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The Whitening of Israel:

Occidentalism and Self-Occidentalization on the Israeli Left

Short Abstract

While Jews were considered as a "foreign Oriental people" in 19th century Europe, the settler-colonial paradigm understands Jewish immigrants to the Land of Israel/Palestine as "foreign white settlers". In order to understand this shift in racialized discourse, the lecture analyzes Occidentalist perspectives on the Zionist project and the process of self-Occidentalization on the Israeli left.