

CONFERENCE & PODCAST CATALOGUE 2012-2025

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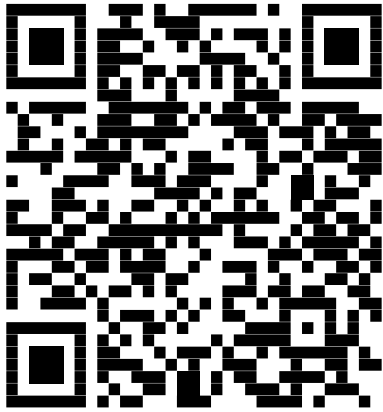
It is our pleasure to present the Britain Palestine Project Conference and Podcast Catalogue, a collection embodying our charity's mission of advocacy and education. The Britain Palestine Project (BPP), formerly the Balfour Project, is a UK-based educational charity dedicated to promoting peace with justice, security, and equal rights for Palestinians and Israelis. Central to our mission is highlighting Britain's historical and contemporary role in Palestine, ensuring this crucial narrative becomes part of the national conversation.

Our digital productions—conferences, podcasts and webinars—serve as accessible resources, providing in-depth discussions, historical analysis, and personal testimonies.

Beyond education, our productions advocate for accountability and policy change. Experts and witnesses illuminate urgent humanitarian and political issues, from refugee conditions and Gaza's humanitarian crisis to questions of international law under occupation. Amplifying human rights these discussions encourage Britons and their leaders to acknowledge historical truths and contemporary responsibilities, promoting informed dialogue toward a just peace.

Our digital productions are accessible globally on major platforms including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, while conferences and webinars recordings are available on our website and YouTube channel. The diverse range of contributors—historians, diplomats, activists, and first-hand witnesses—ensures comprehensive, evidence-based perspectives grounded in rigorous research, international law, and human rights.

All conferences



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All podcasts



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Conferences and Lectures 2012-2017

Palestine, Britain and the Balfour Declaration: Dr Peter Shambrook October 2017

Lecture given at the 2017 Middle East Monitor conference.

Mahatma Gandhi and the Wounds of History: Palestine, India and the British Empire in the 20th century : Professor Rajmohan Gandhi April 2017

Rajmohan Gandhi, a historian and a grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, at a talk to 170 people in the House of Commons. The event was sponsored by the Rt Hon Tom Brake MP, the Duke of Montrose, Ian Murray MP, Dr Philippa Whitford MP and the Balfour Project.

How will we mark the centenary of the Balfour

Declaration November 2016 Balfour Project conference at Southwark Cathedral, organised with the support of the Dean and Chapter.

Balfour Declaration Centenary, 2017: towards constructive commemoration – October 2016

Conference held at The Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies, Liverpool Hope University.

‘Britain in Palestine’ shown in UK Parliament May 2016

Parliamentarians from all four of Britain’s main political parties sponsored a showing of ‘Britain in Palestine, 1917-1948’ in The Attlee Suite – one of the main conference suites in the British Parliament.

Britain and Palestine: past history & future role October 2015

Balfour Project’s annual conference in Durham University, reflected on Britain’s responsibilities, past and present, for today’s situation in Israel/Palestine.

The Balfour Project comes to the Scottish Parliament January 2015

Balfour Project presented a 3-day exhibition on Britain's historic involvement in Palestine at the invitation of the Scottish Parliament.

Commemorating the 97th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration October 2014

Report of Balfour Project conference, Britain in Palestine 1917-1948 in St John's College, Oxford,

Perfidious Albion: Britain's broken promises: the Balfour Declaration (1917) and its impact on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict: what are our responsibilities today? September 2014

Lecture by Professor Mary Grey in the URC Church, Crondall, Northumberland for their Peace and Reconciliation centre

Healing the Wounds of History: Looking at the Balfour Declaration with New Eyes October 2013

This was our first Anniversary Conference, the 96th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration – as near as possible to Balfour Day on 2nd November.

Evaluating the Balfour Declaration: Breaking the Deadlock in the Middle East May 2013

A one-day conference at The Stripe, University of Winchester exploring the different legacies of the Balfour Declaration and how a greater understanding of history can contribute to justice and peace in the Middle East today.

