Foreign Workers in the Israeli Court

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This lecture will explore how foreign workers were constructed as “others” in Israel’s penal system in an effort to justify fueling the country’s globalized neo-liberal economy with cheap migrant workers. Ajzenstadt will draw on evidence developed from an 8-year study, which followed how criminal courts developed this construction.

Mimi Ajzenstadt, PhD, is Mildred and Benjamin Berger Professor of Criminology and Dean of the Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare at Hebrew University. Her research focuses on public policies around social welfare, crime, and justice. Her recent book, In the prison I rest, examines how an Israeli women’s prison provided female offenders with security, safety, and people willing to listen and take note of their situation. She currently serves on the Research Advisory Committee of the Israel Prison Authority.

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