

# MENA Conference on Zionism:

History, Ideology, and its Manifestations

28 NOVEMBER 2024  
12.00 - 21.00 pm

Geneva Graduate Institute,  
2 Chemin Eugène-Rigot,  
1202, Geneva, Switzerland

Panel 1

The Power Paradigm of Zionism



The History of Zionism (Late 1800s-1948)

Panel 2

Panel 3

The Future of Zionism and the role of  
International Law



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# AGENDA

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Panel 1

### The Power Paradigm of Zionism

Moderation: Reine Radwan

with

Hagar Kotef  
Raouf Salti  
Joseph Daher

time

12:15-14:15

Panel 2

### The History of Zionism (Late 1800s-1948)

Moderation: Julie Billaud

with

Riccardo Bocco  
Cyrus Schayegh

time

15:00-17:00

### Keynote Speech

on his new book: 'Lobbying for Zionism on Both Sides of the Atlantic'

with

Ilan Pappé

time

17:45-18:30

Panel 3

### The Future of Zionism and the role of International Law

Moderation: Alexa Burk

with

Nur Masalha  
Ilan Pappé  
Francesca Albanese

time

18:30-20:30



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# OVERVIEW

## MENA Conference on Zionism

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### Panel I: The Power Paradigm of Zionism

In this conference leading scholars and advocates will examine the history, power structures, and future of Zionism, focusing on its lasting impact on Palestinians.

The first panel critically explores the role of Zionism in Palestinian dispossession and Israel's formation, challenging wide spread narratives from a decolonized perspective.

### Panel II: History of Zionism (Late 1800s-1948)

The second panel will focus on the history of Zionism, and its culmination in 1948 with the creation of the state of Israel. It will begin with a short documentary screening titled: "And There was Israel" (2018).

### Panel III: The Future of Zionism and the role of international Law

Looking forward, after a Keynote Speech with Ilan Pappé and a short Q&A, the third panel envisions pathways toward justice and liberation, amidst growing resistance and calls for equality.

### Why Attend?

Attending all three panels in chronological order will give you an in-depth understanding of the topic and helps you to build a stronger framework for supporting justice, equality, and self-determination for both Jewish and Palestinian communities.



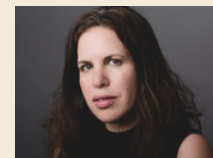
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# Panel I: The Power Paradigm of Zionism

12:15-14:15

This panel will provide insights into the manifestations of Zionism in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, highlighting the interplay of soft and hard power within Israeli institutions and their impacts on medical, academic, and social realms. It will explore themes of identity, displacement, and control, linking violence and the human experience.

## Panelists:



Hagar Kotef



Dr. Raouf Salti



Joseph Daher



## Panel II: The History of Zionism (Late 1800s-1948)

15:00-17:00

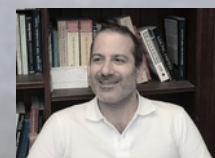
The focus of this panel will be on the history of Zionism from its inception in the late 1800s, its spread and adoption as an ideology, and its culmination in 1948 with the creation of the state of Israel. It will begin with a short documentary screening titled: “And There was Israel” (2018). Following this, the panelists will enter into an enlightening discussion where they add vital perspectives to the historical materials revealed in the documentary.

# AND THERE WAS ISRAEL

Panelists:



