

# Jerusalem: From Past Divisions to a Shared Future?



*Balfour Project*

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# Welcome From Sir Vincent Fean

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## Jerusalem : the heart of the matter

Why Jerusalem ?

It matters so much to the Israeli and Palestinian peoples, to all Jews, Christians and Muslims, and to peoples the world over. Jerusalem must be part of the solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, or there will be no solution. It matters to us, the British people, whose Government contributed in large measure to the indefensible status quo. Britain ruled in Jerusalem for 31 years until 1948 – and now has more influence than she cares to admit. Britain should work for inclusion – equal rights.

My wife Anne and I spent three years in Jerusalem : spiritually uplifting, politically head-banging. Today there is a Jewish settlement built 50 yards from the British Consulate-General in occupied East Jerusalem. In a microcosm of what is happening elsewhere in the Holy Land, we witnessed two peoples in one city growing in separation, knowing each other less and less, despite the inevitable mingling as Jews go to pray at the Western Wall, Christians at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Muslims at al Aqsa Mosque, all in the narrow confines of the Old City.

This conference will shed light on Britain's role in the history of the city ; its legal status contrasted with the legal realities its people face; why it matters to the people of the Book ; the harsh realities of life for Palestinians in East Jerusalem today, and what Britain – Government and civil society, which means us – can do for all those who call Jerusalem their home or wish to visit regularly. Sadly, the systematic forced divorce of Palestinian Jerusalemites from their kith and kin in the surrounding West Bank only serves to deepen divisions.

I hope that, together, we will put Jerusalem front and centre in the effort to attain equality in place of exclusion. That matters most of all: growing together as equals, not growing apart.

Vincent Fean

## **10.00 – 10.10: Introduction**

Welcome: Sir Vincent Fean (BP Chair of Trustees)

Video message from HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan

## **10.10 – 11.20: Session I: History**

Chair: Andrew Whitley (BP Trustee)

Keynote Speaker: Avi Shlaim

Panellists: Mick Dumper, Menachem Klein, Salim Tamari

## **11.25 – 12.35: Session II: International Law & Human Rights**

Chair: John McHugo (BP Trustee)

Keynote Speaker: Baroness Helena Kennedy QC

Panellists: Victor Kattan, Iain Scobbie, Daniel Seidemann

## **13.30 – 14.45: Session III: Religion & the Holy Sites**

Chair: Bishop Michael Doe (BP Executive Committee)

Keynote Speaker: Daniel Seidemann

Panellists: The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Rabbi Jeremy Gordon, Imam

Monawar Hussain

## **14.50 – 16.05: Session IV: Contemporary Realities & Plans to Share the City**

Chair: Dr Imad Karam (BP Trustee)

Keynote Speaker: Daniel Levy

Panellists: Ariel Caine, Yudit Oppenheimer, Rula Salameh

## **16.10 – 17.15: Session V: Britain's Role in the Coming Years**

Chair: Sir Vincent Fean (BP Chair of Trustees)

Keynote Speaker: Rt Hon Alistair Burt

Panellists: Julie Elliott MP, (Labour), Rt Hon Baroness Lindsay Northover (LibDems), Tommy Sheppard MP (SNP)

## **17.20 – 17.55: Session VI: Questions & Answers**

Moderated by Ian Black

Panellists: Sir Vincent Fean, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Rula Salameh, Daniel Seidemann

## **17.55 – 18.05: Closing Remarks & Statement**

HE Khaled Al-Duwaisan -Kuwaiti Ambassador to the UK & Sir Vincent Fean

# **Conference Schedule**

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# About the Balfour Project

## MISSION STATEMENT

Acknowledging Britain's historical and continuing responsibilities, through popular education and advocacy to uphold equal rights for the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. To persuade the British Government to recognise the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel.

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Monica Spooner

## WHAT IS THE BALFOUR PROJECT

**The Balfour Project was born when Monica Spooner, a retired doctor in Edinburgh, visited Israel and Palestine in 2008 with her husband, Roger.**

'I saw the achievement of a Jewish homeland, but discerned great anxiety and fear,' she recalls. 'I saw the pain of the Palestinians, and discovered their anger towards Britain. They felt betrayed by the 1917 Balfour Declaration, in which the British Government promised support for a homeland for Jews in Palestine so long as this did not prejudice the rights of the existing inhabitants, 90% of whom were Arab at that time.'

