

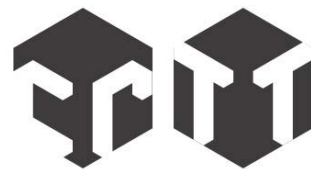


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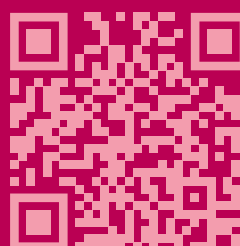
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**Tamar Novick** (Technical University of Munich)

### ***Milk and Honey: Technologies of Plenty in the Making of a Holy Land***

**Milk and Honey: Technologies of Plenty in the Making of a Holy Land** is an environmental history of the state that centers on the intersection of technology and religion in modern Palestine/Israel. It focuses on animals and the management of their production and reproduction across three political regimes (the late-Ottoman rule, British rule, and the early Israeli state), demonstrating how settlers and state experts used agricultural technologies to recreate a biblical idea of past plenitude—literally a “land flowing with milk and honey”—through the humanimal body. Novick presents a series of case studies involving the management of water buffalo, bees,

goats, sheep, cows, and people. She traces the intimate forms of knowledge and bodily labor—production and reproduction—in which this process took place, and the intertwining of bodily, political, and environmental realms in the transformation of Palestine/Israel.



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