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Wounds of War: How Conflict Rewrites the Boundaries of Medicine

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Dr. Omar Dewachi is a medical anthropologist, historian, and physician whose work explores the enduring legacies of war on health, medicine, and the body in the Middle East. Trained in medicine in Iraq and public health in Beirut, he received his PhD in anthropology from Harvard University. He is the author of *Ungovernable Life: Mandatory Medicine and Statecraft in Iraq*. Dewachi is now Associate Professor and Chair of Anthropology at Rutgers University. His research has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Lancet*, and *Al Jazeera*, and he is a leading voice on the intersections of war, medicine, and the environment.

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