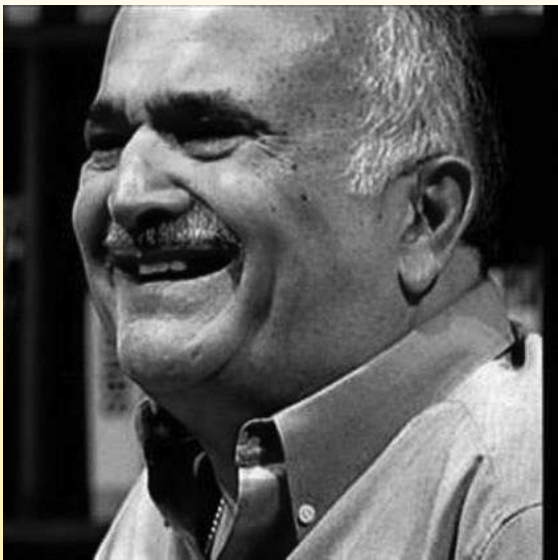
'Now that homeland is a reality. But the Palestinians have no freedom. 'Studying this history, I realised that we British acted with duplicity, making several contradictory promises, and finally washed our hands of Palestine, leaving the Jews and the Palestinians to an undeclared war for domination. We in Britain are not taught these shameful episodes. I met others who felt similarly, and together we launched the Balfour Project. We have been joined by academics, politicians, clergy and citizens from all parts of the UK.'

'We are discovering a vast network of people throughout the country who are equally committed to peace and justice for both Palestine and Israel.'

# HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal

**His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan Bin Talal** was born in Amman, on 20th March 1947, to a branch of the Hashemite family directly descended from the Prophet Muhammad, in the forty-second generation of descendants. His Royal Highness is the youngest son of Their late Majesties King Talal and Queen Zein El Sharaf, and is the brother of His late Majesty King Hussein.

His Royal Highness maintains a constant, profound interest and concern for the future of Jerusalem.



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Please type any questions you have to the speakers in the chat box. The speakers are not monitoring this, but some questions will be taken forward to the Q&A session at the end of the day.

Recordings of the sessions will later be available on the Balfour Project website.



**10.00 – 10.10**  
**Introduction**



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Video message from HRH Prince  
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**10.10 – 11.20**  
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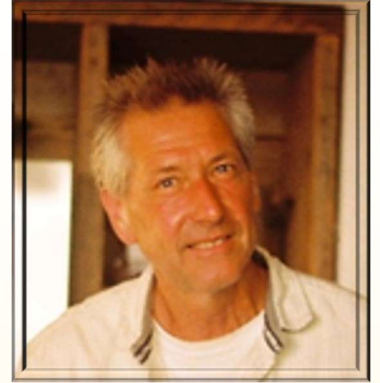


**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PROFESSOR**  
**AVI SHLAIM FBA**

Avi Shlaim is an Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of the British Academy. His books include *War and Peace in the Middle East: A Concise History* (1995); *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World* (2014); *Lion of Jordan: The Life of King Hussein in War and Peace* (2007); and *Israel and Palestine: Reappraisals, Revisions, Refutations* (2009).

**PANELLISTS**

**Michael Dumper** is Professor in Middle East Politics, University of Exeter.

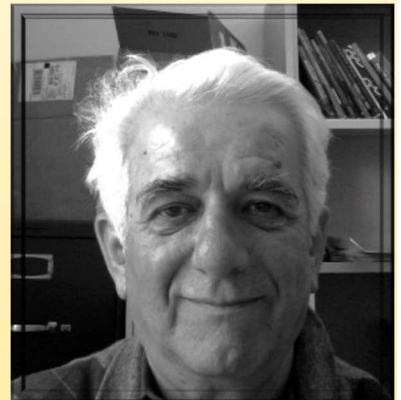


**Menachem Klein** is Professor in the Department of Political Science at Bar-Ilan University.



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**Salim Tamari** is Editor of The Jerusalem Quarterly, and former Director, Institute of Jerusalem Studies.



