State of Intimacy:

Israeli Amateur Commemorative Videos and the Militarization of Mourning

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Enabled by recent developments in visual technologies, Israeli amateur soldiers' commemorative videos emerge against the backdrop of the state-propagated memory culture. Do they offer a break away from the national operation of “defense”, or rather, are indices of the growing militarization of Israeli civil society? This talk closely examines these particular visual productions in order to rethink the different ties and constellations between the state, its citizens, and its official, commercial and grassroots media institutions in the digital era.

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