

## Episode 19: Conflict History from 1967 - 2025

**Guest:** Prof. Moshe Zimmermann, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Richard Koebner Center for German History

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**Bio:** Prof. Moshe Zimmermann, born in 1943 in Jerusalem, comes from a family that emigrated from Nazi Hamburg to Palestine in 1938. He served as Professor of Modern History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and was Director of the Richard Koebner Center for German History from 1986 to 2012. Zimmermann is internationally recognized for his research on German-Jewish history of the 19th and 20th centuries, antisemitism, nationalism, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. His major works include *Die Deutschen Juden 1914-1945* and *Deutsche gegen Deutsche. Das Schicksal der Juden 1938-1945*. He has received numerous awards, including the Humboldt Research Award, the Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm Prize of the DAAD, the Dr. Leopold Lucas Prize, and the Theodor Lessing Prize for Criticism.

**In this episode:** Hosts Philip and Efe speak with Prof. Moshe Zimmermann about the Israel-Palestine conflict from 1967 to the present. The discussion begins with an overview of Israel's different conflicts — with the Palestinians, neighboring Arab states, and Iran — and how these tensions have evolved. Prof. Zimmermann explains the pivotal events of the Six-Day War in 1967 and the consequences of the occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza, and the Golan Heights.

The conversation explores Israel's occupation policies, settlement expansion, the impact of the Yom Kippur War, and the role of the PLO. It covers the 1982 Lebanon War, the rise of Hezbollah, the First and Second Intifadas, the Oslo Accords, and Israel's withdrawal from Gaza. Prof. Zimmermann also discusses the rise of Hamas, the ongoing Gaza crisis, Israel's relationship with Iran, and shifts in Israeli domestic politics, concluding with the effects of the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack.

This episode provides historical context, political analysis, and a clear understanding of the conflict's evolution from 1967 to today, guided by one of Israel's leading historians.

### ***Dedication:***

*We dedicate this Podcast to all victims and survivors of October 7, the hostages and their families, to all innocent civilians killed and injured in Gaza and their grieving families and friends. To our dear guests Udi Goren, Khalil Sayegh, Sima and Mai who shared their losses so powerfully with us. To their families: Tal's wife*

*Ella Haimi, their children Nir, Einav, Udi and Lotan, who never got the chance to meet his father. To Khalil Sayegh's mother and siblings, to Mai's and Sima's family, to her mother Bushra.*

*To the blessed memory of: Tal Haimi, Lara Sayegh, Jeris Sayegh, Mahmoud, Danny Darlington and Haim Perry.*

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This podcast may include controversial legal terms of specific technical significance. Their legal applicability requires a thorough expert contextualization; for this, we refer to our legal chapter. All relevant terms of international law, its institutions, current controversies, and the state of jurisprudence are explained in the anchor episode with Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Claus Kreß LL.M. (Cambridge) (Episode 36). He is co-author of the Rome Statute, Special Advisor to the International Criminal Court, and Judge at the International Court of Justice in the parallel Gambia vs. Myanmar genocide case.

Historical matters are discussed from multiple perspectives in this podcast. Please check the cross-references in the shownotes of the respective episodes for details. All historically contested issues are addressed in the history anchor episode with Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Gudrun Krämer (Episode 21), author of the comprehensive work *A History of Palestine: From the Ottoman Conquest to the Founding of the State of Israel* (Princeton 2008), a standard reference in the field. For her scholarly achievements as a historian, she was awarded the *Preis des Historischen Kollegs* in 2025, the highest distinction in her discipline in Germany.