



# Al-Zaytouna Centre Accomplishments Report 2021

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## *Al-Zaytouna Centre*

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations is an independent licensed corporation established in Beirut, Lebanon in 2004.

### **Overview**

Al-Zaytouna Centre conducts contemporaneous strategic studies, along with projections for future developments, on the Arab and Muslim worlds. It focuses on the Palestine issue and the conflict with Israel as well as related Palestinian, Arab, Islamic and international developments.

The Centre seeks to establish a wide ranging database, and classifies it along the most modern scientific and technical methods. In active cooperation with scholars, experts and specialists, the Centre drives to publish scholarly studies, and research projects. The Centre is also concerned with organizing training courses, offering consultations and holding seminars, lectures and conferences.

The Centre strives to raise the local, regional and international awareness about the realities and repercussions of the events in the region. It also aims to attract qualified researchers to conduct studies concerning national, Arab and Muslim world issues.

### **The Centre's General Policies**

1. Al-Zaytouna Centre is an independent and non-governmental scientific center that is not affiliated to any party or group.
2. Studies and consultations are conducted solely to promote knowledge and truth, and consolidate the legitimate rights of the people of the region.
3. Academic objectivity, accuracy of information and qualitative research are strictly observed and pursued.
4. Collaboration and integration with similar centers and institutions is a priority for the Centre.
5. Openness to all ideas and new intellectual and political trends is a prime concern of the Centre.
6. The Centre does not accept any preconditioned funds that may adversely affect its mission and objectives.

## Al-Zaytouna's Board of Consultants

Al-Zaytouna Centre has a Board of Consultants of eminent scholars, thinkers and researchers, whose names are alphabetically listed below:

1. Prof. Dr. 'Adnan al-Sayyid Hussein: Former President of the Lebanese University, former Lebanese minister of state.
2. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Mubarak al-Khalidi: Former minister of justice, former dean, Faculty of Law, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
3. Prof. Dr. Amin Mahmud Abdullah: Former minister of culture, former minister of higher education and scientific research, Jordan.
4. Prof. Dr. Bayan Nuwayhed al-Hout: Expert in modern Palestinian history.
5. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ahmad Ibrahim: Expert in African and Middle Eastern history.
6. Prof. Dr. 'Imad al-Din Khalil: Thinker and historian.
7. Prof. Dr. Kamalin Shaath: Former President of the Islamic University of Gaza.
8. Dr. Mahmud al-Mubarak: Professor of international law, King Faisal University, KSA.
9. Prof. Dr. Mohammad al-Musfir: Professor of political science, Qatar University.
10. Mr. Munir Shafiq: Thinker and former director of the PLO Planning Bureau.
11. Mr. Salah 'Abd al-Maqsoud: Former minister of Information, Egypt, and the Former director of Arab Media Centre.
12. Dr. Tareq al-Suwaidan: Thinker and management expert.

## Former Board Members

The following consultants remained members until their death:

1. Prof. Dr. 'Abd al-Wahab al-Masiri: Thinker and expert in Zionism and Israeli studies.
2. Prof. Dr. Anis al-Sayegh: Former director of PLO Research Centre.
3. Prof. Dr. Ishaq al-Farhan: Former minister of education, former president of the Jordanian University.
4. Prof. Dr. Mohammad 'Amarah: Thinker and historian.
5. Prof. Dr. Mohammad 'Issa Salhie: Expert in Islamic and Arab history.
6. Prof. Dr. Mona Haddad Yakan: Former president of Jinan University, Lebanon.
7. Prof. Dr. 'Omar al-Ashqar: Former dean, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Zarqa University, Jordan.
8. Dr. Salahuddin al-Dabbagh: Former member of the Palestine National Council and Executive Committee of the PLO.

## Works and Achievements

### First: Books

During 2021, al-Zaytouna Centre had published 8 books in both English and Arabic. In these publications, the principles of academic objectivity, accuracy of information and quality research were strictly observed.

Besides, the centre is keen to print out its publications and design them according to the best technical specifications, taking into consideration the pricing of these books in a policy that aims to achieve a wider spread of them and enabling the greatest number of interests to acquire and make use of these books.

The following is a list of the 2021 al-Zaytouna Centre books:

No.	Title
1	<i>The Palestine Daily Chronicle 2020</i> (Arabic)
2	<i>The Palestine Strategic Report 2018–2019</i>
3	<i>The Role of Religious Zionism in the Israeli Politics 2000–2019</i> (Arabic)
4	<i>The Individual Criminal Responsibility for Serious Violations Against Palestinian Prisoners and Detainees Under Public International Law</i> (Arabic)
5	<i>The Palestine Issue: Historical Background and Contemporary Developments</i> (Arabic)
6	<i>Neopatrimonialism in the Palestinian Authority</i> (Arabic)
7	<i>Reducing the Conflict and the Shift from “Creeping Annexation” to “Creeping Separation” in the Zionist Settler-Colonial System in the West Bank</i> (Arabic)
8	<i>The Palestinian Muslim Brothers 1949–1967</i>



### 1. *The Palestine Daily Chronicle of 2020 (Arabic)*

This is the seventh volume of the “The Palestine Daily Chronicle,” where the first volume covered the 2014 events. It is considered one of the most important periodicals issued by al-Zaytouna Centre. It deals with important events, decisions and stances that express the nature of a phase or reflect the changes in political tracks.

