"U.S. Labor and Palestine: Historical Challenges, Future Possibilities"

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DESCRIPTION:
The recent votes by the National Women’s Studies Association and the American Anthropological Association in support of BDS are indicative of significant shifts within U.S. academia and important social sectors for a long-neglected issue. The predictable Zionist calls for condemnation and censorship speak volumes to the challenges advocates for justice in Palestine encounter. While recognizing these recent milestones, this paper examines a critical faultline that the movement has been unable to overcome, namely the role of U.S. labor on Palestine. In the process, the paper will historically trace the unconditional support for Israel by the AFL-CIO, the official body representing U.S. labor, through the lens of post WWII anti-communism and the cold war.