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Prominent Palestinian to tour Australia

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Palestinian Lawyer, academic and advocate Ms Diana Buttu is touring Australia from Tuesday June 22 until July 6. Her speaking tour will take her to Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney.

Next week she will be speaking to Federal politicians and media representatives at a Parliamentary Friends of Palestine dinner at Parliament House.

Diana Buttu has worked with the litigation team at the International Court of Justice in The Hague for the Negotiations Support Unit (NSU) on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and has taught Advanced Human Rights at Palestine's Birzeit University.

Ms Buttu is an articulate advocate for Palestinian rights and self-determination and believes that some day freedom and equal rights will come to the Palestinians.

Referring to Israel's decades-long collective punishment of the Palestinian people, Ms Buttu believes that "this absurdity is going to lead to a real awakening and people will eventually hang their heads and say, 'What were we thinking?' I hope justice comes sooner rather than later."

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