The book puts forth information and statistics of significance, related to both the Palestinian and the Israeli sides. The information include various aspects of Palestinian political, economic, cultural, social and educational performance, Jerusalem, the performance of the resistance, the internal situation... and others.

**Prepared and edited by:** Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh,  
Rabi‘ al-Danan and Wa’el Wehbe

**Hardcover:** 592 pages



### 2. *The Palestine Strategic Report 2018–2019*

The Palestine Strategic Report (PSR) is one of al-Zaytouna’s most important academic studies, published in both English and Arabic since 2005. The 8-chapter PSR reviews biennially the various developments concerning the Palestine issue in a comprehensive, objective and academic manner. It offers a wealth of data, up-to-date statistics, and analyzes and offers an outlook of future events. This a translated version of the Arabic PSR, published in 2020.

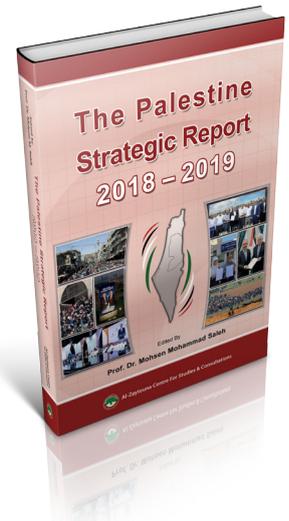
**Editor:** Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

**English Text Editor:** Rana Sa‘adah

**Translators:** Baraah Darazi, Karim Traboulsi and Marilyn Chbeir

**Language Revision:** Tom Charles

**Hardcover:** 487 pages



### 3. *The Role of Religious Zionism in the Israeli Politics 2000–2019 (Arabic)*

The book studies religious Zionism in Israel during 2000–2019, and its role in the socio-political transformations of the Israeli society. The author studies the influence of religious Zionism on the Israeli political life; its impact on the erosion of the Israeli system of government and its future; its rise and role in weakening the Israeli secular parties. It is noted that this movement is pressuring to annex the West Bank to Israel; in light of US support, Palestinian weakness and the decline of the Arab power.

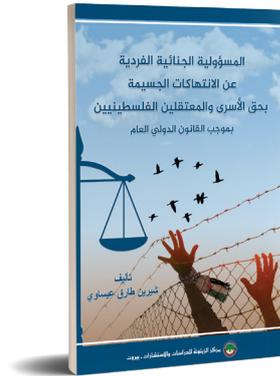
**Author:** Said Muhammad Bsharat

**Paperback:** 166 pages



#### 4. *The Individual Criminal Responsibility for Serious Violations Against Palestinian Prisoners and Detainees Under Public International Law (Arabic)*

This book defines the individual criminal responsibility of the Israelis, under Public International Law, who committed serious international crimes against Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons. It has researched ways to provide international protection to Palestinian detainees under international humanitarian and criminal law. The author discusses the legal status of Palestinian detainees under international humanitarian law and the necessary conditions for the prisoners to be considered prisoners of war or detainees, and then she discusses the rights granted to them by international humanitarian law. She reviews the conditions to be met for the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to try Israeli perpetrators of international crimes against the Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons.



**Author:** Shireen Tariq Essawi

**Paperback:** 156 pages

#### 5. *The Palestine Issue: Historical Background and Contemporary Developments (Revised and amended version) (Arabic)*

This book is important to those who want to acquaint themselves with the Palestine issue, and to become informed of the pertinent facts in a balanced manner. It can also serve as an introduction to further studies about the issue. This revised and amended version covers the Palestine issue developments until 2021.

The book discusses the historical background and contemporary developments. It is written in a smooth language, all the while retaining a scientific, academic and documented wording. It reviews Palestine's history through the ages, its geography, its Islamic standing, and the Jews' religious and historical claims in Palestine.

It discusses the period of the British occupation of Palestine and the establishment of Israel. It reviews the issue's developments, focusing on the development of the Palestinian struggle, revolutions and *Intifadahs*, in addition to the developments in Israel, the peace process, the role of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), its factions and the role of the Palestinian Islamic movement.



**Author:** Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

**Paperback:** 310 pages

## 6. *Neopatrimonialism in the Palestinian Authority (Arabic)*

This book aims to study and analyze the system of governance in the Palestinian Authority (PA). It discusses the suffering of the PA and the shape of its political system, the factors that affect the structure of its political system, whether subjective or objective, its reference, and its objectives. The study argues that the predicament the PA faces is a structural one. It has preceded its establishment and was the result of the prevalence of authoritarianism. Whoever wants to get out of the impasse and change the “approach” of the PA has to change its “structure,” so as to become once again a national liberation movement. This is the book no. 13 of the Refereed Academic Papers series published by al-Zaytouna Centre. The English version was published as an academic paper on the al-Zaytouna’s English website.

