



BOOK LAUNCH

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When World War I broke out in Europe in the autumn of 1914, a young diplomat was sent to Jerusalem to take charge of the Spanish consulate in the city. Antonio de la Cierva y Lewita, better known as Conde de Ballobar, recorded the events he witnessed and described his experiences and opinions in a unique document that has become an invaluable resource for historians. Ballobar's diary provides an unparalleled insight into late Ottoman Jerusalem - and the upheavals of wartime life in the city - and includes a detailed account of the battle amongst the local churches over control of the city's holy places. Also touching upon the spread of Zionism and the establishment of British rule, Ballobar writes as a privileged observer of an exceptionally complex historical period.

To mark the paperback publication of **Jerusalem in World War I: the Palestine Diary of a European Consul** author **Roberto Mazza** will present the book in discussion with **Salim Tamari**.

Roberto Mazza earned his PhD from SOAS in 2007, and he has been recently appointed Lecturer in History at the University of Limerick (Ireland). His other publications include *Jerusalem from the Ottomans to the British* (2009) and a chapter on the Nebi Musa Riots in *Urban Violence in the Middle East: Changing Cityscapes in the Transition from Empire to Nation State* (2015, U. Freitag, N Fuccaro and C Ghrawi, Eds.).

Salim Tamari is a sociologist senior fellow at Institute for Palestine Studies and former director of the IPS-affiliated Institute of Jerusalem Studies. He is editor of *Jerusalem Quarterly* and *Hawliyyat al Quds*, and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. Recent publications include: *Year of the Locust: Palestine and Syria during WWI* (2010); *Ihsan's War: The Intimate Life of an Ottoman Soldier* (2008); and *The Mountain Against the Sea* (2008).

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