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by

### **Prof Saree Makdisi**

Scholar, Author & Middle East Analyst

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# PROFESSOR SAREE MAKDISI



Saree Makdisi is a professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of California in Los Angeles, UCLA. He has published widely on his area of expertise, British Romanticism and is a regular contributor on contemporary Arab politics and culture. Born in New York in 1964, to a family entrenched in academia. He is the nephew of the late Edward Said and the grandson of Anis Makdisi, a distinguished professor of Arabic at the American University of Beirut.

"In terms of discussions of the Palestinian question in the US, the academia is one of the last places where serious, rigorous, independent thinking remains possible; a place where Israel's myths about itself have been pretty much turfed out and been replaced by serious historical narratives. This is why academic freedom has been under such constant attack by individuals and institutions pledged to defending Israel's image in America. They realize that people are finally speaking the truth in the academy in a way they aren't yet in the media-and they can't stand it." Makdisi explains.

Widely published, Makdisi has also written many commentaries on Palestine for publications such as the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Houston Chronicle, London Review of Books and the San Francisco Chronicle.

In 2008 Makdisi published his book: **Palestine Inside Out: Everyday Occupation**. The book combines the personal experiences of daily life under occupation with an analysis of how the occupation functions as a whole. "What I discovered when I went there, for all that I knew, I still found myself shocked." He explained.

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