**Author:** Ashraf ‘Othman Bader

**Paperback:** 46 pages

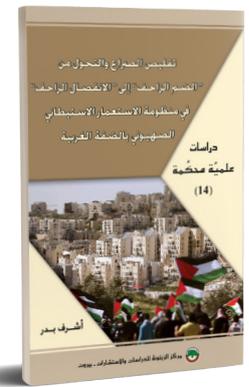


## 7. *Reducing the Conflict, and the Shift From “Creeping Annexation” to “Creeping Separation” in the Zionist Settler – Colonial System in the West Bank (Arabic)*

The study aims to analyze the concept of “conflict reduction” by researching its origins, development, indications and impact on the conflict. It discusses the Israeli policy of restructuring the Palestinian-Israeli relations in the 1967 territories, and developing them to suit the changes of the Zionist settlement colonial project, particularly in the West Bank (WB), foremost of which is the shift from the concept of “creeping annexation” to “creeping separation“.The study reveals that the plan to “reduce the conflict” is based on political separation from the residents of WB, in conjunction with strengthening their contiguity and economic dependency. In essence, it shifts from the idea of “creeping annexation” previously espoused by the Israeli right to the idea of “creeping separation” from the population, but not from the land. They want to get out of the trap of the 1967 territories, represented by the Palestinian demographic danger, while seeking to achieve security. This is the book no. 14 of the Refereed Academic Papers series published by al-Zaytouna Centre. The English version was published as an academic paper on the al-Zaytouna’s English website.

**Author:** Ashraf ‘Othman Bader

**Paperback:** 56 pages



## 8. The Palestinian Muslim Brothers 1949–1967

The book studies the experience of the Palestinian Muslim Brothers (MB) in GS in the 1949–1967 period, and the emergence of the Palestinian MB movement, and its expansion to include the Palestinians in the Arab countries, except for Jordan. This is a peer-reviewed study, where the author has endeavored to collect the information from their original sources as much as possible, benefiting greatly from oral history in addition to many Arab and English references.

The book provides much information published for the first time. It consists of five chapters that depict the general conditions of the Palestinian scene and the MB movement and its role in the 1948 war. It discusses the MB movement in GS and the establishment of the Palestinian MB movement. It studies the MB military action during the early 1950s and the Palestinian MB role in the establishment of the Fatah movement.

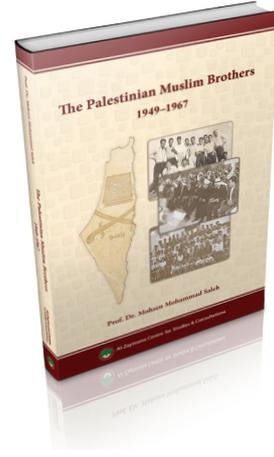
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## Second: Academic Papers

Al-Zaytouna Centre has published 39 academic papers in 2021 in Arabic (A), and 18 were translated into English (E). In these papers, the accuracy of information and quality research were strictly observed, in addition to their unique design. Following are those published in 2021 (chronological order):

1. The Arab Perspective on the Dialectics of Turkish-Israeli Relations 2002–2020, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
2. The Palestinian Authority’s Clearance Revenue Crisis in Its Political Context and Its Economic Repercussions, Raed Hillis. (A)
3. Constitutional Law Expert Warns: Holding Legislative Elections Violates the Palestinian Basic Law, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Mubarak al-Khalidi. (A&E)
4. The Reconciliation Path... The Roots of the Crisis and the Alternatives, Sari ‘Orabi. (A)
5. Early Israeli Elections: Causes and Results, Dr. ‘Adnan Abu ‘Amer. (A)
6. The Palestine Issue and the New Foreign Policy Team, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
7. Questions About the Constitutional and Legal Problems After the Elections of the Third Palestinian Legislative Council, Dr. ‘Uthman Yahya Abu Msameh and ‘Imran Yahya Abu Msameh. (A)
8. From Dayan to Trump... The Israeli “Right” Shift to the “Left” in the Israeli Settler Colonial System Has Been Completed, Ashraf Bader. (A)
9. Comparative Study on Israeli Attacks on Gaza Strip Before and After Palestine’s Accession to the International Criminal Court, Dr. Sa‘id al-Dahshan. (A&E)
10. Israeli-Mauritanian Normalization and Its Future Directions, Dr. Ilham Shemaly. (A)
11. The Psychological Studies of the Personality of Benjamin Netanyahu, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
12. Political Chaos in Israel and Warnings of Civil War, Dr. ‘Adnan Abu ‘Amer. (A)
13. Israeli Relations with Latin America, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
14. The Possibility of Withdrawing the Complaint Before the International Criminal Court After It was Referred by the Pre-Trial Chamber “Palestine as an Example,” Mustafa Nasrallah. (A)
15. The Impact of Joe Biden’s Election on Turkish-Israeli Relations, Dr. Sa‘id al-Haj.(A)
16. Public Debt Development of the Palestinian Authority in Its Political and Economic Context, Khalid Abu ‘Amer. (A&E)
17. The Palestinian Financial Institution and the Jewish National Fund, Sabir Ramadan. (A)
18. Israeli Scenarios of Facing the Iranian Nuclear Program, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
19. The Popular Resistance in Jerusalem: The Uprisings, Movements, and the Birth of the Popular Situation 2012–2019, Kamal al-Ja‘bari. (A)
20. The Impact of Disrupting the Elections and the Battle of Sword of Jerusalem on the Arranging of the Palestinian Internal House, ‘Atef al-Joulani. (A)
21. Israeli Reading of the Battle of the Sword of Jerusalem and the Aggression on Gaza: Causes, Results and Scenarios, Dr. ‘Adnan Abu ‘Amer. (A)
22. The Weight of the Jewish Lobby in the US Strategic Decision Between Exaggeration and Underestimation, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A)
23. The Analysis of the Efficiency of Decisions Related to the Hamas Strike in the Israeli Raymond Prison, Prisoner Ayman Sidr. (A)
24. Turkey and the Battle of Sword of Jerusalem: The Situation and Future Repercussions, Dr. Sa‘id al-Haj. (A)