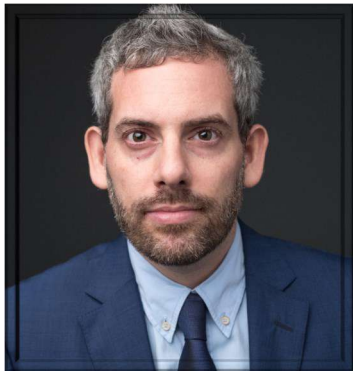
**Chair: Andrew Whitley, Trustee**, is founder and executive director of Geo-Political Advisory Services.



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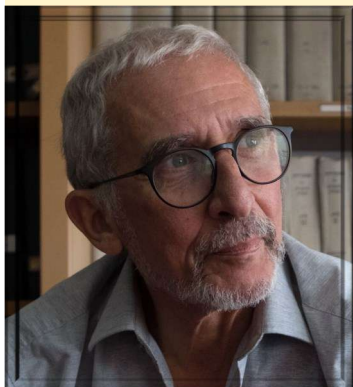
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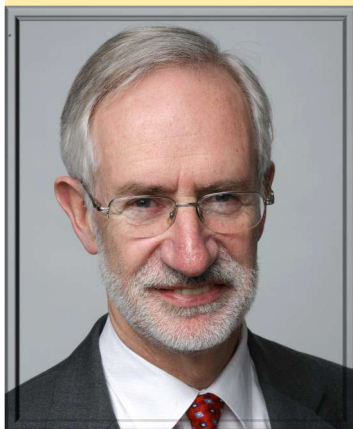
**Victor Kattan** is a senior research fellow at the School of Law at Nottingham University.



**Iain Scobbie** is Professor of Public International Law and Co-Director of the Manchester International Law Centre, University of Manchester.



**Daniel Seidemann** has been a member of the Israeli Bar Association since 1987, co-founded Terrestrial Jerusalem.



**Chair: John McHugo, Trustee,** is the author of *A Concise History of the Arabs*, *Syria: A Recent History*, and *A Concise History of Sunnis and Shi'is*.

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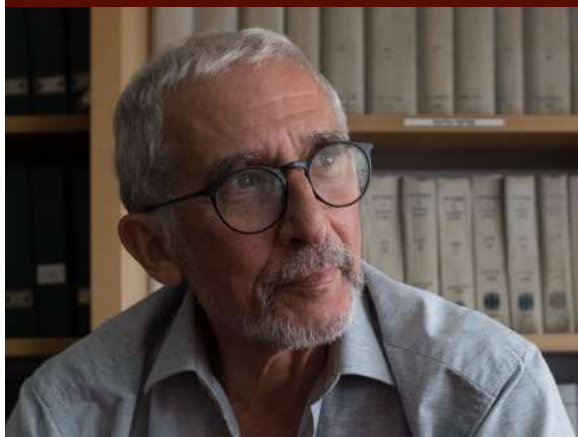


### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BARONESS HELENA KENNEDY QC**

A British barrister, broadcaster, member of the House of Lords and founding force behind the creation of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at Oxford University, Baroness Kennedy QC has previously held the following prominent positions: Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford (2011–2018); Chair of Justice, the British arm of the International Commission of Jurists; bencher of Gray's Inn; President of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Chair of Charter 88 (1992–1997) a British pressure group that advocated constitutional and electoral reform; Chair of the Human Genetics Commission (1998–2007); and Chair of the British Council (1998–2004). She chaired the Power Inquiry, which reported on the state of British democracy and produced the Power Report in 2006. She has also written several books on how the justice system fails women.



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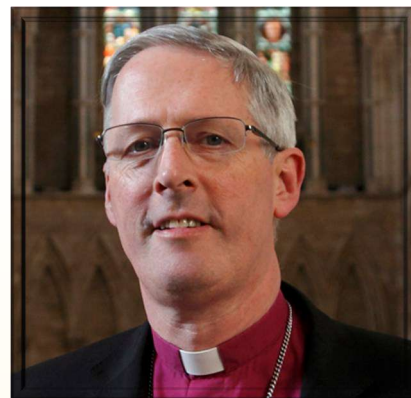
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DANIEL  
SEIDEMANN**

Daniel (Danny) Seidemann has lived in Jerusalem since 1973. He has been a member of the Israeli Bar Association since 1987. Since 1991, he has specialized in the geopolitics of contemporary Jerusalem, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the city.

