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The Chances of Peace Education in Times of Conflict: Professional and Personal Recount, PRIME's Project

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Sami Adwan is a Palestinian scholar and educator from Bayt Lah. He co-founded the Peace Research Institute in the Middle East (PRIME) with the late Dan Bar-On, pioneering joint Israeli-Palestinian educational initiatives such as Learning Each Other's Historical Narratives. A professor of education and former dean at Bethlehem University and Academic Vice President at Hebron University, Sami Adwan has devoted his career to exploring how education, teachers, and schoolbooks, even in conflict, can foster mutual understanding around Palestine and Israel toward peaceful coexistence. His work—shaped by personal experience and academic rigor—has received many international recognition, including the Alexander Langer, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation International Prize, the Living together peacefully in a Divers world (First Prize) and the IIE Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East. He published intensively on peace education. Drawing on decades of experience as a Palestinian educator, Sami Adwan reflects on what it means to open up spaces for critical reflection and shared historical understanding, and how this has been changing from the end of the 80s up to the present time.



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