25. Militarization Indices and Security Strategy in the Arab Countries, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
26. Repercussions of the Israeli Aggression in May 2021 on Gaza Strip and the Reconstruction File, Dr. Raed Hillis. (A&E)
27. Israel in the Literature of the Russian Thinker Alexander Dugin, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A)
28. Changes of the Conditions of Islamic Movements and Trends, Participating in Political Power, and Their Impact on the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movements, Dr. Usama al-Ashqar. (A)
29. Israel’s Employment of “Anti-Semitism,” Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
30. The Transformations of the Pillars of Legitimacy of the Palestinian Authority: From the Political Promise to the External Factor, Sari ‘Orabi. (A&E)
31. Emirati-Chinese Rivalry in the Horn of Africa: Context, Expectations, and Divergent Agendas, Islam Zo‘bol. (A)
32. Arab Ranking in Global Indices and Its Projected Impacts, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
33. Hamas’s Future Vision for the Advancement of the Palestinian National Project, Isma‘il Haniyyah. (A&E)
34. Jerusalem: After the Battle of Sword of Jerusalem; What to do? Field Facts in the Occupied Jerusalem and Palestine, Development Prospects, and the Options of Keeping Pace and Moving on, Ziad Bheis. (A)
35. The Lebanese Crisis: Forecasts and Pathways, Dr. Imad Hout. (A&E)
36. The Magic of Diamonds and the Israeli-Emirati Relations, Hani Taleb. (A)
37. The Israeli Army Between Ethnic Conflict and Social Integration, Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay. (A&E)
38. A Reading of the Hamas’s Future Vision for the Advancement of the Palestinian National Project presented by Isma‘il Haniyyah, Wael Mabhouh. (A)
39. Analysis of the US Policy Towards Jerusalem City 1982–2020, Wael Mabhouh. (A)
40. Neopatrimonialism in the Palestinian Authority, Ashraf Bader. (E)
41. Reducing the Conflict, and the Shift From “Creeping Annexation” to “Creeping Separation” in the Zionist Settler-Colonial System in the West Bank, Ashraf Bader. (E)





## Fourth: The Translation

The Translation Department at al-Zaytouna Centre translates most of the Centre's publications, including books, studies, and articles, in addition to covering the Centre's activities, posting most of them on the Centre's English website. It keeps its English speaking audience, including experts and activists, informed of the latest developments concerning the Palestine issue.

During 2021, the Translation Department published the translations of 18 academic papers, 24 articles, 5 strategic assessments and one situation assessment. It prepared the English version of the book *The Palestine Issue: Historical Background and Contemporary Developments* (Revised and amended version), to be published soon.

The department issues the Arabic series "The Translation Series." It sheds lights on the most prominent articles and studies published by western or Israeli think tanks, which have an impact on the decision-making process in Israel and the west. Until the end of 2021, 87 Arabic translations were published, among which three were published in 2021, as follows:

1. The Turkish Drone Industry and Its Impact From the Turkish and Israeli Perspectives.
2. Reimagining US Strategy in the Middle East: Sustainable Partnerships, Strategic Investments.
3. Mapping and Study of the Palestinian Diaspora in Germany.



### Fifth: Information and Archives

The Information and Archives Department has an essential role in the work of al-Zaytouna Centre. The department daily follows the most important Arab, foreign and Israeli newspapers, news sites, Israeli and foreign research and study centers.

Apart from its regular work, the department provides information assistance to many researchers and academics, besides preparing several news reports on important current issue. The department also issues "Palestine Today," an Arabic daily electronic newsletter dealing with all issues related to the Palestine issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict. "Palestine Today," is issued without interruption throughout the days of the year where the department daily follows dozens of news sources in order to achieve this work.

The electronic newsletter provides rich material for researchers and specialists sparing them time and effort. It is characterized by an academic categorization, by which news can be easily browsed. After the news had been re-edited while maintaining their basic content, they are classified in an easy and comprehensive tab.

This electronic newsletter is freely available on the Centre's website. By the end of 2021, the Centre had published 5,722 issues, out of which 300 were published the same year.



The Information and Archives Department also publishes the Information File series, which contain detailed academic studies with rich information, providing the researchers and specialists with detailed, clear, accurate, and well-documented material. Until the end of 2021, 29 files were published, among which two were in 2021, as follows:

1. ***Battle of the "Sword of Jerusalem" and Its Impact on the Palestinian, Israeli, Arab and International Levels (10–21 May 2021):***

It deals with the events and course of the Sword of Jerusalem battle and its repercussions on the Palestinian, Israeli, Arab and international levels. It shows the material and human losses that resulted from this battle, and explores the positions of the Palestinian factions, and the official and popular positions during the battle. It also explores the Israeli political, military, and security positions, and the Israeli popular movements, not to mention the Arab, Islamic and international positions. The last chapter displays related reports, situation assessments and articles.

