



## Central Seminar Series 2009

# Some ethical issues in the confrontation of Israel and the Palestinians

*Presented by*

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**Scots Centre** (*next to Scots Church*)

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This paper will consider some of the issues at stake in the present turmoil that engulfs Israel and the Palestinians in the Middle East.

- In the first place, the issue of land possession will be considered. Which side, if any, has the prior claim to the land? Can Israel continue to maintain that its ancestors were in prior possession on the basis of the Hebrew Bible?
- What of the legal issue? Have the Balfour Declaration, the War of Independence or the Six Day War given any land rights to either side or withdrawn any land rights from either side?
- What is the issue of sacred space? Can either side claim that Jerusalem is their sacred space, giving it special rights to the city?
- What would it take to bring about an equitable peace in the Israel/Palestinian conflict?

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