

## INTERNATIONAL FORUM SERIES

# “Whither Jerusalem, and Northern Ireland, Too”

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“My work hovers between political geography and political ecology, and it is informed by historical and cultural elements that make it somewhat eclectic in relation to the typical interests of those groupings,” says Cohen. “To date, I have conducted much of my research on elements of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with emphasis on land, territory, and environment.”

The author of various books and articles, Cohen’s recent work includes: *Planting Nature: Trees and the Manipulation of Environmental Stewardship in America*, a book due out in 2004; “Jerusalem and the Riparian Conflict Simile,” co-authored with David Frank and published in *Political Geography*, “As a City Besieged: Place, Zionism, and the Deforestation of Jerusalem” found in *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, and “An Absence of Place: Expectation and Realization in the West Bank,” in *Cultural Encounters with the Environment: Enduring and Evolving Geographic Themes*. Prior to joining the University of Oregon in 1996, Cohen was director of Middle East Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University (1994–96) and was a Research Fellow at the Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1991–93).

After receiving a bachelor’s degree from Clark University in 1983, Cohen earned master’s (thesis: *The Sinai Peninsula in the Twentieth Century: From Terra Nullius to Terra Contentionus*) and doctorate (thesis: *The Politics of Planting: Israeli-Palestinian Competition for Control of Land in the Jerusalem Periphery*) degrees from the University of Chicago (1987; 1991).

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