2. ***The Development of the Reconciliation Process and the Palestinian Elections (1/5/2020–30/9/2021):***

It deals with the events and course of Palestinian reconciliation, the development of the Palestinian elections file and the repercussions of postponing them, not to mention displaying the related Palestinian positions. This volume also includes the Israeli, Arab, Islamic and international positions on this issue. It covers the events between 1/5/2020 until 30/9/2021.

Noted that the editor-in-chief of this series is Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, and its managing editor is Dr. Basem Jalal Elkassem.



### Sixth: The Website alzaytouna.net

In 2021, al-Zaytouna Centre Arabic and English websites have undergone a number of updates that are considered a qualitative leap in facilitating browsing, and highlighting the content of the site. The main menu has been reclassified, followed by sub-divisions that make access to the wide and diverse content of the site easier and more enjoyable. The “Palestine Today” newsletter page was also re-launched with a new design that is easier to navigate. Additional keys have also been added at the bottom of the site’s home page, displaying the Centre’s most prominent lines of work and highlighting its latest publications. The visitor is offered the opportunity to view the latest publications of the Centre in record time.

The site updates its visitors with the latest news of the Centre, its activities and publications. During 2021, 151 of our publications were uploaded on the website, in addition to 300 issues of “Palestine Today” electronic newsletter. Visitors can access a wide range of materials and services including the Strategic Assessment and al-Zaytouna translation series, in addition to a large collection of articles, studies, reports, documents, maps, infographics and selected books. Hence, our website is one of the richest in materials among Arab Think Tanks websites.

To encourage the spread of information, the site offers visitors free downloads of a number of the Centre’s publications. The download includes The Palestine Strategic Report, the Information Report series and other valuable books. Tens of thousands of downloads were done, making it the top website among similar Palestinian ones, in terms of the number of visitors and downloads.

In 2021, the Centre has developed some features of its Android app, while its social networking sites have been getting wide audience interaction, whether on its Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and SoundCloud platforms.



## Seventh: Conferences and Panel Discussions

To spread awareness on regional events at local, regional and international levels, the Centre holds panel discussions in accordance with its policy of openness to all ideas and intellectual and political trends. These specialized, scientific, objective, and free discussions address key issues and topics concerning the Palestine issue. Hence, attaining results that best serve the Centre's stated objectives.

The discussions bring together a selection of specialists, researchers and experts on the Palestine issue from around the world. They are highly organized and covered by the media.

These panel discussions are an important source for preparing books, reports and strategic assessments. The Centre publishes the minutes of the discussions on its site for the audience to benefit from them.

Up to the end of 2021, the Centre had held 63 conferences and panel discussions, out of which 6 were held in 2021, and they are:

### 1. Panel Discussion: The Palestine Issue: Strategic Evaluation 2020 – Strategic Assessment 2021

(12/1, 19/1 and 2/2/2021–Zoom)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held on Zoom, on 12/1, 19/1 and 2/2/2021, a panel discussion, where a group of researchers, scholars, specialists and those interested in the Palestine issue participated. They discussed the internal Palestinian scene, the internal Israeli scene, the peace process and the Arab landscape affecting the Palestine issue. Furthermore they discussed the Arab, Israeli, Muslim and international landscapes, in addition to the developments witnessed in Jerusalem, the changes undergone by the Palestinian resistance and the changes that affected the structure and capabilities of the Israeli army, the right of the Palestinians abroad to participate in the Palestinian decision-making, and the economic situation in Gaza Strip and the West Bank. They also discussed the most prominent projections for 2021.



### 2. Panel Discussion: The Future of the Palestinian Situation in Light of the Disruption of Elections and the Sword of Jerusalem Battle

(26/5/2021–Zoom)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held on Zoom, on 26/5/2021, a panel discussion, where a group of specialists in the Palestine issue participated. Discussion were about the expected repercussions of the election disruption and the Sword of Jerusalem Battle on internal Palestinian relations and on putting the Palestinian political house, and the possible scenarios.

### 3. Panel Discussion: The Options of the Resistance Movement to Get out of the Palestinian Impasse

(6/10/2021–Zoom)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held on Zoom, on 6/10/2021, a two-session panel discussion, where a group of specialists in the Palestine issue discussed many scenarios concerning the Palestinian situation, for the short and medium term. They also discussed the current priorities and the chances of moving the Palestine issue forward.

#### 4. Webinar: Hamas's Future Vision for the Advancement of the Palestinian National Project

(3/11/2021–Zoom)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held on 3/11/2021 a webinar hosting Isma'il Haniyyah, the head of Hamas political bureau, who presented a paper entitled "Hamas's Future Vision for the Advancement of the Palestinian National Project." The webinar was moderated by Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, the General Manager of al-Zaytouna Centre, while a group of specialists in the Palestinian and strategic affairs commented on Haniyyah's paper, such as Hani al-Masri, Director-General of the Palestinian Centre for Policy Research and Strategic Studies (Masarat), Prof. Dr. Walid 'Abd al-Hay, the expert in futures studies and Atef al-Joulani, writer, researcher and editor-in-chief of Assabeel website, addition to others.



