As scholars of political theory, we are consistently and intimately engaged with questions of justice, freedom, and equality, in their many meanings, as they pertain to the practical world of politics and government. We are also academic practitioners, and we are therefore attuned to questions of justice, freedom, and equality as they pertain to the specific domains of academic life.

At the intersection of these two locations lies the question of academic boycott. We are acutely aware of the ways that Israeli academic institutions are complicit in Israel’s settler colonization of Palestine, and the attendant ethnic cleansing, dispossession, military occupation, and apartheid policies that constitute this colonization. Moreover, we are cognizant of the ways that this colonization consistently violates the academic freedom of Palestinian students and faculty to attend school, conduct research, and make contributions to knowledge. The colonization of Palestine is the silencing of Palestinian scholarly contributions to knowledge.

Given this, and given that the Foundations of Political Theory section also supports research and open discussion about these issues without censorship, intimidation, or harassment, and seeks to promote academic exchange, collaboration, and opportunities for students and scholars everywhere;

Be it resolved that the Foundations of Political Theory section endorses and will honor the call of Palestinian civil society for a boycott of Israeli academic institutions.

Be it also resolved that the Foundations of Political Theory supports the protected rights of students and scholars everywhere to engage in research and public speaking about Israel-Palestine and in support of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.