

Desmond Tutu's Legacy: Theology, International Law and Apartheid in South Africa and Palestine



The Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies invites you to attend an extraordinary event with friends & colleagues (academicians & Practitioners) of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu RIP.

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Speakers/Panelists: Alphabetical Order

- H.E Dr Nasser Alkidweh
- Revd. Dr Naim Ateek
- Author Phyllis Bennis
- Author Victoria Brittain
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- Prof. Farid Esack
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- Fr. Michael Lapsley
- Revd. Dr Mitri Raheb
- Educator Jessica Sherman

Director and Convener: Dr Makram Khoury-Machool

About the esteemed panelists (In alphabetical order):

Nasser Al-Kidwa born in Gaza in 1954, is a senior member of Fatah and Yasser Arafat’s nephew. He has been a member of the Palestinian National Council (PNC) since 1975 and heads the National Democratic Assembly. Together with Marwan Barghouti, another veteran Fatah leader, he formed the ‘Freedom’ list to compete in the May 2021 legislative elections. Kidwa joined Fatah in 1969 and subsequently joined its Central Committee (FCC). Over the years, he developed a rocky relationship with Fatah chairman and Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas.

In April 2021, he announced the formation of a break-away Fatah faction, the National Democratic Assembly, to contest legislative elections in May 2020. A few hours before the deadline for electoral candidacy registrations, Kidwa merged his list with Barghouti, another Fatah rival of Abbas, to produce the ‘Freedom’ list. In response, the FCC expelled Kidwa. In a further act of retaliation, Abbas announced he had fired him as director of the Yasser Arafat Foundation — despite the fact that the foundation is a legally independent institution. Many analysts consider the joint Kidwa-Barghouti challenge as the main reason for Abbas’ subsequent decision to cancel the elections.

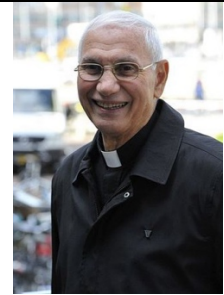
After serving as the PLO’s representative to the United Nations between 1991-2005, Kidwa briefly served as Palestinian foreign minister in 2005. He played a key role bringing Palestine’s case against Israel’s separation wall to the International Court of Justice, which issued an advisory opinion declaring the wall’s illegality in 2004.

Since 2007, Kidwa has held various international roles including as the UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy to Afghanistan; and the Arab League Envoy to Syria (serving as deputy under Kofi Annan and then Lakhdar Brahimi), and as the Arab League’s Special envoy to Libya.



H.E. Dr Nasser Al Kidwa

The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek is an Anglican (Episcopal) priest and principal cofounder of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem. He served as its director from 1997-2017 and continues to be actively involved. Dr. Ateek, a Palestinian, was the first to articulate a Palestinian theology of liberation in his 1989 book, *Justice and only Justice, A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*. The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek has authored and co-edited a number of other books in both English and Arabic.



Revd. Dr Naim Ateek

Phyllis Bennis is a Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, and of the Amsterdam-based Transnational Institute. She writes and speaks widely across the U.S. and throughout the world on Middle East issues including Palestine-Israel, Iran, Syria, Afghanistan, and US foreign policy -- appearing in the media, lecturing at universities and teach-ins, briefing parliamentarians and government officials. Phyllis is a co-founder of the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights and the Iraq-era anti-war coalition United for Peace and Justice, and continues to work with many anti-war and Palestinian rights organizations in the United States and around the world. She co-chaired the UN-based civil society International Coordinating Network on Palestine, and serves on the national board of Jewish Voice for Peace and the board of the Afro-Middle East Center in Johannesburg. Her books include *Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Primer*, and *Challenging Empire: How People, Governments and the UN Defy U.S. Power*. She has served as an informal adviser to several top UN officials on Palestine issues, and was short-listed twice to become the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in the Occupied Territory.



