

*Palestine & Lebanon: The Impact of War on
Education and the Next Day*
Dr Milad Sebaaly

*The Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies
invites you to attend a briefing session about:*

*Palestine & Lebanon:
the Impact of War on Education
With Dr Milad Sebaaly*

Date: 01st November 2024 - Time: 5pm (UK),

Please register via email to: theccps21.org@gmail.com

(An in-Person event with drinks and Palestinian Pastries & Places are limited)

Discussant

Dr Salah al-Bander

Convener & Chair

Dr Makram Khoury-Machool



About the esteemed Speakers:



Dr. Milad Sebaaly, born in 1969 in Lebanon, is a distinguished leader in educational technology and innovation across the MENA region. Holding a Bachelor's and master's in electrical engineering from the American University of Beirut and a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan, he has made significant contributions to the field of e-learning. Dr. Sebaaly founded the IT department at the American University in Dubai and co-founded the Syrian Virtual University, the first accredited virtual university in the Arab world. He also pioneered Cloud Campus, the first blended online learning platform across the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, and launched Global Learning, an educational technology company with offices in Dubai, Kuwait, Beirut, and Damascus. Dr. Sebaaly has led major e-learning initiatives in partnership with universities and governments across the region, providing consultancy to the Ministries of Education in the UAE, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon. He is a founding member of several international education and technology organizations and has presided over e-learning conferences worldwide. His advocacy for education extends to his role as a former President of the Middle East E-Learning Association and active engagement in social causes, holding leadership positions in organizations like the United Lebanon Foundation and Champville Club. Also, Dr. Sebaaly plays a prominent role in the political and social landscape in the Levant. He serves on the political bureau of the Syrian National Social Party in Lebanon and Syria and has been an advisor to various ministers, including the Minister of National Reconciliation and the Minister of Culture in Syria, as well as the Ministers of Education in both Syria and Lebanon. As a renowned political writer, he has authored four books and hundreds of articles and papers, cementing his influence as a respected political and social activist in Lebanon.



Dr Salah Al Bander: Programme Director, EuroCSE.org (2016-). Since leaving Cambridge University where he studied Soci-political sciences and researched for 8 years Islamism and political change, Dr Al Bander (BSc, MPhil, PhD) has worked as an investigative reporter, lobbyist, policy analyst, and as a consultant on national security and development at the Bahrain Royal Court (2002-2006). Dr Al Bander worked as the Programme Director (1992-1992) of the Minority Rights Group (MRG). In 1996 he founded the Sudan Civic Foundation (Mowatin) as an independent think and do community network focusing on the strategic scope of domestic, regional policies and geo-political perspectives of the greater Nile Valley. Then, he worked as the Secretary-General of the Gulf Centre for Democratic Development (Mowatin) coordinating a regional network of civic and human rights activists for 12 years. He, also, served as an elected member of the local government system at the Cambridge City Council (2008-2012). During the last 30 years he was closely involved in various capacities with national, regional and international NGOs working in the fields of group rights, anti-political preventive detention, torture prevention initiatives, conflict resolution, and development. A writer on political affairs and a community rights activist, he has contributed to TV, radio, press and lectured extensively about many aspects of political Islam, community empowerment, and race relations. His current research focus deal with the triangle of group rights, democratic change and national security.



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 History, Philosophy, 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 whilst covering the events in the Gaza Strip. During his coverage of the unfolding events in the Gaza strip, he was shot in the face and rescued under fire. In 1990 he was awarded the International Reuters Award for Journalism. 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.