

# Faces of Palestine, 1972: From a Document in *The Manitoban* to the Current Crisis

with UM Alum, Rachad Antonius [MSc/1973]



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While a graduate student pursuing his Masters degree in Mathematics at the University of Manitoba between 1970 and 1973, Rachad Antonius helped publish a fascinating yet almost completely unknown dossier of articles, “Faces of Palestine”, in *The Manitoban*. This document was for him the beginning of a long-term engagement with the question of Palestine. He will present this archival document as an introduction to the problematics of campus activism on the question of Palestine from the early 1970s to the present. As well, he will propose a critical reading of the current situation in Gaza based on a historical perspective of the processes that led to it.

**Rachad Antonius**, who until his retirement in 2021 was a Full Professor in the Department of Sociology at the Université du Québec à Montréal, is an expert on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, contemporary Arab societies, Arab uprisings, political Islam, and Arab and Muslim minorities in Canada. His recent books include *La conquête de la Palestine. De Balfour à Gaza, une guerre de cent ans* (Écosociété, 2024) and *Islam et Islamisme en Occident. Éléments pour un dialogue* (University of Montreal Press, 2023, co-authored with Ali Belaïdi). He is also a frequent commentator on events in the Middle East, appearing on networks such as CBC, BBC, France24, and Radio France International.