Author Phyllis Bennis

Victoria Brittain has lived and worked as a journalist in Saigon, Algiers, Nairobi, Washington and London. She has travelled extensively in Africa and the Middle East and written reports, given lectures, done translations for liberation movements. Besides 20+ years at *The Guardian*, she has worked for many other media in the UK, France and the US. In the 1980s she was a consultant to the UN on two reports, on the Impact of Conflict on Children, and on Women. She is the author, co-author or editor of a number of books and plays, including two on Southern Africa during the 1980s. *Death of Dignity*, on Angola in the 1980s was given to Thabo Mbeki when he became president by a top Angolan official who was one of its sources. With Abdul Minty, she edited *Children of Resistance*, on children, repression, and the law in apartheid South Africa – from the landmark 1987 Harare conference when the exiled ANC leadership met there with a group of brutalised children with their mothers and lawyers. Victoria has been visiting and writing about Gaza and the West Bank for more than 20 years, and is a founding trustee of the Palestine Book Awards. This year she edited, with Haifa Zangana, *Writing Palestine*, a book celebrating the PBA's 10th anniversary. She is a patron of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.



Author Victoria Brittain

Professor John Dugard is currently Emeritus Professor of International Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands. He has a long and illustrious career as an academic and practitioner in international law bodies and at the United Nations. He was Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory from 2001 to 2008. He has served on the International Law Commission, the primary UN institution for the development of international law and has been active in reporting on human-rights violations by Israel in the Palestinian territories. He obtained his BA (1956) and LLB (1958) degrees at Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and a second LLB (1964) and LL.D degree, a diploma in International Law (1965) and an LL.D (1980), all from Cambridge University. His academic career began in South Africa at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg where he became Dean and Professor of Law (1978-1990). He became Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge from 1995 -1997. He has also been Professor of Law at the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria. He has held visiting professorships at Princeton University, Duke University, UC Berkeley and University of Pennsylvania, and University of New South Wales (Australia) and served as Arthur Goodhart visiting Professor of Legal Science, University of Cambridge and a Fellow at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He taught at The Hague Academy of International Law. He has held numerous prestigious offices including President of the South African Institute of Race Relations (1980-1991), Founder and member of the National Council for Lawyers for Human Rights (1980-1991) and Chancellor to Bishop Desmond Tutu (1985 -1987). Professor Dugard has served as a member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations since 1997 and became its Special Rapporteur on Diplomatic Protection. He was appointed as Chairman of the UN Commission on Human Rights inquiry for occupied Palestinian territory. He has been a member of numerous societies including the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, Institut de Droit International and the International Committee of the Red Cross.



Prof. John Dugard

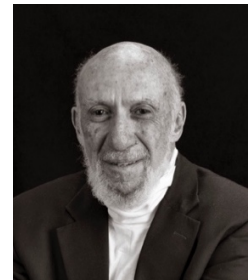
He has written several books and articles on apartheid, human rights, and international law, in addition to co-authoring textbooks on criminal law and procedure, and international law. He has also written extensively on South African apartheid. His latest publication is *Confronting Apartheid. A Personal History of South Africa, Namibia and Palestine*, Jacana, Johannesburg, 2018.

Professor Farid Esack is a scholar of Islam who cut his teeth in the South African struggle for liberation. In the Apartheid era he was a leading figure in the Call of Islam, the United Democratic and the Organization of People Against Sexism. He studied in Pakistan, the UK and Germany and is the author of *Qur'an, Liberation and Pluralism*”, *On Being a Muslim, An Introduction to the Qur'an*, and *“Islam, HIV & AIDS – Reflections Based on Compassion, Responsibility and Justice*. He has published extensively on Islam, Gender, Liberation Theology, Interfaith Relations, and Qur'anic Hermeneutics. Professor Esack served as a Commissioner for Gender Equality in South African and has taught Harvard, Xavier, Gadja Mada, Hamburg universities as well as International Islamic University in Islamabad. In 2000, he co-founded *Positive Muslims*, an organization working with persons living with AIDS. His current writing projects reflect different dimensions to what he terms ‘prophetic responses to power and marginalization’: *Beyond Victimhood, Reflecting on Palestine Through South African Eyes*”, and *AIDS and Islam – Between Scorn Pity and Justice* (Oxford: Oneworld, Nov 2008). He is the Chairman of Africa 4 Palestine.



Prof. Farid Esack

Richard Falk is Albert Milbank Professor of International Law and Practice Emeritus, Princeton University and currently Research Fellow, Orfalea Centre of Global Studies, UCSB. He was UN Special Rapporteur for Occupied Palestine from 2008 to 2014. In 2017 he co-authored a UN report entitled “Israeli Practices towards the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid” which generated controversy and widespread discussion. He is Senior Vice President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and previously Chair of its Board (2005-2012). He directed a project on ‘Climate Change and Democracy’ under the auspices of the Orfalea Centre at the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB). Professor Falk has served as a member of independent international commissions devoted to the public order of the oceans, Kosovo War, and the International Law Rights of Catalonia. He has published widely on diverse topics including the new global order, a just peace in Palestine and the Vietnam War. He has also published a volume of poetry, *Waiting for Rainbows* (2016). He has been nominated annually for the Nobel Peace Prize since 2008.