Broken promises: Britain in Palestine November 2012

The first conference of the Balfour Project on British responsibility for conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. It took place at the Quaker Meeting House in Edinburgh on Friday 2nd November 2012. A full house included people of Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths.



2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Britain's Broken Promise: Time for a New Approach

Held at Central Hall Westminster, this conference attracted an audience of 1,200. Dr. Monica Spooner, Chair of Trustees, opened the meeting. Emily Thornberry MP, then Shadow Foreign Secretary, urged immediate British recognition of Palestine as a sovereign state. Former Foreign Secretary Lord Owen acknowledged Britain's failure to fulfil its commitments to Palestinians.

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC stressed Britain's moral imperative to address Palestinian injustices. Crispin Blunt MP discussed the historical context of the Balfour Declaration, urging Israel to ensure equal rights for Palestinians to restore its original moral purpose. Richard Burden MP criticised Israeli settlement expansion and urged an end to UK commercial involvement in illegal settlements. Dr. Philippa Whitford MP shared personal experiences from Gaza. Layla Moran, the first British-Palestinian MP, reflected on her family history.

www.britainpalestineproject.org/britains-broken-promise-time-for-a-new-approach-report





2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Britain Palestine Israel – 70 Years on

The event examined Britain's historical role in Palestine and its potential to foster lasting peace. Over 200 attendees heard from distinguished speakers, including Dr. Alon Liel, former Director-General of Israel's Foreign Ministry, who advocated for British recognition of Palestine as essential to a just and sustainable peace.

Sir Vincent Fean, former British Consul-General in Jerusalem and Chair of the Balfour Project, highlighted broad UK political support for recognition and adherence to international law. Historical context and analysis were offered by Professor Menachem Klein of Bar-Ilan University and British historian Dr. Peter Shambrook.

The seminar was expertly chaired by Dr. Adam Sutcliffe of King's College London and Professor Rosemary Hollis of City University London.

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on](http://www.britainpalestineproject.org/britain-palestine-israel-70-years-on)



2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tragedy in Gaza: Britain's Legacy, Scotland's Role

The 2019 Annual Conference, "Tragedy in Gaza: Britain's Legacy, Scotland's Role," was held at Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities to examine Britain's historical responsibility for the ongoing crisis in Gaza and to explore actionable steps for the UK government and civil society to advance equal rights for all inhabitants between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River.

Distinguished speakers included Dr. Philippa Whitford MP, a breast cancer surgeon and Member of Parliament; Professor Yossi Mekelberg of Regent's University London and Chatham House; Dr. Anthony Gorman from the University of Edinburgh's Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies; Don Macintyre, a seasoned journalist and author; Sarah Helm, an acclaimed journalist and writer; and Ilan Baruch, former Israeli Ambassador to South Africa.

The conference featured panel discussions on Gaza's history and Britain's role, the current humanitarian situation in Gaza, and potential actions that Britain and Scotland can undertake to address the ongoing tragedy.

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scotlands-role](http://www.britainpalestineproject.org/tragedy-in-gaza-britains-legacy-scotlands-role)





2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Jerusalem: From Past Divisions to a Shared Future

The event featured distinguished speakers, including HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan, Professor Avi Shlaim, Daniel Seidemann, Daniel Levy, The Rt Hon Alistair Burt, Ian Black, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, and HE Khaled Al-Duwaisan, Kuwaiti Ambassador to the UK. Sessions covered topics such as the history of Jerusalem, international law and human rights, religion and holy sites, contemporary realities, and Britain's role in the coming years.

The conference emphasised the importance of equal rights and peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians, advocating for a future where Jerusalem serves as a shared capital for both states. Discussions highlighted the need for freedom of access to holy sites for all faiths and the cessation of discriminatory practices in the city. Participants called on the British Government to recognize the State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel, with Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states.



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jerusalemconference](http://www.britainpalestineproject.org/jerusalemconference)





2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Israel/Palestine: In Search of the Rule of Law

Distinguished speakers included Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond, former President of the UK Supreme Court; Dominic Grieve KC, former Attorney General; Philippe Sands KC, Professor of Law at University College London; Michael Sfard, Israeli human rights lawyer; Professor Michael Lynk, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories; and Rt Hon Jack Straw, former UK Foreign Secretary.

Sessions covered topics such as the importance of the rule of law, recent developments at the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court, the dual legal system in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and the role of the UK in upholding international law.



