

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian to Deliver the AAEF Center for Arab Studies Spring 2026 Paul Kardoush Annual Memorial Lecture on “Embodied Decoloniality and the Refusal of Dismemberment: From Ashlaa’ to Lamlameh.”

Houston, TX — The AAEF Center for Arab Studies at the University of Houston is thrilled to announce that Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, the renowned Palestinian feminist author, will be the featured guest speaker at the upcoming Spring 2026 Paul Kardoush Annual Memorial Lecture on Monday April 6, 5:30 PM in Room 108 of the Classroom and Business Building (CBB) on the University of Houston campus.

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian is a Palestinian Jerusalemite whose scholarship on the settler colonial state’s brutality, unchilding, securitized and sacralized politics, state crime, law and society, and global feminist politics, challenges epistemic violence. She is a Professor Extraordinarius at University of South Africa, the Global Chair in Law at the Queen Mary University of London, and a visiting Professor at Princeton University. She is the author of numerous books, including *Militarization and Violence Against Women in Conflict Zones in the Middle East: The Palestinian Case Study* (Cambridge University Press, 2010); *Security Theology, Surveillance and the Politics of Fear* (Cambridge University Press, 2015); and *Incarcerated Childhood and the Politics of Unchilding* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). Additionally, she has co-edited volumes such as *Engaged Students in Conflict Zones, Community-engaged Courses in Israel as a Vehicle for Change* (Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2019); *When Politics are Sacralized: Comparative Perspectives on Religious Claims and Nationalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2021); *The Cunning of Gender Violence* (Duke University Press, 2023), and a co-edited volume with Stephen Sheehi entitled *Abolitionism, Settler Colonialism and State Crime* (2024).

"The AAEF Center for Arab Studies is proud to bring the world-renowned scholar Professor Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian to the University of Houston and the Houston community. Professor Shalhoub-Kevorkian is a world leading scholar in several fields including childhood and Palestinian Studies. Her scholarship is meticulously researched, methodologically innovative and grounded in feminism and humanities that values the connections between academic work and community activism," said Dr. Hanan Hammad, The Arab-American Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Arab History and Director of the AAEF Center of Arab Studies.

The event is free and open to the public.

About the AAEF Center for Arab Studies:

The Arab-American Educational Foundation Center for Arab Studies (AAEF-CAS) is the only academic center in Texas, and one of two in the United States, solely focusing on the Arab region. Based at the University of Houston’s College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, CAS

houses two major endowed positions: the Arab-American Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Arab History and the Arab-American Educational Foundation Dr. Burhan and Mrs. Misako Ajouz Endowed Professorship in Arab Studies. Through its programs, CAS covers a large part of the globe, extending from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean and encompassing the entirety of North Africa and large swaths of Western Asia. CAS is a scholarly space that encourages serious engagement with the Arab world, and the histories, cultures, modern realities, concerns, and aspirations of its people. It promotes sustained multidisciplinary research, teaching, publications, community engagement, and media expertise in an atmosphere that is underlined by empathetic inquiry, scholarly rigour, intellectual openness, and academic freedom.

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