

Farewell to Jeffrey Kaplan

MENAVEX Editorial Board

It is with profound sorrow that we received the news of the passing of Professor Jeffrey Kaplan, the distinguished American scholar, internationally renowned for his research on extremism, and a loyal friend of the Moroccan Observatory on Extremism and Violence.

Professor Kaplan devoted his scholarly career to the study of violent ideologies and contemporary forms of extremism, guided by deep analytical insight, rigorous methodology, and a rare humanism that shone through in both his writings and his interventions.

His impact extended far beyond his global academic contributions. He left a lasting imprint on our Observatory as one of the founding members of the Middle East and North Africa Journal on Violence and Extremism (MENAVEX), a vital member of its editorial board, and a constant contributor to enriching its intellectual direction and academic vision.

In his relationship with our Observatory, he embodied the values of loyalty and commitment through his steadfast support, unwavering friendship, and dedication to fostering cross-border intellectual dialogue.

At this time of great loss, we extend our most heartfelt condolences to his family, his loved ones, his students, and all those around the world who have been illuminated by his thought and scholarship.

May God have mercy on him. May his knowledge remain a guiding light, and may his memory live on in the minds he inspired and in the generations that will continue to draw from his intellectual and academic legacy.

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