



## American Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Psychological Association

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### **Statement on the Arrest of Hebrew University of Jerusalem Professor Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian**

The American Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Psychological Association (AMENA-Psy) joins the Palestinian Feminist Collective and [countless scholars](#) in outrage at the arrest and detention of world-renowned feminist socio-legal scholar and advocate for children's rights, Professor Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian on April 18, 2024. The raid and arrest of Dr. Shalhoub-Kevorkian from her home is a result of targeted [repression of speech](#) and wrongful [suspension](#) by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem over the last seven months.

Dr. Shalhoub-Kevorkian has dedicated her life's work to bringing critical awareness and contextualization to the struggles and resistance of Palestinian women and children. She was steadfast in her values when she endorsed a [letter](#) calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza alongside other childhood researchers. Physically silencing those who stand for Palestinian liberation through imprisonment and dehumanizing treatment is yet another clear example of the dangerous reality of all Palestinians in occupied Palestine - even for those who hold Israeli and U.S. citizenship, as does Dr. Shalhoub-Kevorkian. Although released under "restrictive conditions," Dr. Shalhoub-Kevorkian was unjustly detained from the beginning.

Palestinian scholars have been intentionally targeted as the state of Israel attempts to erase Palestinian knowledge, history, and truth from the world. Israeli Occupation Forces have [murdered dozens](#) of academics in the current genocide and destroyed every university in the Gaza Strip. To this end, we call for an end to the harassment of pro-Palestinian voices and call on scholars and practitioners of conscience to advocate for the freedom of expression and protection of Palestinians and Palestinian allies worldwide.