BETWEEN COLONIALISM & APARTHEID

IN SOUTH AFRICA & ISRAEL/PALESTINE



SOCIAL THEORY AND POLITICAL PRACTICE

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This talk addresses theoretical approaches to the history of conflict in South Africa and Israel/Palestine with a focus on notions such as colonialism of a special type, apartheid, ethnocracy, and settler colonialism. It will evaluate the merits of different perspectives both in the ways they deal with relations between theoretical variables (class, race, power, ideology) and in their implications for political practices of domination resistance. It argues that no single concept can capture the dynamics of social relations in theses societies and therefore we need to combine various elements in a way that accounts for both historical continuity and social change.

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