Riccardo Bocco



Cyrus Schayegh

# Keynote Speech by Ilan Pappé

17:45-18:30



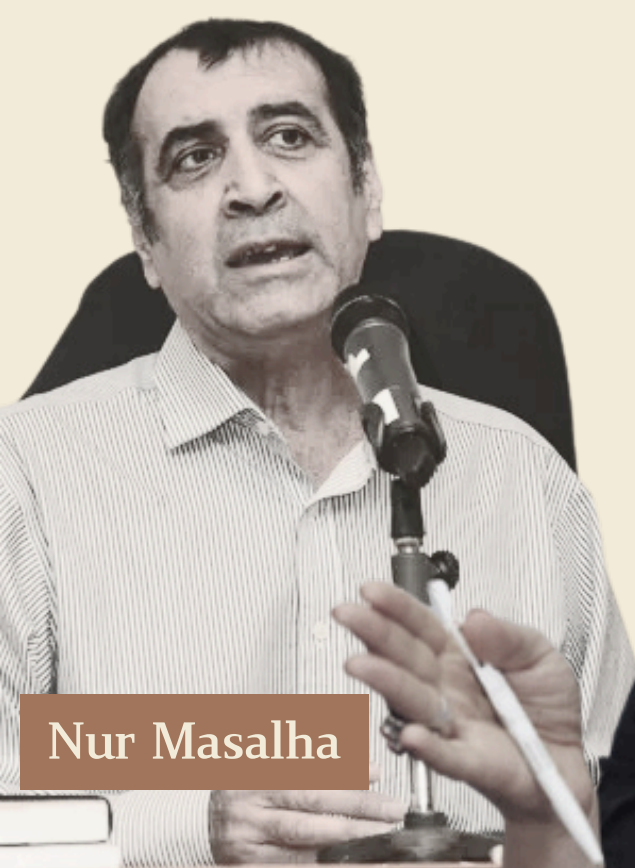
Professor Ilan Pappé will discuss the new insights brought to us by his newly released book “Lobbying for Zionism on both sides of the Atlantic” in a keynote speech where he will share not only how Zionism impacts both sides of the Atlantic but also what fuels it, who supports it, and how that lobbying shapes the world we live in.



# Panel III: The Future of Zionism and the role of International Law

18:30-20:30

This final part of the conversation will bring together the insights of the previous two talks linking the history of the Zionist movement to today's reality. This third panel aims to focus on enriching the audience's understanding of Zionism, potential pathways towards justice, and the future of the Zionist project. Professor Ilan Pappé and Professor Nur Masalha, both incredibly successful historians, will be complemented by UN Special Rapporteur, Francesca Albanese's profound understanding of international law.



Nur Masalha



Francesca Albanese

Ilan Pappé



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# SPEAKER PROFILE



**Joseph Daher**

Visiting Professor at Uni Lausanne



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of Zionism

Joseph Daher is a visiting professor at Lausanne University, Switzerland and teaching at the University of Ghent. His main focuses are the political economy of the Middle East, Political Islam, and revolutionary processes. He also provides a comprehensive view on the reality of Palestinian people and the Zionist movement's use of hard and soft power in Palestine and abroad, and its role in repressing academic freedom. He is the author of "Syria after the Uprisings, The Political Economy of State Resilience" , "Hezbollah: The Political Economy of Lebanon's Party of God" and "Palestine and Marxism."



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**Hagar Kotef**  
Professor at SOAS



**Panel I: The Power Paradigm  
of Zionism**

Hagar Kotef is a professor of political theory at SOAS, University of London. She currently leads an ESRC project on torture and bureaucracy in Israel/Palestine, examining how state apparatuses enable the prolonged sanctioning of torture as a political technology. She is the co-editor of “Theory & Event” (2024) and has authored Movement and the Ordering of Freedom (2015) as well as the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning book “The Colonizing Self: Home and Homelessness in Israel/Palestine” (2020).

# SPEAKER PROFILE

**Raouf Salti**

Urological Surgeon in Geneva



Dr. Raouf Salti is a urological surgeon in Geneva and founder of Children's Right to Healthcare. Dr. Salti has dedicated himself to the wellbeing of his patients in Geneva and beyond. He has done humanitarian missions around the world with organizations such as Palmed Europe and the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) and now brings children injured from the war in Gaza to Geneva for lifesaving operations through his NGO.

