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What Was Apartheid: A Comparative Perspective

This talk described the evolution and characteristics of the South African system of segregation and racial domination known as "Apartheid"(1948-1994). In particular it focused on the processes of land dispossession, urban segregation, territorial division, and labour control implemented by whites to control the region's African population. A comparative perspective was utilized to examine differences and similarities with the project of white supremacy in the U.S. South. Finally, the talk posed this question: can systematic racial discrimination, segregation, and territorial division ever be made compatible with a democratic social order that privileges one group over another?