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### **Title**

(De)Segregation, Urban Geopolitics and Housing Market Mechanism: Jerusalem's colonial planning revisited

### **Abstract**

This presentation will focus on an ongoing process of Jerusalem's contested urban space during the last decade namely the immigration of Palestinians, mostly Israeli citizens, to "satellite neighbourhoods", i.e. Jerusalem's colonial neighbourhoods that were constructed after 1967. In more details, I will focus on the relevance of geopolitical analysis to the process of de-segregation, by which I mean not merely a discussion of international relations and conflict or of the roles of military acts and wars in producing space. Rather, geopolitics refers to the emergence of discourses and forces connected with the technologies of control, patterns of internal migrations by individuals and communities, and the flow of cultures and capital. Specifically in this presentation, which is based on extensive fieldwork, I will focus on the French Hill neighbourhood that was the first colony built as part of the Israeli Judaization of East Jerusalem and of which Israelis consider, politically and culturally, is part of "unified Jerusalem". Planned according to modern planning episteme, this neighbourhood is inhabited by Jewish residents, but as mentioned, they are undergoing a process of demographic transformation as Palestinian residents, both with Israeli IDs and Jerusalem Resident Certificates, have been moving into it in recent years.

### **Biography**

Dr. Haim Yacobi is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion University as well as an architect and planner. His academic work focuses on the geopolitics of cities. Dr. Yacobi's research interests include the production of urban space, social justice, the politics of identity, migration, globalization and urban planning. He is author of [\*The Jewish-Arab City: Spatio-Politics in a Mixed Community\*](#) (Routledge 2009) and has co-editor of *Rethinking Israeli Space: Periphery, Identity and Protest* (Routledge, 2011).