

Understanding Asia: Religion and Society

Nationalist-religious and Haredi Parties in Israeli Politics



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This presentation explores the role of nationalist-religious and Haredi („ultra-orthodox“) parties in Israel’s democratic system. It examines their ideological foundations and often misunderstood differences, political influence, and policy priorities, as well as their impact on coalition dynamics, societal debates, and Israel’s secular-religious divide. The discussion will highlight key parties, their historical evolution, and their role in shaping Israel’s governance and identity. Among the highlighted topics will be their relations to democracy, gender, settlement policies, (lack of) participation in the workforce or their very different stance towards the Israelis military.

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