Mr. Seidemann and his colleagues founded Terrestrial Jerusalem, and are frequently consulted by senior decision-makers and governmental bodies on matters pertaining to both unfolding developments in Jerusalem and the broader issues relating to a permanent status agreement. He has also been conducting ongoing discussions on Jerusalem issues within the Arab world, and with Christian faith communities and diaspora Jewish communities. He has participated in numerous Jerusalem-related projects, colloquia and track-two deliberations.

**PANELLISTS**

**The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun** is the Anglican Bishop of Southwark.



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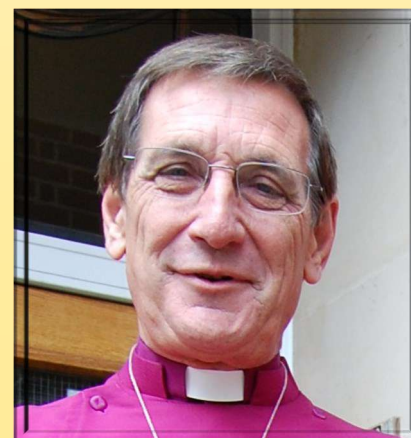


**Imam Monawar Hussain** is the Muslim Tutor at Eton College and Muslim Chaplain to the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



**Chair: Michael Doe, Executive Committee,** was formerly the Bishop of Swindon.

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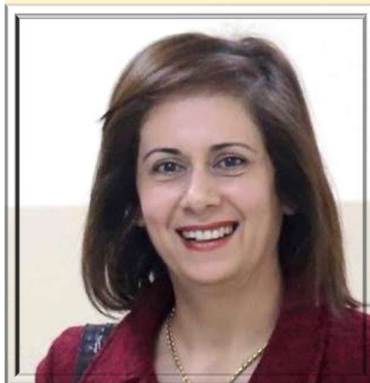
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**Ariel Caine** is a researcher at Forensice Architecture.



**Yudith Oppenheimer** is the executive director of Ir Amim.



**Rula Salameh** is Just Vision's Outreach Director in Palestine.



**Chair: Dr Imad Karam, Trustee,** is the Executive Director of Initiatives of Change International.

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## 14.50 – 16.05 Session IV: Contemporary Realities & Plans to Share the City



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DANIEL LEVY

Daniel Levy is the President of the U.S./ Middle East Project. From 2012 to 2016, he was Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the European Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to that, he was a Senior Fellow and Director of the New America Foundation's Middle East Taskforce in Washington D.C. and a Senior Fellow at The Century Foundation. Mr. Levy was a Senior Advisor in the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and to Justice Minister Yossi Beilin during the Government of Prime Minister Ehud Barak (1999-2001). He was a member of the official Israeli delegation to the Israel/ Palestine peace talks at Taba under Prime Minister Barak and at Oslo B under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (1994-95). Mr. Levy is a Trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in New York, a Council Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the board of the European Middle East Project.



**16.10 – 17.15**  
**Session V: Britain's**  
**Role in the Coming**  
**Years**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**RT HON ALISTAIR BURT**

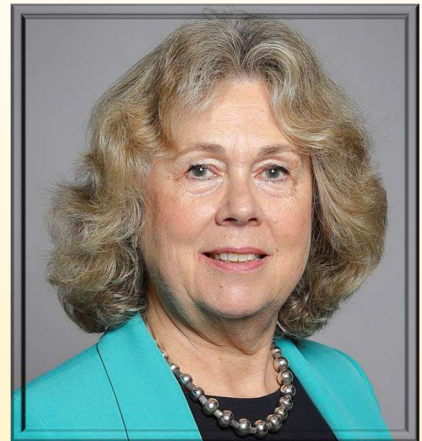
Rt Hon Alistair Burt was Conservative MP for Bury North 1983-97, and NE Bedfordshire between 2001-2019, and was a Minister in the Governments of John Major, David Cameron and Theresa May. He first visited Jerusalem in 1979 as a student, and has since made frequent visits to the region, most recently in January 2020. He was Minister for the Middle East and North Africa 2010-13, and 2017-19. He has engaged closely with the Middle East peace process as Minister and backbencher over many decades and remains involved through conflict resolution body Forward Thinking and the Helsinki Process.

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**Rt Hon Baroness Lindsay Northover (Lib Dems)**



**Tommy Sheppard MP (SNP)**



**Chair: Sir Vincent Fean, Chair of Trustees**

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## PANELLISTS

**Sir Vincent Fean**

**Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**

**Rula Salameh,**

**Daniel Seidemann**

**Moderator: Ian Black** is a visiting senior fellow at the Middle East Centre, LSE. He was Middle East editor, European editor, diplomatic editor and Middle East correspondent of the Guardian.

