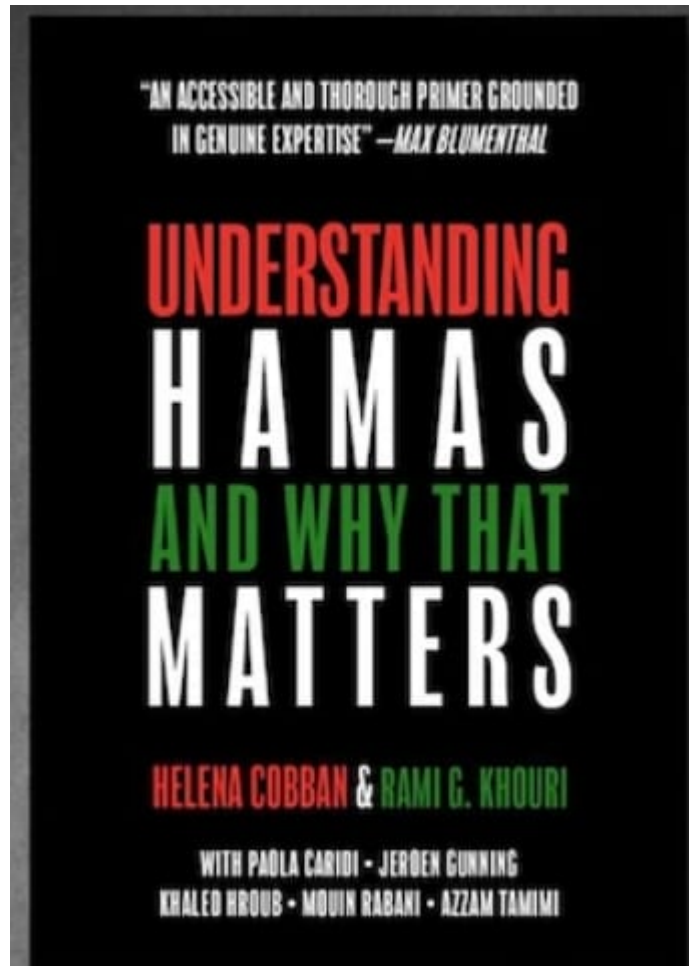


LSE refuses cancellation of book launch defending 'misunderstood' Hamas

[The London School of Economics \(LSE\)](#) claimed it was defending “free speech” by refusing to cancel the launch of Understanding Hamas and Why That Matters on Monday afternoon.

It comes after the Israeli ambassador to the UK called for the event to be cancelled amid concerns it could “provide a platform for [Hamas propaganda](#)”.



[Tzipi Hotovely wrote to Prof Larry Kramer](#), the vice-chancellor of LSE, asking him to cancel the launch.

In her letter, Ms Hotovely wrote: “I am deeply concerned that the event is providing a platform for Hamas propaganda – a terror organisation proscribed under United Kingdom law. I

worry that by promoting such a book, which sympathises with and justifies the survival and existence of Hamas, will only serve to grow support for a brutal terror organisation among your students and beyond.”

An LSE spokesman said: “Free speech and freedom of expression underpins everything we do at LSE. Students, staff and visitors are strongly encouraged to discuss and debate the most pressing issues around the world.”

Comments:

- Free speech as long as it agrees with LSE political view point, if they receive taxpayer funding but needs to be withdrawn
- Chapter 5, the one on killing babies with bare hands, is a particularly fine piece of original research.
- At least we know where the LSE stands. Not a good look guys