#### 5. Webinar: The Lebanese Crisis and Its Expected Pathways

(17/11/2021–Zoom)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held on 17/11/2021 a webinar to discuss the Lebanese difficult circumstances threatening its political and social stability, where a selected group of experts, specialists and those interested in the Lebanese issue participated. Moderated by Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, the General Manager of al-Zaytouna Centre, the webinar started with Dr. Imad Hout, who presented his policy paper, "The Lebanese Crisis: Forecasts and Pathways,"

to the participants. The panel discussion was concluded with Hout's responses and clarifications to the questions and interventions of the participants. He said that, as long as it is available, the constitutional option of change must be chosen, as it would spare the country security turmoil or even civil war.



#### 6. Panel Discussion: Arab Ranking in Global Indices and Its Projected Impacts

(7/12/2021–Zoom)

Al-Zaytouna Center held, on 7/12/2021, a panel discussion on the findings of the important study conducted by renowned futures studies expert Prof. Dr. Walid 'Abd al-Hay, and published by the Centre under the title "Arab Ranking in Global Indices and Its Projected Impacts." The panel was moderated by Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, the General Manager of al-Zaytouna Centre, with wide participation of Arab and international experts and think tanks. At the end, 'Abd al-Hay answered some questions and made some clarifications.

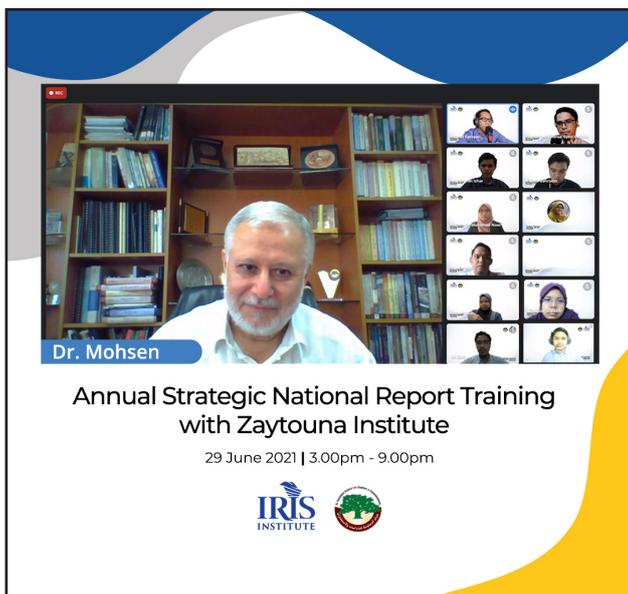


## Eighth: Consultations and Training

Al-Zaytouna Centre continued holding training courses and conducting consultations in 2021. Consultations were offered to 18 researchers and institutions, among which were many theses and dissertations. 61 studies were evaluated and peer reviewed, and were sent to al-Zaytouna for publishing.

As for the training courses, 7 were held during 2021, as follows:

1. The *Bayt al-Maqdis* Sciences Course – Advanced Level, held by Multaqa al-Quds al-Thaqafi – Jordan, where al-Zaytouna presented two training courses:
  - a. “Liberation in Islam,” on 17/2/2021.
  - b. “The Palestinian Resistance Against the British Occupation and the Zionist Project 1918–2018,” on 24/2/2021.
2. “The Role of Scholars in Resistance,” held by the Siraj Institute of the Palestine Scholars Association in the Diaspora, Istanbul, 10/4/2021.
3. “Preparing a Strategic Report” was held by al-Zaytouna Centre in collaboration with the Interdisciplinary Research and International Strategy Institute (IRIS), 29/6/2021.
4. Training course on the history of the Palestinian resistance 1918–2021, among the activities of the International Scientific Forum for Youth, organized by the Palestine Scholars Association in the Diaspora, where 125 trainees from 26 countries participated, Turkey, 27/8/2021–3/9/2021.
5. A training course on preparing reports and political analyses related to the Palestine issue, where 50 trainees from Gaza Strip participated, 22/9/2021.
6. A training course on preparing the Palestine Strategic Report and other annual reports, organized by the Tamkeen Initiative that has a special program to support female researchers, 11/10/2021.



## Ninth: Scientific Cooperation and Public Relations

The Centre was keen in 2021 to continue its academic relations with those who are interested and specialized in political and strategic studies. Besides those who are engaged in decision making in the region. This is in consistence with its policy of openness to actors and institutions involved in decision making, in addition to its openness cooperation and integration with the universities and centers working in the same domain. The Centre keeps in touch with them through conferences and seminars, visits and media.

The Centre's network of contacts includes politicians, academicians, researchers, think tanks and other figures working in the field of public policies related to the Middle East and the Palestine issue. In this context, al-Zaytouna gave special attention to communicating with the Palestinian decision makers at home and abroad; the PLO, PA and different factions and political actors in the Palestinian arena. During 2021, about 1,200 of those were contacted by al-Zaytouna, in addition to thousands of its subscribers.

During the year 2021, the Centre sought to provide its research to researchers on specialized platforms. It uploaded more than 150 academic papers on the ResearchGate platform, while continuing to having its publication on EBSCO and al-Manhal platforms.

The "No to Normalization" international research competition was initiated by the General Authority for Youth and Culture, Gaza, in strategic partnership with al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations-Beirut, Elmessiri Academy for Studies and Training and PALM Strategic Initiatives Centre. The competition attracted wide participation from Palestine and many Arab countries. Al-Zaytouna Centre has played a major role in providing scientific consultations, setting the standards of research and peer reviewing, and covering a large part of the competition financial prizes, in addition to publishing the winning research papers in a book issued by al-Zaytouna. The winners' announcement ceremony was held in June 2021.