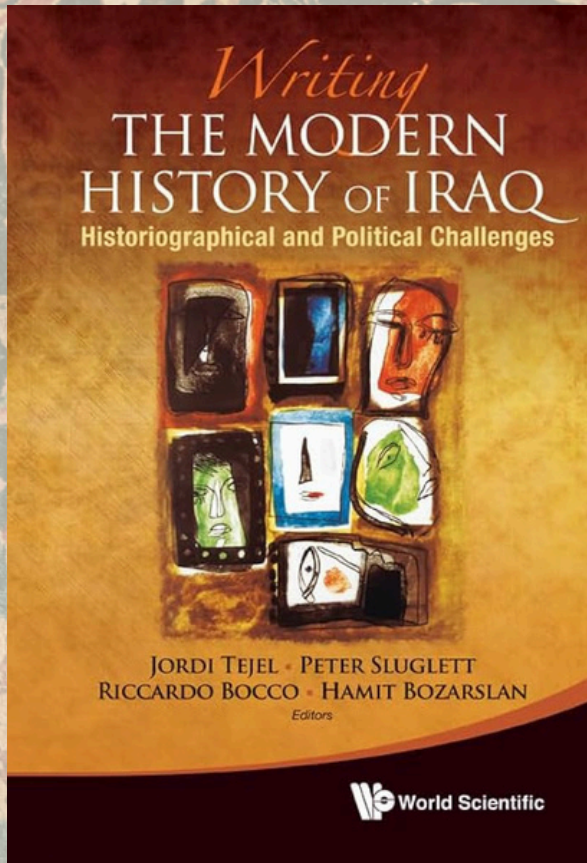
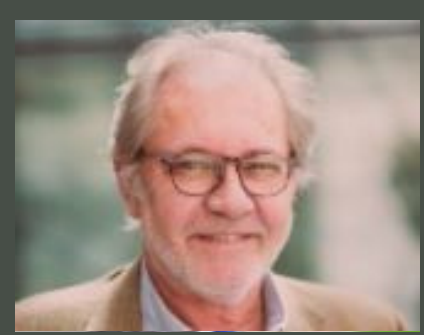
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# SPEAKER PROFILE

## Riccardo Bocco

Scholar of political science,  
sociology, & anthropology



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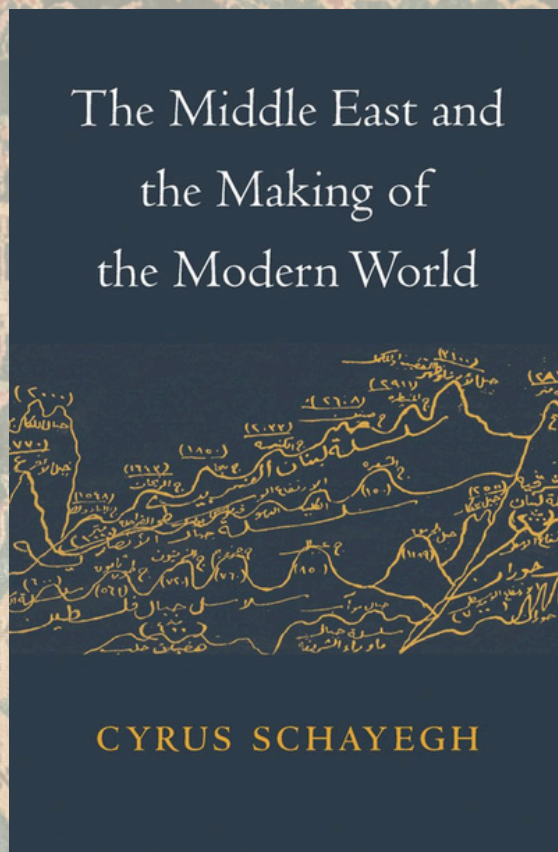
Riccardo Bocco is a scholar of political science, sociology and anthropology. He possesses over 35 years of research experience on Israel/Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon. He is the former director of the French Center for Research on the Contemporary Middle East and Research Director at the Graduate Institute for Development Studies. He has been involved in various projects, including the film project "Violence, Memory, and Cinema" focusing on collective identities. He has co-authored and co-edited many books, including "Moyen-Orient: migrations, démocratisation, médiations" and "Writing the Modern History of Iraq: Historiographical and Political Challenges."



