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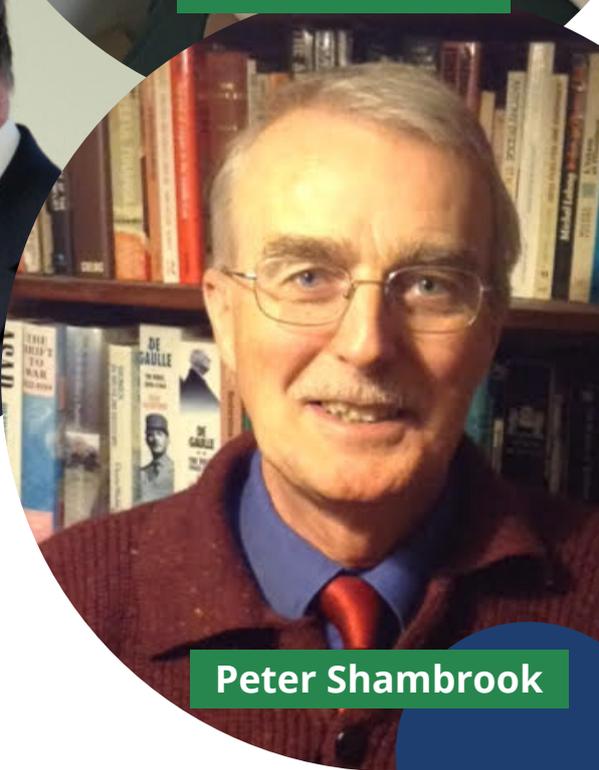
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**Ghada Karmi**



**Peter Shambrook**

# **Palestine and Israel - Britain's role, then and now**

LECTURE THEATRE 4, DALHOUSIE BUILDING,  
UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE, OLD HAWKHILL, DD1 5EN

ADMISSION: **FREE**, by Eventbrite ticket.

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## **Britain's past role in Palestine still matters today.**

In the 1917 Balfour Declaration the British Government stated its support for a Jewish homeland in what was then Palestine and is now the State of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

A month later British Empire troops defeated the Turks in Palestine. After the war Britain acquired the Mandate (legal power) to govern Palestine, and did so until 1948, playing a key part in the birth of Israel.

What responsible position should Britain – Government and civil society – take today on the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians? Work to uphold international law and advance equal rights for all between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River? Recognise the state of Palestine? Go along with President Trump's 'deal of the century'? What should Britain do if Israel's Government annexes to Israel the occupied Palestinian Jordan Valley?

These questions will be discussed by

**Dr Peter Shambrook** – a British historian of the French and British Mandates; author French Imperialism in Syria 1927-36, and Historical Consultant to the Balfour Project

**Dr Ghada Karmi** – a Palestinian academic and writer. She lectured for many years on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at the University of Exeter

**Sir Vincent Fean** – British Consul-General, Jerusalem (2010-14) responsible locally for British Government/Palestinian relations; now chair of trustees, Balfour Project.

Their remarks will be followed by panel discussion and audience questions.

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There will be an opportunity to donate to the Balfour Project ([www.balfourproject.org](http://www.balfourproject.org)) and the Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association as you leave.

## **Dundee-Nablus Twinning**

In 1980 the City of Dundee twinned with the Palestinian City of Nablus. This historic decision was controversial. It was the first twinning between a Palestinian and a European city. The purpose of twinning is to build understanding and friendship between people. Dundee will celebrate this 40th anniversary with a Festival of Nablus in June 2020. Please visit **[dundee-Nablus.org.uk/festival](http://dundee-Nablus.org.uk/festival)**.