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Anti-Semitism: Continuity and Changes

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Course Description

Anti-Semitism, or whatever names it takes, seems to locate both within and beyond the historical process, and its various interpretations in the wake of the Holocaust appear to be hardly escapable from being categorized as either apologetic or politically incorrect. It is arguably a pivotal, pervasive, thorny, and keenly-felt theme in Jewish studies. This survey course for graduate students will address various anti-Semitic manifestations from the Greco-Roman antiquity through medieval Christendom and Islam down to the contemporary world, trying to draw attention to the contexts in which they were emerged and to probe their historical, religious, economic, social, political, and psychological roots. The assigned readings are intended not only to form a holistic understanding of anti-Semitism in its temporal and spatial evolution and mutations, but also to offer the bibliographical knowledge necessary for independent research.

Some of the over-arching questions for the course are as follows and please be prepared to relate the reading assignments to these questions in our class discussion.

- (1) In scholarly writings we frequently encounter terms like "Judeophobia", "anti-Judaism", "anti-Israel", "anti-Zionism", so on and so forth. Are they interchangeable with "anti-Semitism"? Why is it necessary to coin a plethora of terms?
- (2) What is the pattern of continuity and change in various anti-Semitic manifestations?
- (3) Is anti-Semitism unique? How is anti-Semitism similar to and different from other prejudices or ethnic hatred?
- (4) How is anti-Semitism connected with and affected by imperialism, colonialism, (trans-)nationalism, racism, and globalization?
- (5) What can we do when facing anti-Semitic or similar discourses and praxes?

Requirements and Evaluations

- Reading: Students MUST attend class having read the assigned readings each week and having prepared thoughtfully to discuss the issues raised. This will be measured through summarizing the major points and arguments of the readings.
- Attendance: One absence will be considered unremarkable. More than two absences will require explanation and will affect the final grade.
- Participation: The course will emphasize discussion. Full participation is expected.
- Presentation: Each student will make a presentation of at least 30 minutes on a topic of his/her choice.
- Final paper: The paper, with minimum 4,000 Chinese characters, should be based on the presentation. It is expected to be fully annotated and included with a bibliography.
- Grading: attendance 10%, class participation 30%, presentation 20%, and final paper 40%.

Required Text:

- (1) 徐新：《反犹主义：历史与现状》（Xu Xin, *Antisemitism: Past and Present*），人民

出版社, 2015年。

Suggested Readings:

- (1) 阿多诺等:《权力主义人格》(T. W. Adorno, et al., *The Authoritarian Personality*), 浙江教育出版社, 2002年, 论反犹主义的部分(Part on Antisemitism)。
- (2) 汉娜·阿伦特:《极权主义的起源》(Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*), 北京三联书店, 2008年, 第一部分(Part I)。
- (3) Walter Laqueur, *The Changing Face of Anti-Semitism: From Ancient Times to the Present Day*. New York, 2008.
- (4) Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) <http://isgap.org> (Note its "Publications")
- (5) Richard S. Levy, *Antisemitism in the Modern World: An Anthology of Texts*. Lexington Mass.: D. C. Heath and Company, 1991.
- (6) *The Jew in Antisemitic Art: The Peter Ehrenthal Collection*. Jerusalem: Wolfson Museum of Jewish Art; Hechal Shlomo Center of Jewish Art, 2011.

Week 1 : Reflections on the Definitions

- (1) 徐新:《反犹主义:历史与现状》, 第1-23页。
- (2) EUMC Working Definition of Antisemitism:
<http://www.antisem.eu/projects/eumc-working-definition-of-antisemitism/>
- (3) Dina Porat, "The Road to an Internationally Accepted Definition of Antisemitism," in *The Yale Papers: Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective*, ed. Charles A. Small, New York: ISGAP, 2015, pp. 19-32.

Week 2 : Judeophobia in the Greco-Roman World

- (1) 徐新:《反犹主义:历史与现状》, 第26-45页。
- (2) Louis H. Feldman, "Anti-Semitism in the Ancient World," in *History and Hate: The Dimensions of Anti-Semitism*, ed. David Berger, Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1986, pp. 15-42.
- (3) Shaye J. D. Cohen, "Anti-Semitism in Antiquity: The Problem of Definition," Ibid, pp. 43-47; 沙亚·科亨:《古典时代犹太教导论》, 郑阳译, 北京:中国社会科学出版社, 2012年, 第45-47页。
- (4) Peter Schäfer, *Judeophobia: Attitudes toward the Jews in the Ancient World*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1997, pp. 1-6.

Week 3 : Kata Ioudaion / Adversus Iudaeos of the Christian Fathers

- (1) 徐新:《反犹主义:历史与现状》, 第46-75页。
- (2) 周伟驰:“作为基督见证者的犹太人——奥古斯丁的犹太观”, 载《犹太研究》第3期(2004), 山东大学犹太教与跨宗教研究中心, 第158-169页。
<https://www.douban.com/note/210377865/>
- (3) Marcel Simon, *Verus Israel: A Study of the Relations between Christians and Jews in the Roman Empire (AD 135-425)*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996, chapter 8 (Christian Anti-Semitism), pp.202-233; 469-475; 512.
- (4) Jeremy Cohen, *Living Letters of the Law: Ideas of the Jew in Medieval Christianity*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999, chapter 1. 【Optional】

Week 4: Anti-Judaism in the Medieval Christendom

- (1) 彭小瑜:《教会法研究——历史与理论》, 北京:商务印书馆, 2003年, 第261-265、275-279页。
- (2) 徐新:《反犹主义:历史与现状》, 第78-167页。
- (3) Robert Chazan, "Medieval Anti-Semitism," in *History and Hate: The Dimensions of Anti-Semitism*, ed. David Berger, pp. 49-65.
- (4) Selected medieval artistic representations of ritual murder, desecration of the hosts, blood libel, etc.