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2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

Abandoning Palestine: The End of the British Mandate & Our Continuing Responsibility

The first day focused on the historical context of the Mandate's end. Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, Palestinian leader and scholar, delivered a keynote address reflecting on Britain's role in Palestine. Lord Cope discussed the British security presence during the Mandate period, while Professor Avi Shlaim analysed Britain's policies from the Balfour Declaration to the Bevin era. Roger Hardy presented on the photographic documentation of the Nakba, and John McHugo addressed the legal vacuum left by Britain upon its departure.

The second day explored the contemporary relevance of these historical events and Britain's current responsibilities. Professor Michael Lynk discussed the legal frameworks inherited from the Mandate period, and Rory Stewart examined Britain's role in a post-imperial world.

Layla Moran MP recounted her family's connection to Jerusalem, and a parliamentary panel featuring Julie Elliott MP, Rt Hon David Jones MP, Layla Moran MP, and Tommy Sheppard MP discussed actionable steps the British government could take to advance equal rights in Palestine/Israel.

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Francesca Albanese

Keynote Speech followed by Q&A



WEDNESDAY 17 MAY
CHURCH HOUSE,
WESTMINSTER



2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Human Rights in Palestine: Responsibility and Accountability

The conference commenced with an introduction from Baroness Sayeeda Warsi. Francesca Albanese, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, delivered the keynote address.

Omar Shakir from Human Rights Watch discussed the realities of separate and unequal treatment, while Melanie Ward of Medical Aid for Palestinians highlighted challenges related to access to health services. Miranda Cleland from Defense for Children International—Palestine addressed issues concerning children's rights and the plight of child prisoners. Shawan Jabarin of Al-Haq spoke on the restrictions affecting freedom of movement, expression, and assembly.

The conference also included a parliamentary panel with Flick Drummond (Conservative Party), Bambos Charalambous (Labour Party), and Dr. Philippa Whitford (Scottish National Party).

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2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Peace with Justice – How to Get There

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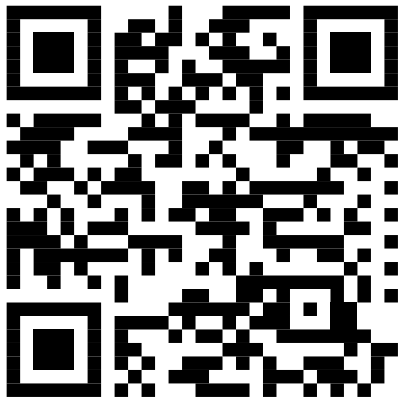


Speakers

- Dalal Irikat – Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution at the Arab American University in Palestine, columnist, and commentator
- Baroness Hale – Former President of the UK Supreme Court and a trailblazer in legal thought
- Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh – Member of the legal team representing South Africa's proceedings accusing Israel of genocide, at the International Court of Justice
- Sam Rose – Deputy Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza
- HE Dr Husam Zomlot - Palestinian Head of the Palestinian Mission to the United Kingdom
- Michael Sfard - Israeli Human Rights lawyer specializing in international human rights law and the laws of war with a special emphasis on the law of belligerent occupation

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Podcasts



UNRWA and the Palestinian refugees at a crossroads with Dr. Lex Takkenberg

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'Hope is a Radical Act': Reflections on my travels in the occupied territory of Palestine with Miranda Pinch

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The Palestinians of Israel: the historical development from 1948 to present with Thair Abu-Ras

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The role of non-violent resistance for Palestinians in the light of the Gaza war with Jonathan Kuttab

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Palestinian resistance from the PLO onwards with Helena Cobban

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How to prevent the erasure of Palestinians with Tamara El-Halawani & Dr Zahira Jaser

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Israel and Palestine – A durable peace must be based on human rights & justice with Kristyan Benedict

July 2024

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Getting aid into Gaza with Andrea De Domenico, UN OCHA

May 2024

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What price the two-state solution? with Sir Vincent Fean

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Resist! Palestinian women and non-violent resistance to occupation with Rula Salameh

March 2024

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How to turn the tragedy into a strategic opportunity, Nadav Tamir, Executive Director of J Street Israel

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Injustice to the defenceless: the plight of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention

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Destruction of Gaza's health system: need to restore hope with Dr Nick Maynard