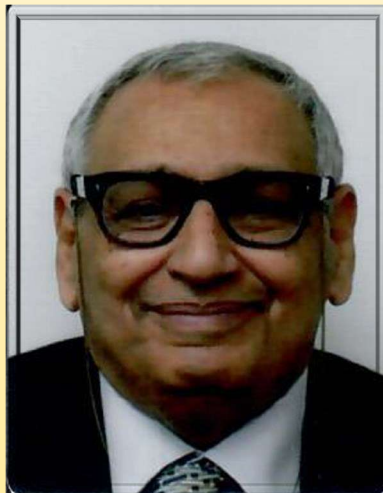


**Questions will have been taken from the previous sessions.**

**17.20 – 17.55**  
**Session VI:**  
**Questions &**  
**Answers**

Join Sir Vincent Fean and Kuwaiti Ambassador HE Khaled Al-Duwaisan for their final thoughts on the day and the sharing of our statement.

HE Khaled Al-Duwaisan GCVO has been Ambassador to the UK since 1993. Al-Duwaisan joined Kuwait's Foreign Ministry in 1970, and has also served as Ambassador to the Netherlands and Romania. He is Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in London.



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**Closing Remarks &**  
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# Biographies


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**Ariel Caine** is an artist and researcher currently living in London. He holds a PhD from the Centre for Research Architecture, Goldsmiths University and is a researcher at Forensic Architecture. Utilising cutting edge computational photographic and photogrammetric processes in combination with analogue archival media, Ariel's artistic practice and conceptual research explore the co-constitutive relations of the state, religious nationalism and imaging technologies, seeking to both expose and challenge the ways in which the photographic apparatus is embedded in the logic of the construction of physical reality. Ariel's works have been exhibited and collected internationally.

**The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun**, Bishop of Southwark read Modern History before training for the priesthood. In 1989 he became Chaplain and Minor Canon at St Paul's Cathedral. Appointed in 1993 Rector of St Dunstan & All Saints', Stepney, he served as Area Dean and held a number of ex-officio posts on the Governing Bodies of various Trusts and Church Schools and remains a Patron of Tower Hamlets Mission. After four years as Archdeacon of Northolt he was consecrated bishop in Southwark Cathedral 2005, taking up his appointment as Area Bishop of Woolwich and more widely from 2008 as Bishop for Urban Life and Faith. In March 2011 he began public ministry as the tenth Bishop of Southwark. He maintains a keen interest in the Holy Land and is a patron of the Balfour Project and trustee of Embrace the Middle East, as well as Friends of the Holy Land. In December 2014 he was introduced to the House of Lords as one of the 26 Lords Spiritual.

**Bishop Michael Doe** (BP Executive Committee) has visited Israel / Palestine many times, as a pilgrim and in solidarity with Palestinian Christians. He was formerly the Bishop of Swindon and then General Secretary of the mission agency, USPG. Following retirement he is the Preacher to Gray's Inn and an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Southwark.






**Mick Dumper** is Professor in Middle East Politics, University of Exeter, UK. In addition to his most recent edited book, *Power, Piety and People: The Politics of Holy Cities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Columbia University Press, 2020), he is also author of *Jerusalem Unbound: Geography, History and the Future of the Holy City* (Columbia University Press, 2014), *The Politics of Sacred Space: The Old City of Jerusalem and the Middle East Conflict, 1967-2000*, (2001) and *The Politics of Jerusalem Since 1967* (1997), and a number of books on Palestinian refugees and on the religious dimensions of urban conflicts. He has acted as a consultant on Middle East politics for the UK and Canadian governments, as well as for the UN and the EU.


**Julie Elliott** is a British Labour Party politician, who was first elected Member of Parliament for Sunderland Central in 2010. Elliott serves as co-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Palestine and vice-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women.

**Sir Vincent Fean** (BP Chair) was a member of the British Diplomatic Service (DS) 1975-2014. His last post was as Consul-General, Jerusalem (2010-14), responsible locally for British Government relations with the Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories – what Vincent calls Palestine. Before Jerusalem, he was Ambassador to Libya, and previously High Commissioner to Malta. He studied Arabic in the DS. Vincent advocates equal rights for Israelis and Palestinians, and British Government recognition of the state of Palestine alongside Israel on pre-June 1967 lines. He is also a trustee of British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians, and a Patron of the Britain Palestine Friendship and Twinning Network. He is secretary of an informal Cross Party Group on Palestine/Israel at Westminster.

