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The Russians in Israel: A New Ethnic Group in a Tribal Society

Majid Al-Haj
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10383 Bunche Hall

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Prof. Majid Al-Haj's forthcoming book *The Russians in Israel: A New Ethnic Group in a Tribal Society* (London: Routledge) explores the immigrants who came to Israel from the Former Soviet Union in the 1990s over the course of the three decades since the arrival of the first wave. In particular, the book focuses on ethnic formation among these immigrants, their location within the ethnic map of Israeli society, and the impact of these immigrants on the traditional bi-polar Ashkenazi-Mizrahi ethnic division.

The talk will address both the existing and the anticipated influences of these immigrants on politics, culture and social structure in Israel as well as their impact on regional issues, in particular the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Majid Al-Haj is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology and the Director of the Center for Multiculturalism at the University of Haifa, where he also was a Vice President for Research. In his academic work, Prof. Al-Haj has focused on Israel Studies, sociology of education, political sociology, inequalities, immigration and comparative ethnic relations.