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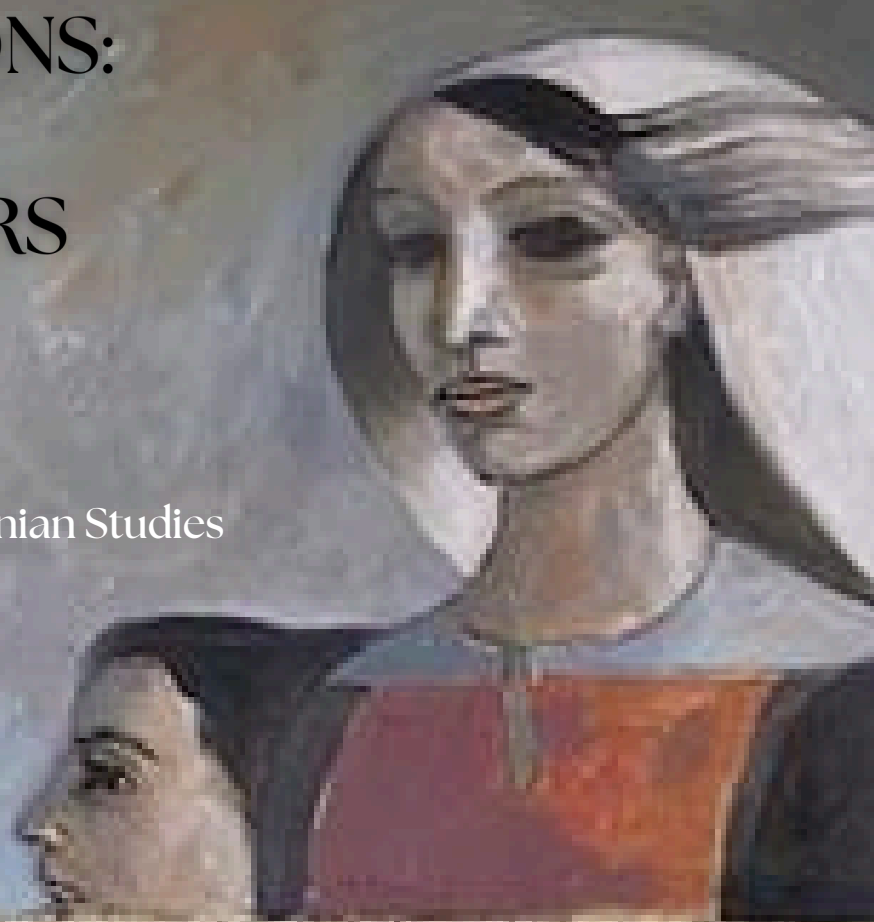
## BEYOND ELECTIONS: US IMPERIALISM AND ISRAEL'S WARS

with

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\* Embedded in my seminar on Palestine at the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna, this event is open to the public as well. Contact details: [helmut.krieger@univie.ac.at](mailto:helmut.krieger@univie.ac.at)



## Abstract

This talk with Professor Hamid Dabashi from Columbia University will discuss his analysis of the presidential election in the US by embedding it into the broader picture of US imperialism and its relation to the current Israeli wars from a cultural-critical perspective.

Based on a post- and decolonial analytical framework, we will discuss the following questions: How does the result of the US presidential election effect the trajectory of US imperialism and its foreign policy? How can we understand fundamental conditions and contexts of US imperialism? What does this mean for Israel's war on Gaza, its relentless assaults on the Palestinian society in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, its bombardment and invasion of Lebanon as well as a possible war against Iran?

Furthermore, in which way is the dominant Western regime of knowledge on Israel's wars already fragmented and will be further challenged by perspectives from the Global South? What are the opportunities as well as potential limitations of today's global Palestine solidarity movement in light of previous experiences?

## Hamid Dabashi

Hamid Dabashi is the Hagop Kevorkian Professor of Iranian Studies and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, the oldest and most prestigious Chair in his field. He grew up in Ahvaz in Iran, moved to Tehran in the 1970s and then relocated to the USA with his family in 1976.

He received a dual Ph.D. in Sociology of Culture and Islamic Studies in 1984, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. Professor Dabashi is a founding member of the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society and a founding member of the Center for Palestine Studies. Furthermore, he has taught and delivered lectures in many North American, European, Arab, and Iranian universities.

An internationally renowned cultural critic and award-winning author, many of his more than two dozen books and over 100 articles have been translated into numerous languages, including Japanese, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Hebrew, Danish, Arabic, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Polish, Turkish, Urdu and Catalan. Among his most recent books are *Islamic Liberation Theology: Resisting the Empire* (Routledge, 2008); *Post-Orientalism: Knowledge and Power in Time of Terror* (Transaction Publishers, 2009); *Shi'ism: A Religion of Protest* (Harvard, 2011); *Can Non-Europeans Think?* (Zed Books, 2015); *Iran without Borders: Towards a Critique of the Postcolonial Nation* (Verso, 2016); *On Edward Said: Remembrance of Things Past* (Haymarket, 2020); and *The Future of Two Illusions: Islam after the West* (University of California Press, 2022).