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## SWIP Ireland Statement on Gaza

SWIP Ireland is an organisation of women in philosophy on the island of Ireland, including students and professionals, working within or outside academic departments. As a feminist organisation we oppose and condemn all forms of fascism, racism and bigotry, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

As members of SWIP Ireland we wish to protest genocidal acts against Palestinian people conducted by Israeli forces in Gaza ([Albanese, 2024](#)).

We condemn all acts of violence and we join in the calls for the release of the Israeli hostages, and the release of Palestinians detained without charge or trial by Israel ([Amnesty International, 2023](#); [Hamza, 2024](#))

We oppose the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories which are violations of international law, with key acts required for the establishment of settlements amounting to war crimes ([Amnesty International, 2019](#)).

The scale of the destruction in Gaza is unprecedented. As the UN Special Rapporteur oPt, Francesca Albanese ([2024](#)) has documented, ‘over 30000 Palestinians have been killed, including more than 13000 children. Over 12000 are presumed dead and 71000 injured, many with life-changing mutilations.’ Most of the life-sustaining infrastructure in Gaza has been destroyed or severely damaged including healthcare facilities, farms and orchards, telecommunication infrastructure, commercial and industrial sites, roads, homes, educational facilities and heritage sites ([Albanese 2024](#); [Ahmed et al, 2024](#)).

Every university campus in Gaza has now been partially or totally destroyed. The Palestinian Ministry of Education ‘has reported the deaths of over 4,327 students, 231 teachers and 94 professors’ ([Desai, 2024](#)) which has led scholars to describe this element of Israel’s attack as ‘scholasticide’.

We join our voice in calling for an immediate, total and permanent ceasefire.

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