

THE ZIONISM POLICIES OF COLONIAL CONTAINMENT AND CULTURAL IDENTITY DESTRUCTION: THE CASE STUDY OF THE INDEGINOUS PALESTINIANS IN THE OLD CITY OF ACRE

Akram Ijla
Uppsala University-Sweden
SWEDEN

Anna Karlström
Uppsala University-Sweden
SWEDEN

ABSTRACT

In various contemporary nation-states, national identity is not inclusive of all of the country's citizens and population; rather, it is limited to members of the dominant group. These countries are politically not capable to respond for indigenous-minority group's basic human needs for identity, inclusiveness, and equality, and as a result of that, the ethnocratic regime based on identity containment, ethnical cleansing and spatial domain controlling are the process of having different state structure. Cultural identity and spatial landscape environment of the minorities considered threatening to the dominant majority and as the result of that, indigenous people face various colonial measurements aiming at developing systems of cultural and spatial control and utilizing military force and creating racist and discriminational legal systems to implement the colonial measurements. In this article, the authors examine the role the Israeli colonial system with its Zionism ideology plays to control among indigenous Palestinians in Israel. Because the Jewish-colonial dominant group are unable to meet indigenous Palestinians basis human needs for developing their identity and daily life and such identity considered threatening the colonial groups, the colonial dominant group tending to destruct the minority cultural identity, developing colonial systems of force and control on indigenous people landscape. The paper specifically examines the role of colonial dominant groups' control measurements plays in cultural identity destruction and the colonial control impose on the Palestinian Indigenous people in Israel.

Keywords: Palestinian Indigenous people, de-indigenization, Cultural cleansing, Zionism-colonial ideology, Colonio-gentrification.