

Episode 34: Nazih Musharbash

Guest: Nazih Musharbash, President of the German-Palestinian Society

Hosts: Philipp & Mert

Bio: Nazih Musharbash is the President of the German-Palestinian Society. He served for many years as a school principal and as coordinator for school development and evaluation at the Weser-Ems regional authority. Musharbash lives in Bad Iburg and was a member of the city council for 34 years as well as a county councilor in Osnabrück for more than 25 years. In 1997, he was elected to the Lower Saxony state parliament as a member of the SPD. In 2025, he received the Courage Award of the *Committee Courage* in his hometown of Bad Iburg.

In this episode: Recorded on June 20, 2025, hosts Philipp and Mert welcome Nazih Musharbash, President of the German-Palestinian Society. He speaks about his personal background, his decades of work in politics and education, and what motivated him to dedicate himself to strengthening German-Palestinian relations. Together, they reflect on the aftermath of October 7 and the Gaza war, the difficulties of making Palestinian perspectives heard in Germany, and the broader role of the German-Palestinian Society today. Drawing on his experience as a school principal, Musharbash offers insights into how schools can create space for multiperspectival approaches to Israel/Palestine and how memory culture might be expanded to include Palestinian experiences. The conversation also explores media representation, and the prospects for political solutions -from the viability of a two-state model to the importance of grassroots initiatives. Musharbash closes with a hopeful outlook, encouraging young people to resist prejudice, value education, and stay engaged in the pursuit of justice and peace.

Links:

German-Palestinian Society: <https://dpg-netz.de/> (Last accessed on October 21, 2025)

Please also check out our other episodes in the political debate chapter to explore multiple perspectives.

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.