Arab-Jewish Coexistence Programs

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DESCRIPTION

Israeli Jewish and Arab intergroup relations experts within Israel have developed innovative coexistence programs. These programs consist of educational efforts designed to improve relations between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs. This issue presents theory, methods, and data from these coexistence programs.

• Studies the diverse Israeli coexistence programs, which attempt to improve relations between Israeli Jews and Arabs

• Addresses conceptual and theoretical issues involved in establishing conditions for positive coexistence in Israel.

• Examines specific coexistence programs, presenting the background, goals, techniques and assessments of each program.

• Critically evaluates coexistence programs.
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