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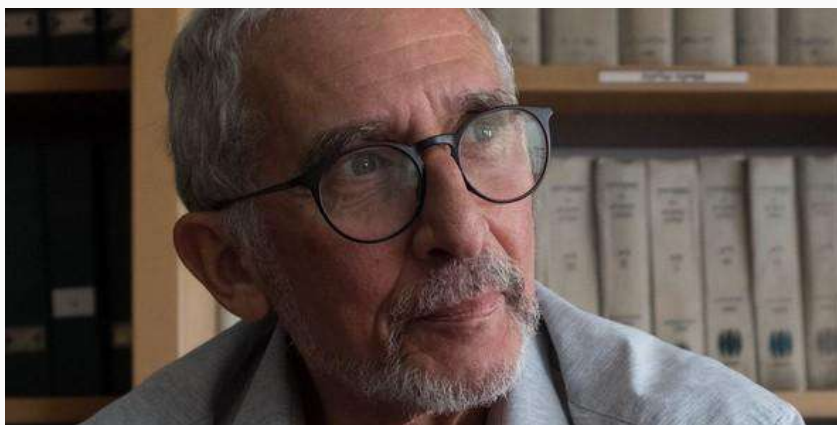
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Post Conflict Gaza; Construction or Reconstruction with Charlie Bird OBE

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Jerusalem and Gaza: Taking Stock with Daniel Seidemann

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West Bank focus: lockdown, settler violence and forced displacement in Masafer Yatta

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Arab-Jews and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: In Conversation: Professor Avi Shlaim and Nic Pelham

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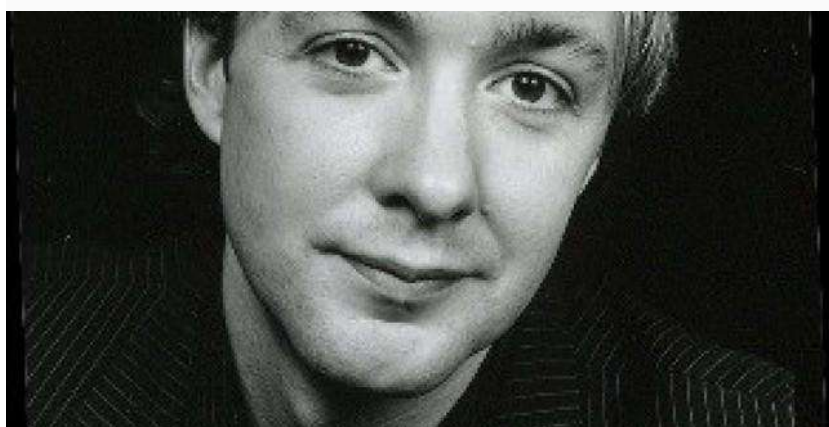
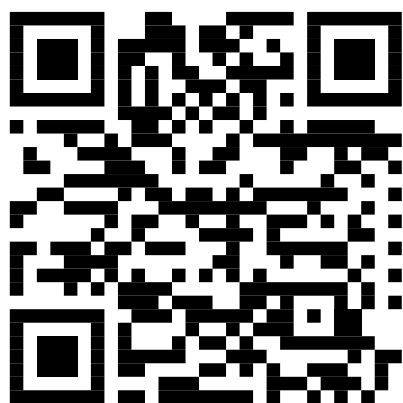
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The politics of water in Israel-Palestine: a discussion with James Fergusson

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How Britain broke international law to stop Palestinian independence with Dr Ralph Wilde

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The United Nations and Palestine with Professors Richard Falk, John Dugard and Michael Lynk

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**Jerusalem and the British: 200 turbulent years with
Matthew Teller**

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**In conversation with retired Israeli Ambassador Ilan Baruch and
Former Palestinian Director of Israeli Affairs Ashraf Al-Ajrami**

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**British Pacification in Mandate Palestine, 1936-39 with
Matthew Hughes**

