

# Video: “The Deal of the Century”, Palestine and International Law: UN Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk

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We bring to the attention of our viewers the following interview, recorded with Michael Lynk on January 28, 2020.

This conversation is significant as it took place in the evening following President Trump’s offered Israeli-Palestinian peace plan: “Peace to Prosperity: A Vision to Improve the Lives of the Palestinian and Israeli People.”

The plan was 180 pages long with a series of harsh requirements for Palestinians, and, in comparison, much milder concessions from Israel. In particular, at the Press Conference where it was announced, **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** proclaimed that Israel would be annexing Jordan Valley and the West Bank. In exchange, he would accept a halt on creating new settlements in areas on Palestinian territory (for four years.)

Palestinians, who were not even involved in developing the plan, rejected the proposal. More to the point, in recognizing annexed land as legal, it was taking the Israel-Palestine conflict a step backward. It does provide us with insights into the ongoing efforts by Netanyahu and his Likud Government to continue annexing more territory, by any effort possible, with full participation by the U.S.

Michael Lynk is an Associate Professor of Law at Western University in London, Ontario, and

was at the time the special Rapporteur on Human Rights in occupied Palestine. He was giving a lecture in Winnipeg on the day of the announcement, devoted to law, justice and accountability in the endless occupation. He believes that no peace will be established in the region while international law continues to be ignored by Israel.

It is necessary to hear Professor Lynk's conversation in order to fully understand what is at stake in the current situation Israel-Gaza War.

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