The Israeli land policy in the Negev Desert: a violation of the right to land of the indigenous Bedouin people?

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Introduction
This L&C talk will address the issue of the right to land of the Negev Bedouins, a semi-nomadic people who have been living in the Negev Desert since the seventh Century. This region is now a part of the State of Israel which denies them any right on the lands they occupy. Considering the Negev Bedouins are an indigenous people, their right to land is protected under international law both by specific rights granted to indigenous peoples and by general human rights. The aim of this talk is to identify those rights and determine if the Israeli land policy in the Negev constitutes a violation of those rules that could engage the responsibility of the State of Israel under international law.

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