Prof. Richard Falk

Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem. The most widely published Palestinian theologian to date, Dr. Raheb is the author and editor of 40 books including: *Politics of Persecution: Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire*; *The Cross in Contexts: Suffering and Redemption in Palestine*; *Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible through Palestinian Eyes*; His books and numerous articles have been translated so far into thirteen languages. Rev. Raheb served as the senior pastor of the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem from June 1987 to May 2017 and as the President of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land from 2011-2016. Dr. Raheb was elected in 2018 to the Palestinian National Council and to the Palestinian Central Council. A social entrepreneur, Rev. Raheb has founded several NGO's. He is a founding and board member of the National Library of Palestine and a founding member and author of *Kairos Palestine*.

Rev. Dr Raheb received in 2017 the Tolerance Award from the European Academy of Science and Arts, in 2015 the Olof Palme Prize. In 2012 the German Media Prize was awarded to Dr. Raheb. He also received an honorary doctorate from Concordia University in Chicago (2003), the “International Mohammad Nafi Tschelebi Peace Award” of the Central Islam Archive in Germany (2006) and in 2007 the well-known German Peace Award of Aachen.



Revd. Dr Mitri Raheb

The work of Dr. Raheb has received wide media attention from major international media outlets and networks including CNN, ABC, CBS, 60 Minutes, BBC, ARD, ZDF, DW, BR, Premiere, Raiuno, Stern, The Economist, Newsweek, Al-Jazeera, al-Mayadin, Vanity Fair, and others.

Dr. Raheb holds a Doctorate in Theology from the Philipps University at Marburg, Germany.

Father Michael Lapsley of the Society of the Sacred Mission is Canon for Healing of Reconciliation at St Georges Cathedral in Cape Town.

He is also founder of the Institute for Healing of Memories of which Archbishop Desmond Tutu was Patron and he is President of the Healing of Memories Global Network.

Father Lapsley is the author of a memoir Redeeming the Past: My Journey from Freedom Fighter to Healer.

He was a Chaplain of the ANC in exile. In 1990 he survived a letter bomb attack with the loss of both hands and one eye. He has 6 honorary doctorates from universities on 4 continents



Father Michael Lapsley

Educator Jessica Sherman has recently retired from lecturing in Mathematics Education at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. She has been involved in social justice organization since 1979 prior to the formation of the UDF and since. She was an active member of several UDF structures as well as a founder member of Jews for Social Justice which took a stand against Apartheid during the 1980s. Jessica also played a role on a cultural level, composing and performing her own political songs, researching songs of the struggle which were sung at funerals, meetings, conferences etc... In the early 2000s Jessica was on the committee of Jewish Voices whose goal was to educate South Africans about the Palestinian struggle. In 2014 she was central to the formation of Jewish Voices for a Just Peace (JVJP) whose aim was similar but saw the Jewish community as the target for that education. At the same time, an organization of solidarity for Palestinian struggle was formed on whose behalf Jessica speaks today. It is called South African Jews for a Free Palestine (SAJFP)



Educator Jessica Sherman

Dr Makram Khoury-Machool is the founding director of the Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies. He is an internationally renowned academic (and Public Intellectual) specialising in International Relations and Political Communications. Dr Khoury-Machool is the author of many academic publications on Palestine, the media and Palestine and Palestinian media; communicating war (such as: kidnap videos; Internet and uprisings; war, audiences and propaganda; Syria and Palestine). As a media practitioner (1980s & 1990s), he was acclaimed as the journalist who announced the outbreak of the first Palestinian Intifada in December 1987. During his coverage of the unfolding events in the Gaza strip, he was shot in the face and rescued under fire. In 1990 he awarded the International Reuters Award for Journalism in 1990. During the academic year 1990–91, Khoury-Machool was a Reuters Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. In 1996 Khoury-Machool was elected by the World Economic Forum (Geneva-Davos) as one of 100 Young Global Leaders (GLTs). Between 1999-2002 he completed his PhD., at SOAS, University of London, where he also taught. Since October 2003 he taught and supervised at the University of Cambridge and other English universities.



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