

**May 30 – June 1, 2022  
at the Van Leer  
Jerusalem  
Institute**

# Defining Antisemitism between History and Politics

**Monday, 30.5.2022**

**17:00–19:00 Opening Session**

Greetings:

**Shai Lavi**

**Julius von Freytag-Loringhoven**

Chair: **Alon Confino**

Keynote Lectures:

**Moshe Halbertal**

**The Discourse On Antisemitism, Its Uses And Abuses**

**Esra Özyürek**

**An Exponential Increase in Antisemitism Accusations  
in Three Cultural Shifts: The German Case**

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**Tuesday, 31.5.2022**

**10:00–10:30 Gathering**

**10:30–12:30 Anti-Zionism, Zionism and Jewish History**

Chair: **Amos Morris-Reich**

**Kenneth Stow**

**An Illicit Community: Some Things Don't Change**

**Joshua Shanes**

**The Definition Debate Is About Equality vs. Power**

**Yossi Kugler**

**Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in the Israeli Discourse**

**Emilie Wiedemann**

**On the History of the New Antisemitism Concept and the 1980s**

**12:30–14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00–16:00 Defining and Disciplining Antisemitism**

Chair: **Amos Goldberg**

**Nike Naina Löbrich and Ann-Kathrin Steger**

**Antisemitism in German Courts since 1945: Striving for a Definition?**

**Lena Salaymeh**

**The Coloniality of Recent Antisemitism Definitions**

**Aleksandra Gliszczynska-Grabias and Talia Naamat**

**Defining Antisemitism with the Language of Law**

**Nira Yuval-Davis**

**Antisemitism Is a Form of Racism—or Is It?**

**16:00–16:15 Coffee break**

**16:15–18:00 Roundtable: Reflections from and on the Field**

Chair: **David Feldman**

**Seth Anziska | Saba-Nur Cheema**

**Moshe Zimmermann | Michal Cotler-Wunsh**

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**Wednesday, 1.6.2022**

**10:00–10:30 Gathering**

**10:30–12:30 Perspectives from Sociology: Concepts and Data**

Chair: **Dafna Schreiber**

**Peter Ullrich**

**With and Without Jews: Two Concepts of Antisemitism**

**Sergio DellaPergola**

**Semites' Perceptions of Antisemitism: A Social-Structural Analysis**

**Ashley Mayer-Thibault**

**Defining and Organizing against the Anti-Semite Menace: Horizontal  
and Vertical Alliances within French Public Jewish Life**

**12:30–14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00–16:00 Antisemitism Decentred: Comparisons, Ambiguities, Evasions**

Chair: **Manuela Consonni**

**David Mednicoff**

**The Comparative Politics of Defining Bias: Anti-Semitism, Anti-Hinduism,  
and Islamophobia in the US**

**Thomas Weber**

**The Canary in the Coalmine: The Flourishing of Language and Actions  
that are Neither Anti-Semitic nor Free from Anti-Semitism**

**Moshe Behar**

**IHRA's Conflations, White Privilege, Non-Jewish Minorities and Arab  
Exclusivity in Reverse?**

**16:00–16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30–19:00 Closing Session**

Chair: **Shai Lavi**

Keynote Lecture:

**Bruno Chauat**

**Understanding Antisemitism: Philosophy, Psychoanalysis, and Religion**

Roundtable: **Antisemitisms: A Variety of Meanings?**

**Danny Trom | Karma Ben Johanan | Adi M. Ophir | Raef Zreik**

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