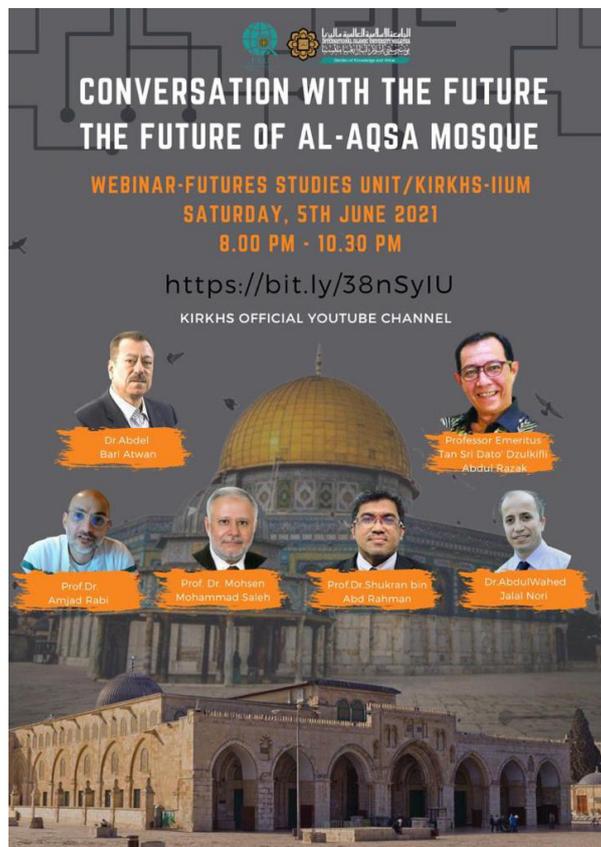


## Participation in Conferences and Panel Discussions

In 2021, al-Zaytouna Centre participated in several worldwide conferences and panel discussions. The most prominent of these participations were in:

1. Lecture: “The Israeli-Moroccan Normalization and Its Repercussions on the Palestine Issue and the North African Region,” organized by the Institute of Political Training and Qualification, Algeria, on Zoom, 2/1/2021.
2. Lecture: “The American Policy in the Arab Region and Its Prospects under the Biden Administration,” to a group of specialists and interested persons from Iraq, on Zoom, 26/1/2021.
3. Conference: International Conference against Normalization, held by the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad, on Zoom, 27/2–3/3/2021. (Paper: Arab Normalization Between Israeli Strategy and Arab Rush)
4. Conference: The National Dialogue Conference for Palestinians Abroad, held by the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad, on Zoom, 5–7/3/2021. (Paper: The Participation of Palestinians Abroad: A National Necessity and Electoral Legitimacy)
5. Conference: The Islamic Project: Map of Challenges and Questions of the Future, held by the Civilization Studies Application and Research Center in Istanbul, on Zoom, 27–28/3/2021. (Paper: Islamists and Future Scenarios for the Arab Region)
6. Conference: The Eighth Palestinian National Security Conference, held by the Gaza Studies and Strategies Center, on Zoom, 7/5/2021. (Paper: The Arab Position on the Palestinian Elections)
7. Lecture: “What After the Ceasefire? Position Assessment and a Prospect for the Future,” organized by the Jerusalem Department of the Palestine Scholars Association, on Zoom, 31/5/2021.
8. Panel Discussion: “The Sword of Jerusalem Battle,” organized by Baheth Center for Palestinian and Strategic Studies, 2/6/2021. (An intervention)
9. Seminar: The Future of *al-Aqsa* Mosque and Jerusalem in Light of the Recent Confrontation with Israel and the Sword of Jerusalem Battle, held by the Futures Studies Unit at the Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences at the International Islamic University in Malaysia, on Zoom, 5/6/2021. (Paper (English): The Centrality of Jerusalem for the Islamic Nation and Its Role in the Unity of the Nation and in Promoting Its Resistance Against Israel)
10. Conference: After the Confrontation: The Palestinian Future Where to?, held by the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies, Birzeit University in occupied Palestine, on Zoom, 7–10/6/2021. (Paper: The Palestinian Future: Where to? What to do?)
11. Dialogue Meeting: A Reading into the Future Repercussions of the Victory of the Resistance in the Sword of Jerusalem Battle, organized by the Palestinian Media Gathering in Lebanon “Interaction,” on Zoom, 11/6/2021 (With Prof. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh)
12. Lecture: “The Sword of Jerusalem Battle: The Repercussions and the Required Role,” to activists working for Palestine in Jordan, on Zoom, 3/7/2021.
13. Conference: The Palestinian National Project: After the Gaza War and the Jerusalem Uprising 2021, held by Al Jazeera Center for Studies, on Zoom, 16–17/8/2021. (Paper: The Palestinian National Project and Internal and External Challenges)
14. Lecture: “The Role of Muslim Women Towards the Palestine Issue,” in the Third International Young Women’s Academic Forum organized by the Palestine Scholars Association, Istanbul, 30/8/2021.

