

# The Apartheid Analogy With Israel:



**Reflections from a Veteran of the South  
African Struggle Against Apartheid**

**Saturday, March 30, 3–5 PM, FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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## **About Professor Farid Esack**

Challenging racism, religious elitism, and gender inequality in his scholarship and activism, Prof. Farid Esack calls for action towards the liberation of those most acutely oppressed, dispossessed, and marginalized in the world today. A veteran of struggle against Apartheid in South Africa and an activist in the inter-religious solidarity movement for justice and peace and that struggle, Esack played a leading role in the United Democratic Front, the Call of Islam, the Organisation of People Against Sexism and the World Conference on Religion & Peace.

Prof Esack is a South African scholar of Islam who completed the traditional Islamic Studies program, in Madrasahs in Karachi, Pakistan. He did his PhD at the University of Birmingham (UK) and subsequently did some post-doctoral work on Biblical Hermeneutics at the Philosophische Theologische Hochschule, Sankt Georgen in Frankfurt-am-Main. He is the author of *Qur'an, Liberation & Pluralism: An*



*Islamic Perspective of Interreligious Solidarity Against Oppression* (Oxford: Oneworld). His current major field of interest and commitment is Islam and AIDS. He is the author of a series of publications dealing with this including *Islam, HIV & AIDS – Reflections Based on Compassion, Responsibility and Justice*. More recently (2009) he co-edited *Islam and AIDS – Between Scorn, Pity and Justice*. He has also published widely on Islam, Gender, Liberation Theology, Inter-faith Relations, Religion & Identity and Qur'anic Hermeneutics.

Formerly a National Commissioner on Gender Equality appointed by President Nelson Mandela, he has taught at the University of the Western Cape, at Amsterdam, Hamburg and Gadjah Mada Universities, Union Theological Seminary in New York, Xavier University in Ohio, and Harvard University. Esack is currently a Professor in the Study of Islam and serves as Head of the Department of Religion Studies at the University of Johannesburg

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