

Resumes of Panelists for Webinar Parts 1 and 2

“South Africa: The Champion of Humanitarianism and Madibaism in Palestine”

Webinar Part 1

Thursday, 25th January 2024 at 1915 hours SAST (GMT +2 hours)

Dr Ahmed Vally Mahomed



Ahmed Vally Mahomed, known to most simply as AV, rubs shoulders with diplomats, royalty and ordinary folk alike as he quietly builds a reputation as an advocate for social cohesion, nation building, religious tolerance and social upliftment. Recognised with several awards for his efforts, including being awarded an honorary doctorate in humanities by the Commonwealth University’s London-based graduate school recently, Vally Mahomed, will never forget his roots. As a philanthropist and protagonist of Interfaith Dialogue, he is a Peace Propagator, supreme. He wears several caps including CEO: Grey Street Feeding Scheme, Chairman of Board of Trustees: Jumma Masjid, Ex Vice Chairman: Islamic Burial Council, Financial Director: 1860 Heritage Centre, Chairman of Finance: 1860 Legacy Foundation, Chairman: SKISA Trust, Patron: Dennis Hurley Centre, Past President: Natal Memon Jamaat, Patron: Gopio of South Africa, EXCO KZN: Member interfaith Religious, Council Vice Chairman, Director: Oceans Radisson Blu Hotel Umhlanga, Trisure Risk: Board Director, Chairman: Durban Cbd Ratepayers Association.

Attorney Ms Farzanah Ebrahim



Farzanah Ebrahim is a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) graduate from the University of Kwazulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg. She served her articles with Legal Aid South Africa and was admitted as an attorney of the High Court in 2010. She worked for a few Pietermaritzburg based firms until 2015, during which time she gained valuable experience in Litigation. In April 2015, Farzanah joined the Litigation department of Tomlinson Mnguni James Inc, practising from the Pietermaritzburg office. She presently holds the position of Director of Operations. Farzanah has extensive experience in Litigation and has a keen interest in legal compliance, risk management, commercial crimes, and human rights.

Attorney Ms Nombuso Zama



Nombuso Zama obtained her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of KwaZulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg. She served her articles of clerkship with Subhash Maikoo & Associates. She was admitted as an attorney of the high Court of South Africa in November 2013, and thereafter invited by the said Attorneys firm to practice as an attorney. She gained extensive knowledge in civil litigation, criminal law, deceased estates, domestic violence, matrimonial and family law. In the year 2016, she proceeded to join Lynn and Main Attorneys, where she gained valuable experience in commercial recoveries. In August 2018, she joined Shereen Meersingh and Associates, specialising in Medical Negligence, Road Accident Fund and General Civil Litigation in both the Magistrate's court and the High court. In April 2019, Nombuso joined the litigation department of Tomlinson Mnguni James Inc. She has a keen interest in all areas of litigation, commercial recoveries, human rights and constitutional matters.

Webinar Part 2

Tuesday, 30th January 2024 at 1915 hours SAST (GMT +2hours)

Dr Nadim Bawalsa



Nadim Bawalsa is a historian of modern Palestine and author of *Transnational Palestine: Migration and the Right of Return before 1948* (2022), winner of the 2023 Nikkie Keddie book award by the Middle East Studies Association and the 2023 Palestine Book Award. Bawalsa currently serves as the associate editor for the *Journal of Palestine Studies*. From 2020-2023, Bawalsa was commissioning editor at *Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network*, and prior to that, he worked as an instructor of history in New York City. Bawalsa's other writings have appeared in the *Jerusalem Quarterly*, *NACLA Report on the Americas*, the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, and in two edited volumes by Routledge on the Middle East mandates and diaspora/migration studies. Throughout his doctoral and postdoctoral work, Bawalsa was awarded an SSRC fellowship and a PARC-NEH grant for research in Latin America and Palestine, respectively. Bawalsa earned a PhD in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from New York University in 2017, and an MA in Arab Studies from Georgetown University in 2010. He currently resides in Amman, Jordan.

Ms Ferial Haffajee



Ferial Haffajee is a South African journalist and newspaper editor. Haffajee was editor of City Press newspaper from July 2009 until July 2016 and was previously the editor of the Mail & Guardian newspaper. Haffajee was awarded the 2014 International Press Freedom Award by the Committee to Protect Journalists and was appointed to the board of the International Press Institute in 2011. Haffajee is currently Associate Editor at the Daily Maverick, and was previously editor-at-large at HuffPost South Africa until it ended its partnership with Media24 in 2018. She is an alumnus of the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, South Africa.