Israel as a Jewish State: Compatible with Democracy and Minority Rights?

The claim that the very idea of a “Jewish state” is discriminatory, if not racist, and intrinsically incompatible with equality and liberal democracy is gaining credence. If a Jewish state is incompatible with democracy and equality, then undoing Israel and replacing it with a "state of all its citizens" is something worth striving for. This is typically the message conveyed by the BDS movement: undermining Israel's Jewish character serves the cause of justice and of human rights. The lecture will de-construct this argument and show that nation states, including the Jewish nation state, are compatible with liberal democracy.

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