‘Unsettling’ International Relations: Knowing and Unknowing the Settler Colonial Present
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Dr. Elian Weizman (Kenyon Institute/Council for British Research in the Levant, East Jerusalem) is a lecturer in the Politics of the Middle East at SOAS, University of London. Her research is located at the intersection between resistance, law and violence in the Israeli context. Her current project focuses on the resistance practices of anti-Zionist Jewish Israelis in contemporary Israel; on cause lawyering as resistance; and on critique of ‘non-violence’ as a strategy of resistance. Additionally, she (co)coordinates a project on the politics of knowledge production in settler colonial contexts, with particular reference to knowledge produced and disseminated on the Israeli state and society. She is also interested in settler colonialism; Zionism in/and the contemporary Israeli state; and law and/in society. She holds a PhD (2013) from the Department of Politics and International Studies at SOAS.