Week 5: Political and Racial Antisemitism in Modern Europe I

- (1) 罗衡林：“马丁·路德与犹太人问题，”《世界历史》2003年第3期，第72-81页。
- (2) 徐新：《反犹太主义：历史与现状》，第202-209，212-238页。
- (3) Paul Mendes-Flohr and Jehuda Reihartz, eds. *The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History*, 3rd edn., New York: Oxford University Press, 2010, pp. 277-307.

Week 6: Political and Racial Antisemitism in Modern Europe II

- (1) Paul Mendes-Flohr and Jehuda Reihartz, eds. *The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History*, pp. 308-345.
- (2) Todd M. Endelman, “Comparative Perspectives on Modern Anti-Semitism in the West,” in *History and Hate: The Dimensions of Anti-Semitism*, ed. David Berger, pp. 95-114.

Week 7: Muslim and Anti-Semitism I: Overview and Roots

- (1) Norman Stillman, *The Jews of Arab Lands: A History and Sourcebook*, Philadelphia, 1979, pp. 149-151 (Koran on dhimmis), 157-158 (the Pact of Umar).
- (2) 宋立宏：“论‘顺民’：犹太人在伊斯兰世界中的法律和社会地位” (Lihong Song, “On Dhimmi: the legal and social status of Jews in Islam”), 载潘光等主编：《离散与避难：犹太民族难以忘怀的历史》(in Pan Guang, et al. eds., *Diaspora and Refuge*), 时事出版社, 2013年, 第31-55页。
- (3) 徐新：《反犹太主义：历史与现状》，第175-193页。
- (4) Gudrun Krämer, “Anti-Semitism in the Muslim World: A Critical Review,” *Die Welt des Islams* 47:3 (2006): 243-276.

Week 8: Muslim and Anti-Semitism II: Contemporary Manifestations

- (1) Hamas Charter: <http://fas.org/irp/world/para/docs/880818.htm> or http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp
- (2) Bernard Lewis, “Muslim Anti-Semitism,” *Middle East Quarterly* 5:2 (1998): 43-49. <http://www.meforum.org/396/muslim-anti-semitism>
- (3) Efraim Karsh, “The Long Trail of Islamic Anti-Semitism,” *Israel Affairs* 12:1 (2006): 1-12.
- (4) Esther Webman, “The Challenge of Assessing Arab/Islamic Antisemitism,” *Middle East Quarterly* 45:5 (2010): 677-697.
- (5) Günther Jikeli, *Antisemitic Attitudes among Muslims in Europe: A Survey Review*, New York, 2015. 【Optional】

Week 9: New Antisemitism: Anti-Zionism

- (1) Robert Wistrich, “Anti-Zionist Connections: Communism, Radical Islam, and the Left,” in *Resurgent Antisemitism: Global Perspective*, ed. Alvin Rosenfeld, Bloomington and Indianapolis, 2013, pp. 402-423.
- (2) Ernest Sternberg, “The Origin of Globalized Anti-Zionism: A conjuncture of hatreds since the Cold War,” *Israel Affairs* (2015): 1-17.

Week 10: Anti-Semitic Iconography: Continuity and Change

- (1) Sara Lipton, *Dark Mirror: The Medieval Origins of Anti-Semitic Iconography*, New York, 2014. selections
- (2) Joël Kotek, *Cartoons and Extremism: Israel and the Jews in Arab and Western Media*, Portland, Oregon, 2009. selections
- (3) Yaakov Kirschen, “Memetics and the Viral Spread of Antisemitism through ‘Coded Images’ in Political Cartoons,” in *The Yale Papers: Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective*, ed. Charles A. Small, New York: ISGAP, 2015, pp. 435-456.

Week 11: Philosemitism or Antisemitism?

- (1) Jonathan Karp and Adam Sutcliffe, eds. *Philosemitism in History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. 1-28 (“Introduction: A Brief History of Philosemitism.”)
- (2) 张倩红：《犹太人视野中的当代中国——兼评宋鸿兵的<货币战争>》（Zhang Qianhong, “Review of Song Hongbin’s *Currency War*”），载《世界民族》2010年第1期。
- (3) “广州告急！贩毒、强奸、闹事……50万黑人带来的灾难” (“Guangzhou is in danger! Drug Trafficking, Rape, Messing Around”) <http://www.yjscw.cn/news/newsshow-491448.html>

Week 12: Jewish Self-Hatred

- (1) 奥托·魏宁格：《性与性格》(Otto Weininger, *Sex and Character*), 中国社会科学出版社2006年, 或译林出版社2011年, 第13章 (Chapter 13)。
- (2) Robert Wistrich, *Laboratory for World Destruction: Germans and Jews in Central Europe*, Chapter 12 (Karl Kraus: an anatomy of self-hatred)
- (3) Sander Gilman, *Jewish Self-Hatred: Anti-Semitism and the Hidden Language of the Jews*, Baltimore, 1986, selections

Weeks 13-15

Presentations