The Ancestral Sin

Created by: David Deri, Ruth Yuval, Doron Galezer
Director and Producer: David Deri

Film showing with Director David Deri

The story of Israel’s “development towns” in a chilling documentary, as never told before: Testimonials and previously sealed transcripts reveal a method, an ideology, and a disturbing practice of law enforcement and decision makers behind the “population dispersal” policies in the first two decades of independence. The director’s family, like others, was taken to Yeruham, a development town in the Negev desert. Their personal stories recount the price immigrant families paid and the price still paid by Israeli society, unwilling to deal head-on with those early years and forgotten towns. Read more.

David Deri was chosen as one of “The hundred influencing the Israeli media” by the editors of the Globes newspaper in Israel and has won numerous awards for his previous films on Mizrahim in Israel and on Muslim radicalization in Europe.

“An electrifying new documentary series on the problematic integration of Middle Eastern Jews by Israel’s European founders in the 1950s” – The New York Post

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 | 12:30 – 2:30 PM
H. J. Patterson Hall, Room 2114

Light refreshments will be provided. Questions and RSVP to Avis Koeiman akoeiman@umd.edu.