



Hegemonic Planning in East Jerusalem/Elkuds

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The planning of Jerusalem occurs under special circumstances: it is not neutral, but is mobilized to ensure Israeli hegemony over East Jerusalem. Hegemonic planning means planning from above using planning rationale and methods to ensure physical, administrative and functional control by the majority group. This paper tries to cast light on the case of the Outline Plan for East Jerusalem prepared for the Palestinian population. It reviews and analyzes the factors influencing planning such as demographics, setting planning boundaries based on ethno-political considerations, control of land, and blocking local bottom-up Palestinian planning that challenges the planning system and opposes its actions, exposing the contradictions between existing regulative planning and the attributes of the communities. A mechanism is proposed to alleviate the harm to the Palestinian population perpetuated by today's hegemonic planning, which is based on the claim of inadequate allocation of land for public purposes. The paper concludes that current planning for the Palestinian population is an element in the matrix of monitoring and control by Israel and the Jerusalem municipality over man and ground in East Jerusalem/Elkuds.

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