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The Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies invites you to  
attend Discussion Panel with:

**The Rt. Revd. Dr Munib Younan**

**“Palestine and the Christian World”**

- **Dr Jonathan Chaplin, Wesley House**
- **Dr Makram Khoury - MaChool, CCPS**

**Present: LCiGB New Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman**

The event is hosted together with the Centre for Faith in  
Public Life at Wesley House, Cambridge

**Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 Time:4pm-6pm**

**Venue: Dining Room (upstairs), Wesley House, Cambridge**

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Please arrive by 3.55pm  
Refreshments will be available from 3.30pm



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The Rt. Revd. Dr Munib Younan was born in 1950 in Jerusalem into a native Jerusalemite Arab family of Rûm origin that converted to Protestantism. He is a Palestinian Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). From Jan 1998 to Jan 2018, he was Bishop of the ELCJHL. He retired in Jan 2018, but continues to serve as Bishop Emeritus, and remains a member of the Church Council of ELCJHL. He served as President of the Lutheran World Federation from 2010 to 2017. He studied deaconry and theology in Finland. He began studies in deaconry at Luther Opisto (college) in Järvenpää 1969–1972. Thereafter Younan studied theology at the Helsinki University in 1972–1976, receiving a Master of Arts in Theology in 1976. He also studied theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 1988. Younan has been married since 1980 to Suad Yacoub from Haifa, whose family originates from Kafr Bir'im. Mrs. Younan is the Director of the Helen Keller School for the Blind in Beit Hanina. They have three children and several grandchildren. Younan was ordained at the Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem and served pastorates in Jerusalem, Beit Jala, and Ramallah. Since 1990 Younan served as the president of the ELCJHL synod. In 1998 Younan was consecrated bishop of the ELCJHL. He has also chaired the Board of Directors for the LWF owned Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. Younan is the patron of Gospel Riders Jerusalem – a motorcycle club operating in cooperation with Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission. Younan has been actively engaged in the Middle East Council of Churches, in various positions since 1985 including as the president of its Evangelical Family until 2018. Younan served as president of the Fellowship of the Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC) in 2004–2010, which during his presidency unanimously voted in favor of the ordination of women as pastors. Younan is also a founding member of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), serving as the chair of Local Reference Group since 2002. Younan is a co-founder of the Council of Religious Institutions in the Holy Land, made up of the two chief rabbis of Israel, heads of the local churches, the Chief Judge of the Islamic Court in Palestine and other Muslim leaders. In 2006, Younan was a co-signatory of the Jerusalem Declaration on Christian Zionism. On December 15th 2009 he signed the Kairos Palestine Document along with 12 other Palestinian patriarchs and heads of church from other Christian denominations. The document references the 1985 Kairos South Africa Document and condemns what it calls "the military occupation of our land [...] a sin against God and humanity" and characterises what it perceives as such as "oppression, displacement, suffering and clear apartheid for more than six decades". It calls for international support and "peace with the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds as its capital". He has since withdrawn his signature from the document, though he was one of its authors. Younan was elected on 24 July 2010 President of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), an organization that represents 145 churches in 79 countries around the world representing 70 million Christians. In his role as LWF President, Younan has demonstrated untiring leadership speaking to Lutheran Church gatherings in numerous settings on five continents and represented Lutherans in Ecumenical Discussions. Previously he had served as the LWF vice president for the Asian region from 2004 to 2009. He sits on the board of trustees of the Yasser Arafat Foundation. On 31 October 2016, with Pope Francis and The Lutheran World Federation General Secretary The Rev. Martin Junge, Younan signed a Joint Statement commemorating the Lutheran Reformation and Historical Reconciliation between the Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches. The co-hosted service was the first of its kind in 500 years.



**The Rt. Revd. Dr  
Munib Younan**

Dr Jonathan Chaplin was appointed Honorary Fellow of Wesley House in 2022 and contributes to the work of the Centre for Faith in Public Life. He has been a member of the Divinity Faculty of the University of Cambridge since 2007. He is a political theologian working on issues of the state, democracy, justice, pluralism, secularism, religious freedom and environmental theology. He received a PhD in Christian political thought from LSE and has taught political theory and political theology at Plater College, Oxford, the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto and the VU University, Amsterdam. From 2006–2017 he was first Director of the Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, based in Cambridge. He is Research Fellow of a Canadian Christian think-tank, Cardus, and was Associate Fellow of Theos from 2021–22, writing regularly for both organisations.

An Anglican, he is a member of Ely diocesan synod. He is author of Faith in Democracy, and his latest book, Beyond Establishment, argues for the disestablishment of the Church of England. He has published numerous essays and chapters in scholarly and public outlets and edited several journal special issues.



**Dr Jonathan Chaplin**

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. Prof. 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 (during the 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 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 numerous English universities. He founded (Eurocse) the European Centre for the Study of Extremism in Cambridge in June 2016 and he is currently the director of the Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies.



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