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#### **Analysis of the Relation between Israel's Law of Return and Palestinian Displacement in The Context of Decolonization**

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**Background:** The idea behind my project can be divided into two ideas that are related to each other. The aim of this research is to unpack how Israel's Law of Return cannot be enacted without the displacement of Palestinians. My argument expands beyond the borders of the topic of displaced Palestinians and refugees and Israeli settlers. It sheds light on what a potential decolonized Palestine would be like and how that future would look like for the settlers. Hence, my project brings the issues of postcolonial societies and transitional justice together to break down the legal relationship between the colonizer and the colonized in a decolonized reality.

**Objectives:** To question certain historical points and their end dates amidst the political shift that took place in the 21st century. It emphasizes the events of the Nakba while also denying that it has ever stopped. It asserts that it is yet a project in process disguised under different manipulations of constitutional and International law.

**Methods:** My project is qualitative research built on different pieces of literature to form the argument. In the final chapter, case studies of Palestinian displacement that took place in the last few years are inspected to prove that the issue of displacement is still ongoing.

**Results:** The result is that there can be no presence of Jews in Palestine without the displacement of Palestinians. It shows that there is no wish to grant Palestinians their right of return for the sake of keeping a Jewish majority in the land. In addition, it is discussed in my project that



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decolonization does not mean the expulsion of settlers from the land, rather than in this case restoration and repartition through transition justice is the most realistic solution.

**Conclusion:** In this work, I aim to emphasize the necessity of eliminating the exclusivity of Israel's law of return, enacting the Palestinian right of return to make advancements in the transitional justice of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in hopes of a decolonized Palestine while unpacking what a decolonized society is like for the settlers.

**Keywords:** Settler Colonialism, Law of return, right of return, transitional justice, ethnic cleansing.

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