

## **Palestinian Visions and Trends to Crystallize an Inclusive Palestinian National Project**

### **Summary**

This book is the outcome of the presented papers in the symposium entitled: "Towards a Palestinian National Project: Requirements and Mechanisms for Renewal and Enhancement." It was held by the Middle East Studies Center in Amman on Saturday, 30/7/2022. Many politicians and researchers from Jordan, Palestine, and Lebanon have participated in this symposium.

The book discusses the concept of the Palestinian project and the determinants of its construction through its seven chapters. It also analyzed the project's crisis during different stages of the Palestinian struggle. The first chapter presents the Palestinian national project's concept and construction determinants. It stresses the need to exert national and academic efforts to redefine the Palestinian national project, invest in the Palestinian national identity and narrative, and revive the Palestinian national movement with its political, economic, and cultural tracks.

The second chapter discusses the developments of the concept of the Palestinian national project. It considers the influential fixed and variable factors. It confirms that the constant in the Palestinian national project since 1969 is ending the Israeli occupation and establishing an independent Palestinian state. Yet, the PLO redefined its borders many times.

The third chapter provided deeper analyses of the crisis of the Palestinian national project. It discussed the problems it faced in terms of management or leadership. Moreover, the political and struggle norms and the internal and external challenges faced by the Palestinian national movement since its establishment were illustrated as influential factors regarding the Palestinian goals.

In its fourth chapter, the book discusses the transformations and stations of the Palestinian cause and their repercussions on the Palestinian national project; it also discusses the prospects and trends of its future. The chapter points to the repositioning of Israel in the Arab region and the increase in its extremism. At the same level, it notes the ineffective international community to pressure Israel to end its occupation of the Palestinian land.

The book reviewed the Palestinian national project's components, objectives, elements, dynamics, and means to achieve its goals in its fifth chapter. The chapter explains that the main aspects of the Palestinian national project include:

1. The building of a parliamentary Palestinian political system
2. The complete separation between the PLO and the PA in roles and figures
3. The reconstruction of the PLO on three principal foundations, "representation, effectiveness, and capacity," changing the functions of the Palestinian Authority as a service authority for the Palestinian people

The sixth chapter explored the integration problem in Israeli Jewish settler decolonization. The chapter indicates that Palestinians stand collectively to dismantle the Israeli settlers-colonial project and struggle against it with complementary roles.

The seventh and last chapter explores the opportunities and challenges that face the Palestinian national project. It illustrates the problem of Palestinians' disagreement on adopting one collective strategy in the face of the Israeli occupation projects and behaviors as the main challenge they face. In contrast, it shows that the opportunities include

1. the steadfastness of the Palestinians on their land as a demographic-rooted

- challenge for the Israeli occupation project,
2. the existence of a resistance strategy with continuous feasibility against Israeli occupation,
  3. To combine all possible forms of struggle to make the Israeli occupation very costly.

As per the chapter, such a vision unifies the view of the Palestinian blocs at home, in the West Bank and Gaza, and the diaspora towards the Israeli occupation.

In the end, the book included of the **“Palestinian National Project”** Document, which aims to advance its liberation goals, end the Israeli occupation, achieve Palestinian refugees' return, and build an independent Palestinian state on Palestinian land.