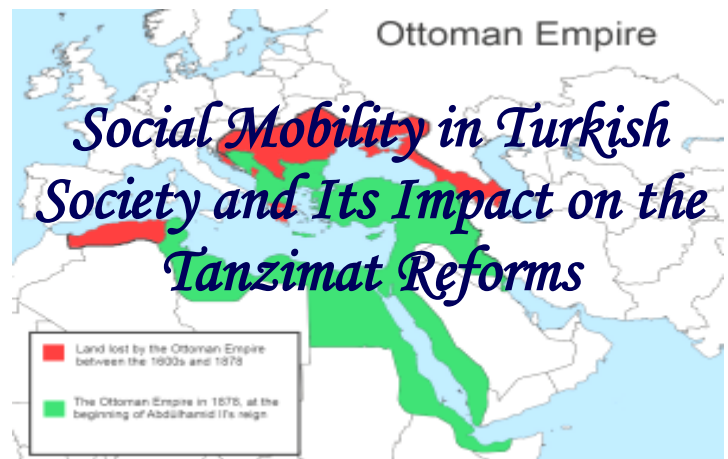


## Prof. Butrus Abu-Manneh *University of Haifa*

Tuesday April 30  
19.00



"Born in Ramleh, Israel in 1932 my family stayed behind in the country in 1948 by which we had become citizens of the State of Israel.

About the mid 1950s I joined the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a student at the Department of Middle East History where I was introduced to Ottoman history. After graduation I joined The Middle East Centre at the University of Oxford, England and wrote my Ph.D. on "The Ottoman Province of Syria during the later Tanzimat period." After that I started to teach at the Department of Middle East history of the University of Haifa. Ottoman history was the core subject of my teaching. I stayed at this university until my retirement in 2000.

The subject which turned to be my main interest in Ottoman history and which I regard as my main contribution for understanding the post-Ottoman Middle East is the Tanzimat period. To my mind, the Tanzimat helped to shape state and society in the Ottoman lands in the following generations. I have published a collection of articles on the subject and I am presently engaged in writing a book.

My presentation today is about the emergence of a new class which came to hold power in the state following the Crimean War and which left a lasting impact on the state."

*Refreshments are served after the lecture*



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