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PROJECT

Egalitarian Bi-nationalism for Israel/Palestine

Given the deadlock of the “peace process,” the deep and irreversible entanglements between Israeli and Palestinian lives, and the precariousness of the two-state solution in Israel/Palestine, many scholars and politicians are asking “what next for Israel/Palestine”? The proposed research suggests that egalitarian bi-nationalism is the most promising and defensible answer to this pressing and timely question. It argues that egalitarian bi-nationalism is better equipped to address the underlying issues of the conflict in Israel/Palestine than conventional and new frames in the existing literature. Egalitarian bi-nationalism, the proposed research argues, better satisfies the urge for self-determination of Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews than the benign neglect majoritarianism of the liberal state or ethnic secession and the partition of the two-state solution. The proposed research argues that egalitarian bi-nationalism’s insistence on envisioning affective relations of co-belonging based on an ethics of equality, parity, mutual legitimacy, and cohabitation offers rich resources for historical reconciliation and decolonization in Israel/Palestine.

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