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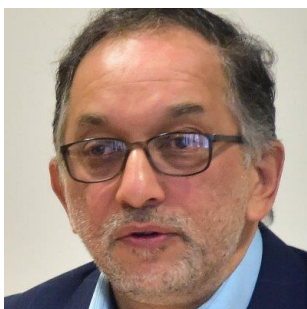
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Ran Greenstein is an associate professor of sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He has published *Genealogies of Conflict: Class, Identity, and State in Palestine/Israel and South Africa* (Wesleyan UP, 1995), *Comparative Perspectives on South Africa* (Macmillan, 1998), and *Zionism and its Discontents: A Century of Radical Dissent in Israel/Palestine* (Pluto, 2014). His forthcoming book is *Identity, Nationalism, and Race: Anti-colonial Resistance in South Africa and Israel/Palestine* (Routledge, 2021).

Na'eem Jeenah



Na'eem is an academic, author, community leader, post-graduate student and public intellectual. He is currently executive director of the Afro-Middle East Centre, a research institute based in Johannesburg, a member of the Advisory Council of the World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, and a Board Member of the Denis Hurley Peace Initiative. He has an MA degree from Wits University and is working towards a PhD in political studies.

Na'eem is a sought-after commentator, often interviewed by national and international media on the Middle East, South African politics, Islam and the Muslim world, and Muslims in South Africa, Political Islam, terrorism, and other issues.

He has a number of publications to his name, including *Pretending democracy: Israel, an ethnocratic state* (as editor), and *MENA uprisings and transformation and their impact on Africa*. His forthcoming publication (2020) is *Political Islam: Conceptualising power between Islamic states and Muslim social movements*.