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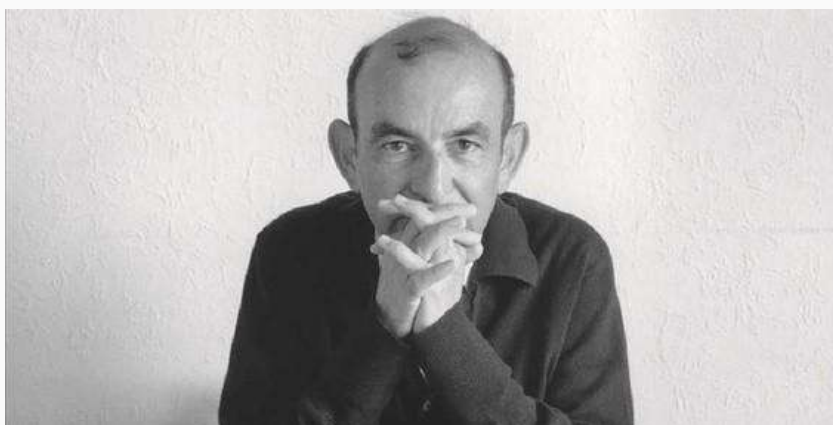
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**Palestine: overview of 2022 and prospects for this year
with Ray Dolphin (UN OCHA)**

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Chronicler of Palestine with Raja Shehadeh & Tim Llewellyn

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**Palestine's World Cup triumph with Omar Karmi and Tamir
Sorek**

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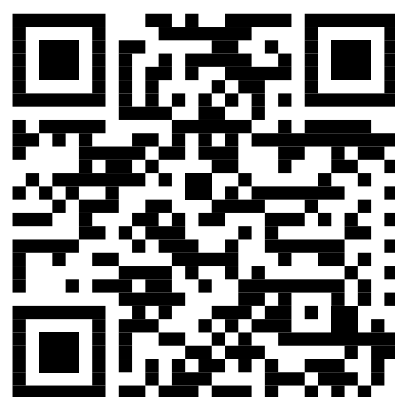
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**Palestinian Christians, Reality, Challenges and Prospects
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**Will Israel Be Held Accountable to International Law? with
Dr Ramzy Baroud**

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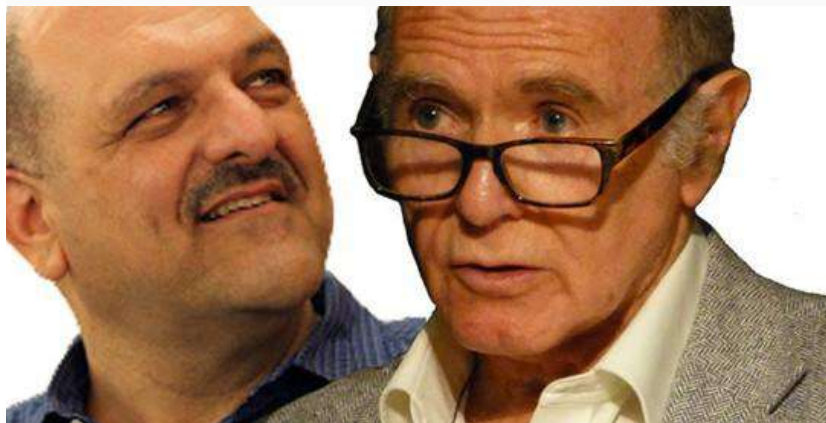
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**Five elections in three years, is Israel moving backwards or
forward? with Danielle Bett**

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A Palestinian state now or equal rights until there is a solution by Sam Bahour & Dr Tony Klug

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Israel-Palestine in secondary schools & having the confidence to teach it

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Evictions in Masafer Yatta with Breaking the Silence's Becca Strober & Matan Rosenstrauch

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Palestinian children in Israeli military detention with Save the Children

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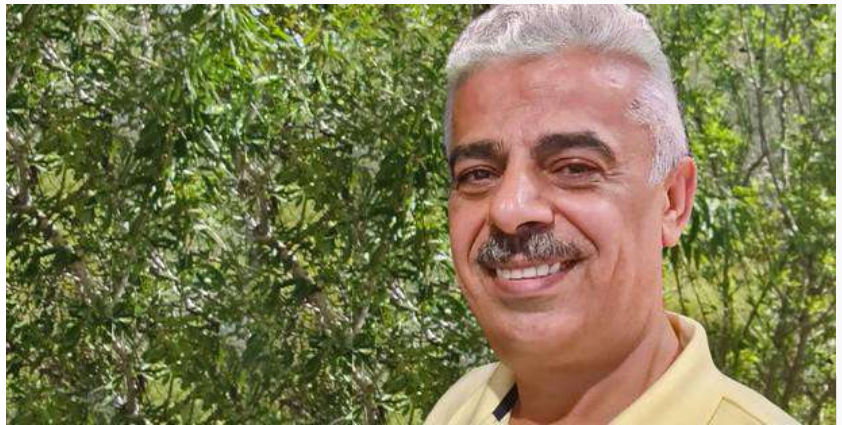
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Nine Quarters of Jerusalem Book Launch with Matthew Teller