**Rabbi Jeremy Gordon** is Rabbi of New London Synagogue and author of *Spiritual Vagabondry* and *An Angel Called Truth and Other Tales*. He has spent three of his (almost) fifty years in Israel and most of that in Jerusalem, a city now home to his brother.

**Imam Monawar Hussain** is the Muslim Tutor at Eton College, Windsor; Muslim Chaplain to the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Founder of The Oxford Foundation. Monawar serves as an advisor to a number of national charities including the World Congress of Faiths, The Oxford Trust, History of Science Museum (University of Oxford), the Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion, Prison Phoenix Trust and the NSPCC National Advisory Group on Safeguarding and Muslim Children. Monawar was made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE).






**Dr Imad Karam** (BP Trustee) is the Executive Director of Initiatives of Change International, a global network of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, whose mission is to inspire, equip and accompany change makers in the pursuit of a just and peaceful world. Imad is also an award-winning documentary film-maker. His films focus on forgiveness, peace-building and reconciliation. His films include the award-winning documentary films: 'The Man Who Built Peace' and 'Beyond Forgiving'.


**Victor Kattan** is a senior research fellow at the School of Law at Nottingham University, where he is undertaking a study on the prohibition of apartheid in international law in places beyond South Africa. For many years, Victor was based at the Middle East Institute at the National University of Singapore, where he was also an Associate Fellow at the Faculty of Law. Victor is the inaugural winner of the Asian Society of International Law's Young Scholar Prize, and is the author and editor of three books, including: *From Coexistence to Conquest: International Law and the Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict 1891-1949* (Pluto 2009) and, with the late Peter Sluglett, *Violent Radical Movements in the Arab World: The Ideology and Politics of Non-State Actors* (Bloomsbury 2019).

**Professor Menachem Klein** is active in many unofficial negotiations with Palestinian counterparts. In October 2003 Prof. Klein signed together with prominent Israeli and Palestinian negotiators the Geneva Agreement – a detailed proposal for a comprehensive Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. He is Senior Fellow of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue and board member of Palestine – Israel Journal. Previously he was a board member of B'tselem, The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories.

**John McHugo** (BP Trustee) believes passionately that the history of the modern Arab world and Islam are grotesquely misunderstood in Britain and the USA, and has taken on the task of trying to explain to a Western audience how we came to the catastrophic mess in which we find ourselves today. He is the author of *A Concise History of the Arabs*, *Syria: A Recent History*, and *A Concise History of Sunnis and Shi'is*. He has also published on the legal interpretation of UNSCR 242, the British and French Mandates in the Middle East, and the Jewish Egyptian nationalist James Sanua (Ya'qub Sanu'). He was a partner in a City of London law firm and had worked on international boundary disputes in the Middle East. He entered the law after a degree in Arabic and research at Oxford and the American University in Cairo in Islamic studies.








**Rt Hon Baroness Lindsay Northover** is a Liberal Democrat Life peer who has sat under this title in the Lords since 10 May 2000. She currently undertakes the role of Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson (Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

**Yudith Oppenheimer** is a longtime human rights activist, feminist, scholar, and educator. Before assuming leadership of Ir Amim in 2008, Yudith was a fellow at the Mandel School for Educational Leadership in Jerusalem. From 2000 to 2006, she served as Executive Director of Kol Ha-Isha - The Jerusalem Feminist Center. Yudith holds an MA in Development Studies from the University of South Africa. Her doctoral dissertation, *Zion Square: Hermeneutic Study of a Public Place*, was written within the framework of the Program for Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies at Bar Ilan University under the guidance of Prof. Menachem Klein. It deviates from traditional perspectives applied in studies of Jerusalem, which are routinely subordinated to the city's mythical and political meta-story. At the core of the study lies a question regarding the feasibility of a worldly urban space in Jerusalem, and of a terrestrial Jerusalem a whole. Its comprehensive perspective paints a broad picture of the relationship between culture, society and place in the Israeli space.

