majoring in Physics, IT and various disciplines in Engineering. [More...](#)

## Highlights

### Conference on Human Dignity and the Life of Palestinians



On 28 March 2012, the Initiative on Judicial Independence and Human Dignity (KARAMAH) at the Institute of Law (IoL) held its three-day conclusive conference on "Human Dignity and the Life of Palestinians." [More...](#)

### Fifth Annual IT Expo 2012

Under the auspices of the Palestinian Prime Minister, Dr. Salam Fayyad, the Faculty of Information Technology at BZU held its Fifth IT Expo Day 2012 from 9 - 10 April 2012. This annual event was attended by a large number of

## Newsletter

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### BZU Visitors

#### Ambassador of Kazakhstan Visits BZU

On 9 April 2012, the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Jordan and Palestine H.E. Ambassador Bulat Sarsenbayev, and his accompanying delegation visited BZU to discuss spheres of cooperation. [More...](#)



#### BZU Receives Chief Executive Officer of United Palestinian Appeal

BZU received Saleem Zaru, Chief Executive Officer of the United Palestinian Appeal (UPA) in the United States, on 7 April 2012. Zaru met with BZU President, Dr. Khalil Hindi, and the Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, Dr. Adel Zagha. [More...](#)

### Cooperation Agreements

#### Paltel and BZU Sign an Agreement for Faculty PhD Grants

On 26 March 2012, BZU signed an agreement with the Palestinian Telecommunication Group (Paltel) for a grant to cover scholarships for BZU faculty members who seek their doctoral degrees from renowned international universities. [More...](#)



### Legal Affairs

#### Ministry of Justice Launches Excellence in Legal Research Contest

The Ministry of Justice launched the second Excellence in Legal Research Contest on 21 March 2012 at BZU. The Contest is for students enrolled in any law program or faculty at a Palestinian university. [More...](#)



#### Status of Legislation in the Palestinian Territory: 2007-2012

Supported by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU organized a legal encounter on the Status of Legislation in the Palestinian Territory from 2007-2012 on 14 March 2012. [More...](#)

#### BZU Participates in the Regional Law Experts Meeting

Represented by Dr. Saleh Abdel Jawad, the Faculty of Law and Public Administration at BZU participated in the Regional Experts Meeting, held in Qatar on 27 March 2012. [More...](#)

#### BZU Law Students Win Special Award in Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

students, faculty members, representatives of IT companies and other interested individuals. [More...](#)

### **Institute of Women's Studies Holds Fourth Annual Conference**

On 26 March 2012, the Institute for Women's Studies (IWS) in collaboration with the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU held its fourth annual conference entitled: "Getting Right Women's Rights: Rethinking Gender and Law in Colonial Palestine." The conference was attended by academics and researchers from the United States, Tunisia, Egypt and 1948 Palestine, in addition to local intellectuals. [More...](#)

### **Students Affairs**

#### **Birzeit University Student Council Elections 2012**



The Martyr Yasser Arafat Bloc won 26 seats out of 51 possible in the BZU Student Council Elections 2012, held on 4 April 2012. The Islamic Wafaa' Bloc took 19 seats, while the Student Progressive Democratic Bloc occupied 5 seats and the Palestine for All Bloc won 1 seat. The rest of the blocs failed to take any seats. [More...](#)

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For the second time in a row, a team of BZU students from the Law Department at the Faculty of Law and Public Administration participated in the JESSUP Public International Law Moot Court Competition. [More...](#)

### **Community Outreach**

#### **Second Open Day at the Faculty of Education**

The Faculty of Education at BZU organized its Second Open Day on 7 April 2012. The slogan for this Open Day was "If we are not part of change, we will remain part of the problem." The event was attended by faculty members and students, as well as students' parents. [More...](#)

#### **Eighth Engineering Day 2012**

The Faculty of Engineering at BZU organized its Eighth Engineering Day on 9 April 2012. The two-day event was attended by a large number of students, faculty members, representatives of engineering companies and other interested individuals. [More...](#)

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#### **Faculty of Commerce and Economics – 17th Career Day**

Under the auspices of the Palestinian Telecommunication Group (PALTEL), the Faculty of Commerce and Economics at BZU organized its 17th Career Day on 23 April 2012.

The event was attended by representatives of companies and institutions, who sought to prepare the students for the labor market. It was also an opportunity for the graduating students to explore career opportunities and gather information from potential employers. [More...](#)



#### **Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions – Open Day**

Under the theme of "Integrated Healthcare," the Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Professions at BZU held its Open Medical Day on 19 April 2012. [More...](#)

#### **Faculty of Arts Holds Second Annual Open Day**

On 21 April 2012, the Faculty of Arts at BZU organized its Second Annual Open Day, sponsored by the Arab Bank.

The event included a variety of cultural, academic and art activities, and was attended by both former students and former deans, who were honored. [More...](#)



### **Sports, Art & Cultural Activities**

#### **Birzeit University Museum Organizes Lecture**

On 2 April 2012, BZU Museum hosted Professor of Visual Art at the University of San Diego John Halaka who delivered a lecture titled: "Forgotten Survivors: Reflections on Palestinian Landscapes of Desire and Denial." [More...](#)

#### **Palestine and Arabic Studies Program Organizes Cultural Evening**

The Palestine and Arabic Studies Program (PAS) in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs and with the support of Hadara Company organized a cultural evening on 3 April 2012. The event was held at the Evangelical Home & School in Ramallah. [More...](#)

## Publications

### **Announcing a New Publication**

Title: Palestine Urban Geography: - Spatial Morphology through History. Authors: Dr. Salem Thawaba and Dr. Husain Al-Rimawi from Birzeit University, Palestine.

Publisher: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2012. [More...](#)

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