

Call for Papers

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The journal *Makan* seeks article proposals for its second volume, which will address the topic of "Narratives, Space and the Rights of Indigenous and Minority Groups." A specific place, country, city, neighborhood and even a street often have different and diverse narratives that represent various social and ethnic population groups. We are interested in narratives that deal with the legal, ethnic, geographic, political and historic aspects of space, as well as narratives pertaining to collective memory – all in the context of the rights of various indigenous and minority population groups. You are invited to submit proposals for original articles that address different aspects of this topic in the context of the Palestinians in Israel and other minorities in the world, as follows:

- 1. Planning and development policy, and narratives of the authorities and majority group:** Government policy, institutional planning and development generally represent various narratives – ideological, political and geo-political, in particular – of the dominant ethnic group. In addition, they are capable of generating new narratives pertaining to claims over space, such as expropriating land rights and altering the names of streets and places previously controlled by the indigenous people. These narratives are reflected in decisions of the government and its institutions on issues of policy and development; national, regional and local master plans, and land laws. For example, in the case of the State of Israel, these narratives can be seen in the planning system and the policy of “Judaizing” the space; the various expropriation laws; changing of the names of streets, neighborhoods and towns; the policy of national priorities; non-recognition of Arab villages, and more.
- 2. Counter-narratives of the indigenous and minority groups:** The indigenous and minority groups have narratives connected to the historic, national claims over land and colonialism, as well as counter-narratives addressing the land, planning and development policy that the dominant ethnic group implements. These narratives also represent the opposition of indigenous or minority groups to certain patterns of the state's planning and development policy, for example, the struggle of the Palestinians in Israel against land expropriation and narratives related to the struggle for recognition of unrecognized Arab villages in the Negev, or even the struggle against the way of designing the space. We also invite articles that will compare and contrast the narratives of various groups, such as those of indigenous people, minority groups and the dominant majority group.
- 3. Law and design of space:** From this perspective, we will focus on narratives pertaining to existing planning laws and law in general, and its impact on the design of space in a way that distinguishes between the dominant group and the group of indigenous and minority groups, for example, the government decisions dividing the state into national priority areas or granting economic incentives that distinguish between Jewish and Arab communities. In this context, it is possible to present the narrative of the state/government *vis-à-vis* the narrative of human rights organizations and other organizations, while addressing the court's ruling on this matter. Another

example relates to Supreme Court petitions on land, the narratives of Mezrahi Jews and the views of the Palestinian population in Israel.

4. **Narratives of stories of existential struggles over space:** Articles that present a story, or legal or planning event, that illustrate the dominant narratives and the relations of power between various groups operating in the same space, such as changing the names of streets and court rulings. (For example, the al-Ukbi ruling.)

General guidelines for submitting articles:

- An abstract of 100-200 words should be submitted by 30 September 2006.
- The deadline for submission of articles is 15 January 2007.
- The length of articles should not exceed 4,000 words. The articles may be submitted in Arabic, Hebrew or English. The article should include footnotes, a full bibliography, and summaries of 100-200 words.
- The editors will consider the request to publish the article following a blind review process.
- Questions may be addressed to Hana Hamdan (hana@adalah.org) or Suhad Bishara (suhad@adalah.org).

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Makan was conceived of upon recognition of the collective power that can be realized through joint efforts of judicial, legislative and planning systems to create a space that provides for the needs of different population groups. *Makan* applies a critical approach to planning and development, and legal and human rights issues, especially in regard to the Palestinian minority in Israel, in addition to the study and analysis of experiences of different groups in Israel and other minorities in the world. The aims of *Makan* include raising public and academic awareness of issues of planning, development and human rights; contributing to understanding the gaps that exist in terms of planning and development between different population groups in Israel; advancing topics related to contemporary issues of the environment and sustainability; and, naturally, learning from international experiences in these areas.