**Rula Salameh** is Just Vision's Outreach Director in Palestine. She is the producer of *Budrus*, *Naila and the Uprising* and *My Neighborhood*. She joined Maan News Agency in 2009 as a journalist, then moved on to be senior producer and projects coordinator. She currently works as a TV presenter for a weekly TV show at Ma'an Satellite Channel. She has since registered her TV show as a NGO in Palestine and it is now one of the most popular in Palestine.

**Iain Scobbie** is Professor of Public International Law and Co-Director of the Manchester International Law Centre, University of Manchester. He was formerly the Sir Joseph Hotung Research Professor in Law, Human Rights and Peace Building in the Middle East at SOAS, University of London. He studied at the Universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge, and at the Australian National University. His doctoral dissertation examined legal reasoning and the judicial function in the International Court. His scholarly interests include international humanitarian law; international adjudication, particularly the role of the International Court of Justice and procedural aspects of international tribunals; legal aspects of the Israel/Palestine situation; and the theory of international law. He has acted as consultant in proceedings before the English Court of Appeal, the UK Supreme Court, and the International Court of Justice, and has advised the Palestinian Authority and various NGOs.



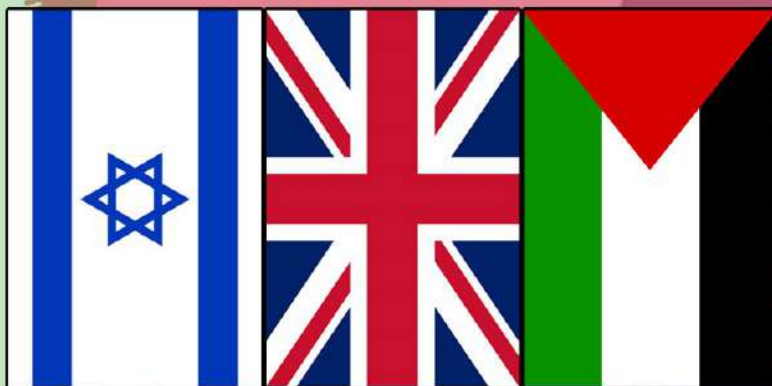
**Tommy Sheppard** is the Scottish National Party MP for Edinburgh East, and has been an MP continuously since 7 May 2015. He currently undertakes the role of Shadow SNP Leader of the House of Commons.

**Avi Shlaim** is an Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of the British Academy. His books include *War and Peace in the Middle East: A Concise History* (1995); *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World* (2014); *Lion of Jordan: The Life of King Hussein in War and Peace* (2007); and *Israel and Palestine: Reappraisals, Revisions, Refutations* (2009).

**Salim Tamari** is Professor of Sociology (Emeritus), Birzeit University; Research Associate, Institute for Palestine Studies and editor of *The Jerusalem Quarterly*. Recent Publications include *Mountain Against the Sea: A Conflicted Modernity*; *The Storyteller of Jerusalem: The Life and Times of Wasif Jawhariyyeh* (with Issam Nassar); *Year of the Locust: Erasure of the Ottoman Era in Palestine*; *The Great War and the Remaking of Palestine* (2018: UC Press); *Landed Property and Public Endowments in Jerusalem* (with Munir Fakhr Ed Din, 2018). *Camera Palestina: Photography and the Sensual Impulse* (UC Press; forthcoming 2019)

**Andrew Whitley** (BP Trustee) is founder and executive director of Geo-Political Advisory Services (GPAS), a UK-based consultancy that works on the alleviation of armed conflict in the Middle East and Asia. He was previously Policy Director and interim Chief Executive of The Elders, the organisation of global figures founded by Nelson Mandela. Before joining The Elders in London, in January 2011, Andrew worked for four decades around the world, first as a journalist with the BBC and Financial Times and later, from 1995 to 2010, with the United Nations. From 1990 to 1994 he was the founding director of Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa division, then known as Middle East Watch. At the UN, Andrew successively held senior posts at UNCTAD (the UN Conference on Trade and Development), the Department of Peace-Keeping Operations – in UN-administered East Timor and Kosovo – and at UNRWA, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. A specialist in the Middle East, he has lived twice in Iran and twice in Israel and Palestine. The current work of GPAS is focused on Yemen as well as relations between Iran and its western neighbours. Andrew holds Bachelors' and Masters' degrees in History from St Catharine's College, Cambridge.





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