PLANNING THE JUST CITY
IN THE AGE OF (MATERIAL AND DIGITAL) DISPLACEMENT

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The lecture will analyze the rising condition of displaceability as characterizing urban citizenship in the 21st century. It will focus on both material right to the urban space and resources, as well as the recent ‘digital revolution’ during which urban societies are increasingly subject to ‘algorithm governance’, with clear implications to the planning of a just city. The lecture will draw on Yiftachel’s comparative urban international research with a focus on Israel/Palestine.

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