

**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

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

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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