West Bank Settlers: Research Perspectives

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The Jewish settlement project in the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War has been the focal point of the public debate regarding the direction Israel is heading to. This seminar will examine the ideological, social, cultural and political aspects of this phenomenon, concentrating on the more ideologically minded religious settlers.

As the seminar takes place within one short semester, attendance and active participation is of great importance. The students will be required to do a short research project and presentation in class, and to submit a seminar paper at the end of the semester. The classes will include a multiplicity of learning methods, including encountering texts of various kinds, discussing film and a field trip.
Syllabus and primary bibliography

**Week 1: The issues, the debate and doing research on the settlers**

**Week 2: History**


**Week 3: Ideology and theology**


**Week 4: Memory and return**


**Week 5: Geography and Settlement**

**Week 6: Interlude: Movie and discussion.**

**Week 7: Jewish settlers and local Palestinians**


Michael Feige, *Settling in the Hearts*, ch. 5
**Week 8: Theories and methodologies**


**Week 9: A special case – the Golan Heights**

Special lecturer: Moriel Ram

**Week 10: A trip to the West Bank**

**Week 11: Student presentations**

**Week 12: Student presentations**

**Week 13: Evacuation, disengagement and reversal**


**Week 13: A special case – Shiloah/Silwan**