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## Jindal Centre for Israel Studies (JCIS), Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)

cordially invites you to a

### Public Lecture

on

## The Changing Dynamics of Territory and Borders in the Israel/Palestine Conflict

by



### David Newman

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Government Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

#### About the Speaker:

David Newman holds the Chair of Geopolitics in the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Educated at the University of London (BA) and the University of Durham (PhD), Newman has been at Ben-Gurion University since 1987 and is responsible for the founding of the Department of Politics and Government at this university. Formerly Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Newman was editor of the international journal, Geopolitics, from 1998-2014. His research interests focus on the territorial dimensions of ethnic conflict and in recent years has addressed the contemporary role of borders and boundaries in a changing world. His publications include papers and chapters dealing with the West Bank settlement process and the changing dynamics of the West Bank boundary - the Green Line and the Separation Barrier. In addition to his academic work, Professor Newman was known for his weekly political commentary column in the Jerusalem Post between 2000-2016, and was awarded the OBE for his work in strengthening and promoting academic and scientific cooperation between Israel and the United Kingdom (2013). He is presently a visiting professor of Geopolitics at the South Asian University in Delhi (Jan - May 2019).

#### Abstract:

The demarcation and configuration of territory and borders in Israel / Palestine is a central part of the conflict. Only two of Israel's borders - with Egypt and Jordan - have international status, while three others - with Lebanon, Syria and a future Palestinian state - remain to be finalised beyond their current status as armistice lines. The de facto control of territory, often through the establishment of settlements (in both pre-1967 and post 1967 territories) has always been an important agency through which both Israel and the Palestinians operate as a means of creating facts on the ground and, in this way, influencing the future demarcation of borders. The lecture will address the ongoing dynamics of the relationship between Territory and Borders during the past one hundred years, with a particular focus on the West Bank arena and the impact of settlements on the ability to achieve a peaceful solution to the conflict.

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