

KPFA Local Station Board Statement in Support of fellow KPFA LSB member, Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi

Our distinguished colleague, [Professor Rabab Abdulhadi](#), Director and Senior Scholar of Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies (AMED Studies) and Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University is facing calls for her termination and even multiple threats of physical harm on the heels of a media hit piece by the New York Post and a report by a Zionist imperialist so-called “research” group, Network Contagion Research Institute. This “Institute has ties to ICE, Homeland Security, Trump and Israel.

This latest attack by the highly circulated New York Post depicts Dr. Abdulhadi as a professor with close ties to “terrorists”. These false accusations are dangerous to the life and safety of our colleague given the recent developments against other Palestinian professionals and scholars, such as Mahmoud Khalil who is still being held in detention by ICE under a draconian law which has been interpreted to give the Secretary of State the sole discretion to arrest and deport anyone deemed a danger to US foreign policy.

It is no secret that US mainstream media has been severely biased in favor of apartheid Israel for decades and pro-Zionist organizations such as Canary Mission have been attacking Ethnic Studies and particularly Middle Eastern studies programs by falsely accusing academics, faculty and students of anti-semitism especially targeting those active in denouncing apartheid and genocide.

It is not enough for the pro-genocide Zionists in Israel to destroy educational institutions in Gaza by bombing universities. In the US, these pro-apartheid organizations are heavily funding lawsuits against universities purporting to “protect Jewish students” by falsely accusing the universities of anti-semitism and getting donors to withdraw funding.

US cities and universities have launched brutal institutional and police responses to student protests against genocide which have made our academic centers of learning into righteous and committed battlegrounds for free speech.

The KPFA Local Station Board has a responsibility to denounce hit pieces by media organizations, such as the New York Post, especially when this false news can have severe consequences for the people and countries they target.

We urge KPFA programmers to provide coverage of what is happening to Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, as professor of San Francisco State University and about the ongoing genocide and ethnic cleansing of Palestine by the US supported apartheid regime.

We stand in solidarity with our colleague Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, our fellow KPFA Local Station Board member and wish to uplift her voice in calling for an end to US support for Israel, an end to genocide in Gaza and an end to the occupation of Palestine.