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# Gastvortrag

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## **Arab-Jewish Identity and Culture: The Demise of a Vision**

We are witnessing the demise of Arab-Jewish identity and culture - a tradition that started more than fifteen hundred years ago is vanishing before our eyes. Until the twentieth century, the great majority of the Jews under the rule of Islam adopted Arabic as their language; now Arabic is gradually disappearing as a language mastered by Jews. Since 1948, there has been a kind of unspoken agreement between Zionism and Arab nationalism to perform a total cleansing of Arab-Jewish culture and identity. Despite the essential differences between them and the national struggle over the same piece of territory, both national movements have seen eye to eye in this respect excluding the hybrid Arab-Jewish identity and culture highlighting instead a “pure” Jewish-Zionist identity against a “pure” Muslim-Arab one.

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