Greetings from the International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life. This new Center on the Brandeis University campus engages scholars and practitioners from around the world in examining questions of ethics, social justice and moral responsibility.

By bringing together scholars, students, and professionals from around the world together to address major ethical issues, the Center will serve as a testing ground for new ideas and approaches to the question of how women and men can pursue their own visions of the public good and work together for justice and peace. The Center’s theme for 1997-98 is “Coexistence.”

Long-term plans for the Center include the establishment of a base in Jerusalem, Israel. We are developing a partnership with The Jerusalem Foundation to advance this project.

Included in this newsletter is information about programs sponsored by the Center:

- Visit to Brandeis University by Sari Nusseibeh, Palestinian political philosopher
- Brandeis International Fellowships
- Student Coexistence Fellowships
- Brandeis Seminars in Humanities and the Professions
Coexistence Student Fellowships:

a once-in-a-lifetime experience,

making a difference in our complex world

coeexistence: peaceful living, side-by-side, of
different groups divided by racial, ethnic or
religious differences. Each group maintains its
identity and heritage while living in harmony
and working in cooperation around areas of
common concern.

A three-Dart experience for Brandeis students:

* Spring 1998: Take a two-credit course related to coexistence with other Coexistence Fellows.
* Summer 1998: Participate in a summer internship in a grassroots organization doing coexistence work,
either in the Balkans, Israel/Palestine, South Africa, Sri Lanka, or the United States.
* Fall 1998: Take Course 92: “Internship and Analysis,” to put the internship experience in perspective.

Coexistence Fellows must be Brandeis sophomores or juniors in the fall of 1997. Each candidate must have a
mentor who will serve as advisor to the three-part experience. Students from any major are eligible. Five
Coexistence Fellows will be selected. Applications must be complete in the office of the Ethics Center by 5
p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 1997.

Coexistence Fellows receive $1000 for the three-part experience, payable at the end of the fellowship. In
addition, airfare to the summer internship and a stipend to cover living expenses for the summer are paid.
Fellows will receive credit for the spring course and for the summer/fall Internship and Analysis.

Brandeis Seminars in Humanities and the Professions

Over the past sixteen years, the Humanities and the Professions Program at Brandeis University has
pioneered and developed literature-based seminars for professionals in law, medicine, business,
education, government and other professions. Over 400 seminars have been offered around the U.S.
and around the world.

Brandeis Seminars in Humanities and the Professions give professionals a rare opportunity to pause
in their crowded schedules and reflect on the moral and ethical dimensions of their work. The pro-
gram serves a wide variety of professional participants, including judges, lawyers, teachers, physi-
cians, and business people.

The Brandeis Seminars in Humanities and the Professions will be working with a new professional
constituency in 1997-98: officers in the Waltham (MA) Police Department. A series of six seminars,
which feature discussions on values and ethics using literary texts as the basis of discussion, will
complement the Waltham police department’s transition to community policing methods.
Brandeis International Fellowships in Coexistence

Applications are now being accepted for Brandeis International Fellowships in Coexistence, a new project of the Center. Dr. Paula Green, director of the Kamna Center, serves as consultant and primary facilitator for this program.

Brandeis International Fellows will participate in a three-part experience. Fellows will attend a Coexistence Institute at Brandeis University in Massachusetts from March 20-31, 1998. Following the Institute, Fellows will receive a modest award to implement a project in coexistence work in their home communities. A final ten-day Coexistence Institute will be held in late fall of 1998, either at Brandeis University or in Israel. The project will be carried out in the months between the two institutes, and documented for the second institute. Brandeis International Fellows receive round-trip travel and living expenses for the two Institutes and $1000 for project support.

Participants from the Balkans, Israel/Palestine, South Africa, and Sri Lanka are invited. Approximately twelve Fellows will be selected worldwide, with no more than four from any area. Participants chosen from each region will represent different backgrounds. Candidates may be activists, scholars, social workers, artists, religious leaders, authors, journalists, educators, filmmakers, community leaders, or any other practitioner whose work engages people on either side of the conflict. Participants must be fluent in English, and must be citizens or long-term residents of the country in which their coexistence work takes place. We particularly encourage women to apply.

We would be happy to send you or your colleagues the complete application packet if you send us your address, FAX number, and/or email address. We must receive requests for application information and forms no later than September 15, 1997. Applications from individuals must be received complete in our office by October 15, 1997. Candidates will be notified by November 15, 1997.
Palestinian Scholar & Activist to be Center’s first “Distinguished Visitor”

Professor Sari Nusseibeh will be the first distinguished visitor of the Center on the Brandeis University campus from September 21-26, 1997.

Dr. Nusseibeh is currently President of Al-Quds University in Jerusalem, and has been a professor of philosophy at Bir Zeit University. He is a graduate of Christ Church College, Oxford University with a doctorate in Arab Philosophy from Harvard University. He was one of the first Palestinians to publicly explore a peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Events on campus during the week will include visits to classes, meetings with students and faculty, and two public events under the general title: “Values and Politics: A Palestinian’s Perspective.” On Monday September 22 at 7:30 p.m., Professor Nusseibeh will speak on the topic, “Does Peace Exist?” in Sherman Lecture Hall. On Tuesday September 23 at 7:30 p.m., his topic will be: “On Respect: Cultures and Value Conflicts.” A roundtable discussion will follow, featuring Sissela Bok, Seyom Brown, Kanan Makiya, Krister Stendahl, Dessima Williams, and David Wong.

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