**Dr. Arafat Shoukri** is Director of the Council for European Palestinian Relations (CEPR). Before joining the CEPR, he worked for 13 years in different European NGOs as PR and lobbying specialist. He is an expert and media commentator on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. He holds a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and is author of <u>Refugee Status in Islam, Concepts of Protection in Islamic Tradition and International Law</u> [London: I. B. Tauris, 2010).

**Dr. Ramy Abdu** is Palestine Office Manager for the CEPR in Gaza. He was a project and investment coordinator for the World Bank and other internationally-funded projects addressing the financial sector and the humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian territories. He holds two Masters, in Research and Finance. His fields of interests include international aid to developing countries and economic cooperation between EU and the MENA region. He holds a PhD in Law and Finance at the Manchester Metropolitan University, UK.

**James Tuite** is the Parliamentary Officer. He holds a Master of Arts (MA) in European Studies, specializing in International Relations, from Maastricht University. He obtained a BA from the University of Kent and spent time studying in the Czech Republic. Prior to working for the CEPR, he was a Political Researcher and Assistant to a British Member of Parliament (MP).

**Ramzi Hassouna** is The Public Relations and Coordination Officer and a researcher at CEPR Gaza Branch office. He holds a master degree in International Relations from the University of Near East in Cyprus and a B.A in English literature from Al-Azhar University in Gaza. Previously, he worked with foreign correspondents from renowned news agencies and newspapers as a translator and fixer. He also worked at the State Information Service in Gaza for more than two years as an English news writer and translator. He participated in a number of conferences and workshops on human rights, advocacy and lobbying.

The CEPR has rotating assistant/intern positions in Brussels, London and Gaza. To apply, please send your CV and cover letter to: info@thecepr.org