

## **The dual role of the state: Jewish-Israeli settlement compounds in East Jerusalem**

Israeli authorities have occupied and annexed East Jerusalem yet the city's residents are still differentiated in law and practice along ethno-national lines. While purporting to promote the rights and protection of all residents of Jerusalem, Israeli authorities are simultaneously striving to promote 'national interests' – to safeguard and extend the rights and property of one group within the city over the other. The contestation over Jerusalem's future is increasingly brought to a new site – houses within Palestinian neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem. With legal and financial support from the state, and in moves which include different actors such as settler organizations, shady property dealers, private security companies, archaeological authorities and Israeli courts dozens of settlement compounds have been formed within Palestinian neighbourhoods. While the sight of Palestinian families evicted from their homes to be replaced by settlers has drawn international attention, the aftermath of continuous settler presence, and the process of establishing and maintaining such compounds have been topics of lesser interest. As part of his ongoing PhD project on public-private security in Jerusalem, Lior will present the case of several Jerusalemite neighbourhoods and settlements – from the settlers arrival, through the differentiated provision of security and services, the spatial effects of the compounds construction and on to the negotiation and resistance to the settlements project.