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## Cyrus Schayegh

Professor at Columbia University



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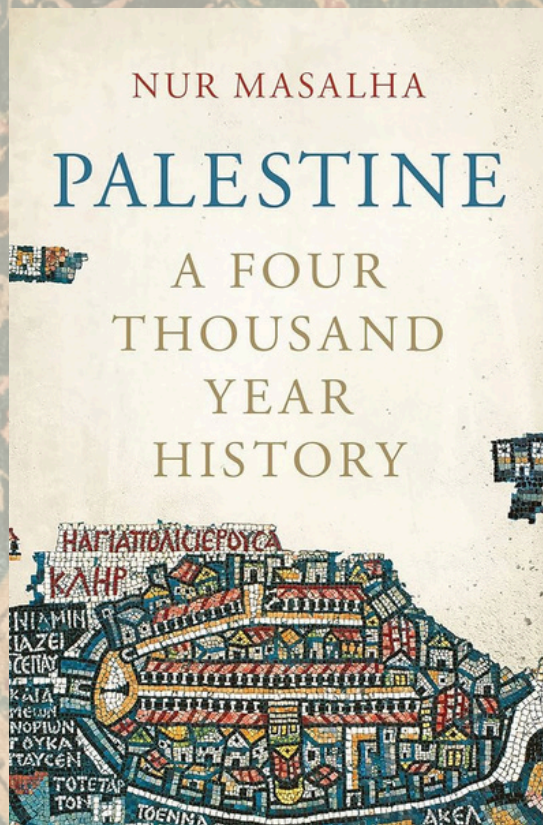
Cyrus Schayegh (PhD, Columbia University, 2004) has been Professor of International History at the Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID) since 2017. Before, he was Associate and Assistant Professor at Princeton University (2008-2017) and Assistant Professor at the American University of Beirut (2005-2008). His recent works include “The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World” (Harvard UP, 2017), a monograph; “Globalizing the U.S. Presidency: Postcolonial Views of John F. Kennedy” (Bloomsbury, 2020), an edited volume; and a collection of translated primary sources: (Wilson Center Digital Archive, 2023).



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## Nur Masalha

Historian and religion scholar



Nur Masalha is a Palestinian historian. He is a Former director and professor of the Centre for Religion and History at St. Mary's University and current member of the Centre of Palestine Studies at SOAS, University of London. He is editor of the 'Journal of Holy Land and Palestine Studies' and has written numerous groundbreaking historical books about the Nakba and Zionism. His books include: "Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History" (2018), "The Zionist Bible" (2013), "An Oral History of the Palestinian Nakba" (2018), and "Decolonizing the Study of Palestine" (2023).

