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The Jerusalem Biennale: A Paradigm Shift in the Israeli Art Field

Based on her doctoral dissertation from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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The Jerusalem Biennale was inaugurated in 2013 by Rami Ozeri, as a platform for contemporary Jewish artists and curators to showcase their work. This endeavor is both novel and daring, as the field of Israeli art has a complex relationship with work grounded in Judaic content. In this lecture I will offer a brief overview of the history of Israeli art from a Jewish perspective, and the first three Jerusalem Biennale venues, JB2013, JB2015 and JB2017. Indepth discussion of specific works and exhibitions raises issues prevalent in Israel's larger social spaces and sheds light on the uniqueness of the Jerusalem Biennale.

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