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Israel and Palestine as a „Core Conflict“ of World Society

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In this talk, Stephan Stetter looks at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of world society. Global-local entanglements are the key prism for this analysis and relate primarily to the linkages between unfolding conflict dynamics and the way they shape and are shaped by how this conflict interacts with the "international", including both state-system (including IOs) and non-state features (NGOs, global public opinion, advocacy groups). The talk will address these entanglements from a historical sociological perspective focusing on six distinct time periods and how they turned this conflict into a core conflict of world society: the late 19th century (when the land was an Ottoman province), the British-dominated Mandate years, the years of nascent Israeli statehood and Arab hegemony over Palestinian affairs, the antagonism between Israel and mainly the PLO, the Oslo peace process and its steady decline and, finally, the peace-nowhere land since the later 2000s, culminating in the 7/10 massacre and the bloody Gaza war.

Stephan Stetter is Professor of International Relations and Conflict Studies at the University of the German Armed Forces in Munich. He received his PhD from the LSE and has worked as a researcher at the University of Bielefeld and an advisor to the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. He has made significant contributions to the sociological and historical analysis of international politics and the Israel-Palestine conflict in particular. Since the October 2023 events, he has also been a frequent commentator on German TV channels.

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