15. Conference: The Promise of the Hereafter and the Demise of Israel, held by the Promise of the Hereafter Organization, Gaza, 16/9/2021. (A video intervention)
16. Conference: The First International Conference on China and the Palestine Issue, held by the Asia Middle East Forum, Istanbul, 30/10/2021. (Paper: Towards a Chinese Role to Achieve Stability in the Middle East)
17. Conference: Arab Strategies in Dealing with Middle East Issues and Its Transformations: Towards New Features of an Arab Strategy to Confront the Zionist Project,” held by the Middle East Studies Center, Jordan, 20–21/11/2021. (Paper: The Strategy of the Palestinian Resistance Factions in Managing the Conflict with Israel and Its Consequences Throughout 2011–2021)
18. Lecture: “The Arab Spring in the Context of the Historical Transformations of the Region in the Last Century,” organized by the Youth Intellectual Forum at the Middle East Studies Center, Jordan, 22/11/2021.
19. Seminar: Organized in Turkey by Parliamentarians for Jerusalem, 30/11/2021. (Paper: Normalization with Israel and How to Resist It through Parliamentary Work)
20. Workshop: Research Gaps in the Palestine Issue, held by the Mi‘raj Institute of the Palestine Scholars Association, 31/12/2021. (An intervention)



## Tenth: Al-Zaytouna in the Media

The Centre is keen to reach out to its audience. Its Public Relations and Media Department communicates with the various satellite channels, news agencies, local and international sites and websites, to introduce its activities and publications and to provide media coverage for the events it holds. In this context, the Centre supplies these institutions with the latest news on published books and summaries about the panel discussions, conferences and any other events it might organize. In addition, al-Zaytouna provides media outlets with the latest information reports and strategic assessments it publishes.

It is also keen to accept media invitations to introduce the work of the Centre and its activities, or to comment on the major events within its domain, and participate in the fora and discussions on the different events.

During 2021, the Public Relations and Media Department issued 111 press articles about the activities of the Centre and its works, and documented these articles' publication in 150 different sources including newspapers, magazines, news agencies and websites. It also documented the publication of dozens of press articles about the Centre and its work in the media, other than the material published by the department itself.

In 2021, the department documented the participation of two of the Centre's researchers and representatives in tens of interviews with media institutions, including TV channels, radio stations, newspaper, news agencies and websites. Most of these events have focused on the issue of Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The following are the most prominent 100 media outlets that cover the Centre's activities

### Local and Satellite TV Channels and Radio Stations

Al-Aqsa TV	Al-Bachaer Radio (Lebanon)	Al-Hiwar Channel
Al-Iman Channel	Al-Jazeera Mubasher	Al Mayadeen Channel
Palestine Today TV	Radio Alam (Palestine)	

### Local and International Arabic Newspapers and Magazines

Alarab newspaper (London)	Alghad newspaper (Jordan)	Almujtamaa magazine (Kuwait)
Alquds newspaper (Palestine)	Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper (London)	Asharq al-Awsat newspaper (London)
Elitihad Daily (Algeria)	El Wassat newspaper (Algeria)	Felesteen newspaper (Palestine)

### Agencies and News Websites

Anadolu Agency (Turkey)	National Press Agency (Palestine)	Sama News (Palestine)
Sanad News Agency (London)	Sawa News Agency (Palestine)	Shehab News Agency (Palestine)
Palestine 24 News Agency (Palestine)	Palestinian Press Agency (SAFA)	Quds Net News Agency (Palestine)

Quds Press International News Agency (London)	Akhbar Tunis	Alalam News Network
Al-Aman magazine	Al-Asr al-Duwaliyyah magazine	Al-Balad News
Al-Bayader website	Albosala	Al-Diwan website
Alestiklal.net	Aliwaa Electronic Newspaper	Algerian Encyclopedia for Political and Strategic Studies
Algerie Diplomatique	Almadar European Media Network	Almawqef.com
Al-Natour Center for Studies and Research	Al-Omah website	Alquds center.info
AlQuds Web TV	Al Quds City website	Alresalah.ps
Amad Media	APA International Association For Experts	Arabic Media Internet Network – Amin
Arabi21 News Websites	Assabeel Newspaper	Attawhid Wal Islah website
Basaer Online	Beirut News	Center of Palestinian Historiography and Documentation
Cham Observer	Darhaya website	Donia Al-Watan
Echorouk online	Elwatan electronic newspaper (Algeria)	Essada.net
EuroPal Forum	Fact International	Felesteen Online
Filistin İletişimciler ve Medya Derneği–FİMED (Palestinian Communicators and Media Association)	Group 194	Hurriyet Center for Political and Strategic Studies
Hurrya News	Ida2at	Insan online website
Ikhwanjo.net website	Ikhwan Online	Islamion website
Laji-net.net	Mawteni48 website	Muntada Alulama
Nedalalshab.com	Noqta website	Palestine Forum
Palestine.paldf.net	Palestine Return Centre	Palestinian Anti Normalization Center
Palestinian Information Center	Palestinian Refugees Portal	Paltoday.tv
Paltoday.ps	Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad	Qudsn.net

Regional Studies Centre	Sampress.net	Strategic Thinking Group
Sudan News Network	The New Khalij	The Palestinian Center for Research and Strategic Studies
TRT Arabic website	Umayya Center for Research and Strategic Studies	Watania.net
Yeni Şafak	123new website	