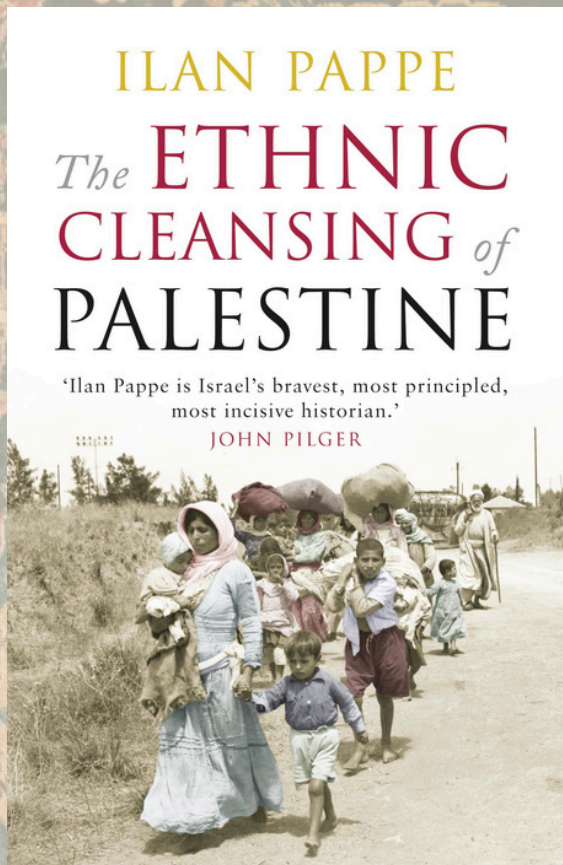
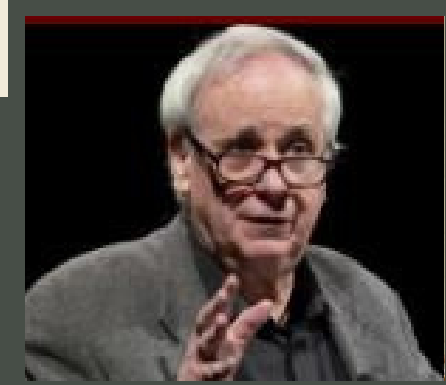
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## Ilan Pappé

Professor, political scientist, historian,  
& former politician



Ilan Pappé is a professor with the College of Social Sciences and International Studies, Director of the Centre for Palestine Studies, and co-director of the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies. He is an Israeli political scientist, historian, and former politician. He has authored dozens of books on the topic including “On Palestine” (2015), “The Biggest Prison on Earth: A History of the Occupied Territories” (2017), and “The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine” (2006). Earlier this year he released his new seminal book “Lobbying for Zionism on Both Sides of the Atlantic.”

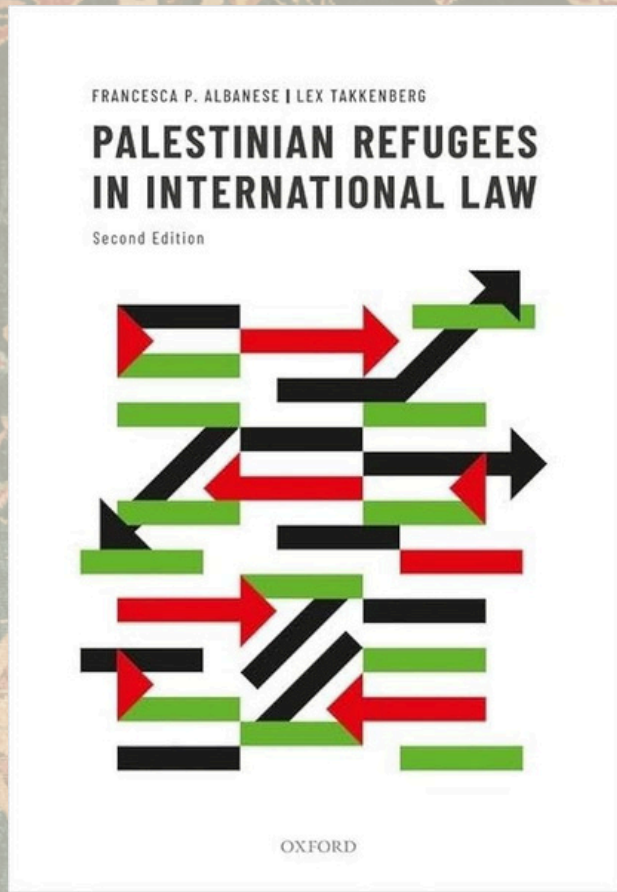
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## Francesca Albanese

International lawyer & academic



Francesca Albanese is an Italian international lawyer and academic; United Nations Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territories since 2022. She is also a Senior Advisor on Migration and Forced Displacement for ARDD, and co-founder of the Global Network on the Question of Palestine (GNQP). She co-authored “Palestinian Refugees in International Law” (2020) and the pivotal report “Anatomy of a Genocide” (2024).

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