Calvin Goldscheider will outline some of the major changes in Israeli society emergent in the 21st century. These include shifts in the ethnic composition of the population, increases in economic and social inequality, and conspicuous religious conflicts. We shall consider the ideological background to these changes, the relative assimilation of Jewish ethnic and Arab populations in Israel, patterns of educational attainment and social class, and the question of political priorities in the distribution of resources. An evaluation of current patterns is examined in the context of historical changes in Israel and as a basis for assessing future trajectories.

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