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Palestinian agriculture under occupation with Abbas Milhem

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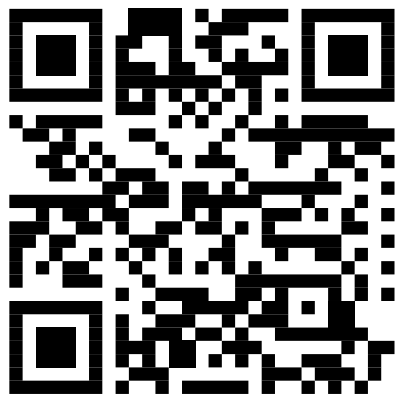
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Equal Rights for All in Palestine/Israel with Bashir Bashir

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Under Threat: Palestinian Human Rights Organisations Face Effects of Designations

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Defending Palestinian human rights: what role for the U.K.? with Jonathan Kuttub

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**Moving Beyond Statehood Debates and on to How We Get
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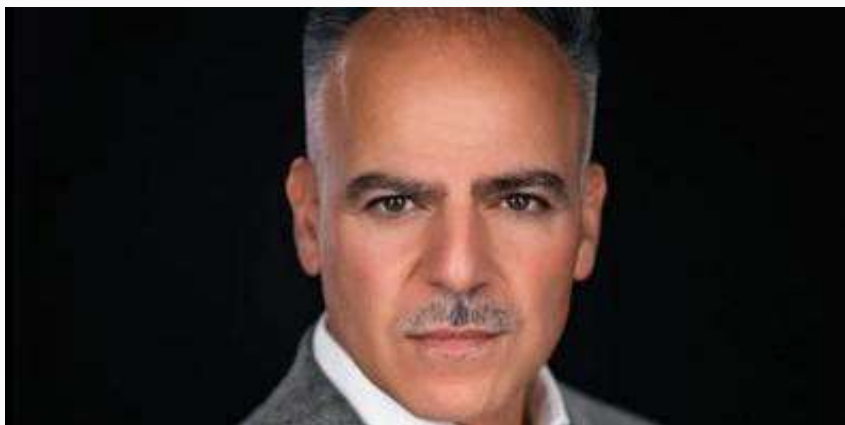
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The Audacity of Hope with war artist Arabella Dorman

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Why the United Kingdom Must Now Recognise the State of Palestine with Dr Ardi Imseis

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How will the US Presidential Elections Affect the Israel/Palestine Conflict? with Sir Vincent Fean

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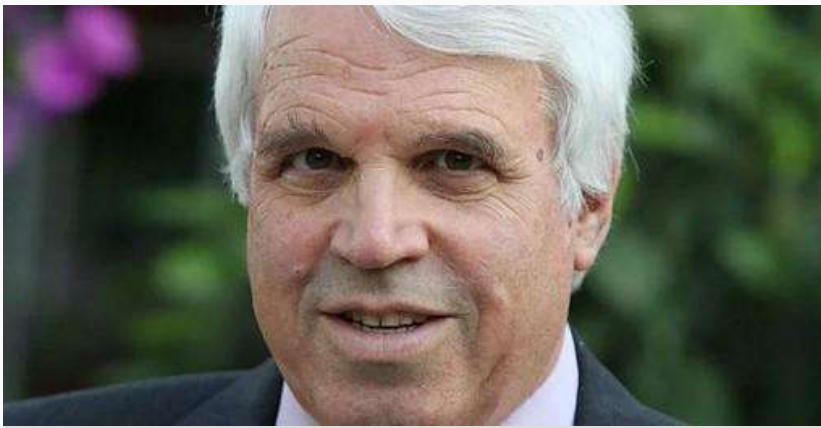
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Zionism and the Palestinians under the British Mandate with Ian Black

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Is the failed formal annexation attempt a regional turning point? with Alon Liel

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