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Twenty Years of Bimkom: On Planning, Community and Human Rights

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Bimkom - Planners for Planning Rights celebrates two decades of activity. This milestone evokes an observation on *Bimkom's* activities and its special role in the planning arena in Israel and in the occupied territories. Our review suggests that *Bimkom* has successfully positioned itself at the convergence of three fields: the planning administration, marginal communities, and human rights organizations. Here *Bimkom* serves as an integrator, translator and mediator of information, knowledge and practice between these three fields. *Bimkom* employs several novel devices for this operation: bottom-up planning through working with communities, incremental policy change, legal activity, research and production of knowledge. These insights, based on our top-down observations, are demonstrated in the article by several examples of *Bimkom* projects.

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