

COURSE TITLE:

ANTISEMITISM IN THE POST- WAR EUROPE

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CLASS TIME: Tuesday, 2.30- 5.30 pm

OFFICE HOUR: Thursday, 2.00- 5.00pm(or by appointment)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a graduate course. This course seeks to explore various sources of antisemitism in the post-War Europe . Only few decades ago, antisemitism existed in this region and took genocidal form leading to the Holocaust. While the war against Nazi Germany was won- but various forms of anti semitism has grown over the years. This paper seeks to explore the causes and consequences of the emerging forms of antisemitism in the post- War Europe.

OBJECTIVES:

The main objective of this course is to seek to understand why and how new forms of antisemitism has cropped up in the post- War Europe despite the win of the Second World War in the background of the Holocaust. As part of these developments, there is also Holocaust denial. This course will reflect on the content as well as the direction of these developments. In this context, we are asking the following questions: What are the new forms of antisemitism in the post- War Europe and what are their sources? Why have the horrific lessons of the Holocaust failed to discourage people from embracing these new forms of antisemitism? Which are the far right wing/Islamist/far left political groups promoting it and what are their social bases? How are the states responding to these developments? What is the relationship between

radical Islam and antisemitism? How are the University campuses responding to these developments?

EVALUATION:

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| A) Participation in Class Room | 10 % |
| B) Three Short Term Papers (15 % each) | 45% |

Deadlines

- 1) First Term paper: 26 August.
- 2) Second Term Paper: 16 September.
- 3) Third Term Paper :7 October.

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| C) Final Term Paper (Deadline: 15 Dec) | 45% |
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Total: 100%

REQUIRED READINGS:

Almog, Shmuel, *Antisemitism through the Ages*. (Oxford, Pergamon: 1988)

Anti- Defamation League, Attitudes towards Jews, Israel, and Palestinian – Israeli Conflict in Ten European Countries.(New York: Anti- defamation League, 2004) http://www.adl.org/anti-semitism_survey

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Foxman, Abraham, *Never Again? The threat of the new anti- Semitism*. (New York, Harper Collins, 2004)

Harrison, Bernard, *The Resurgence Of Anti- Semitism: Jews, Israel, and the Liberal Opinion*.(London, Oxford University Press,2006)

Hayes, Peter, ed. *Lessons and Legacies: The Meaning of the Holocaust in a Changing World*. (Evanston: North Western University Press, 1996)

Kaplan, Edward H and Charles A Small “ Anti- Israel Sentiment predicts anti-Semitism in Europe’. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol 50, No 4, August 2006.pp 548-561.

Katz, David, *The Jews in the History of England* .(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994)

Lewis, Bernard. *Semites and Anti- Semites: An inequiry into Conflict and Prejudice*(London, Oxford University Press, 1986)

Roth, John and Leonard Grob, eds. *Encountering the Stranger: A Jewish-Christian- Muslim Trilouge*,(University Of Washington Press, 2012)

Small, Charles , ed. *The Yale Papers: Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective*,(New York: ISGAP, 2015)

Wassertein, Bernard, *Britain and the Jews of Europe 1939-1945*,(Oxford Clarendon Press, 1979)

Wistrich, Robert S, *Anti- Zionism and Antisemitism in the Contemporary World*.(London: Macmillan, 1990)

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Arendt, Hannah, *The Origins Of Totalitarianism* (New York: Hartcourt Inc, 1951, reprinted 1976)

Bostom, Andrew, ed. *The Legacy of Islamic Anti- Semitism* (Amherst, NY: Promesthus, 2008)

Brenkerton, John, *The Cultural Contradictions Of Democracy* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007)

Derment, Peter, *Islam vs. Islamism: The Dilemma of the Muslim World*(Westpoint, CT:Prager, 2006)

Euben Roxanne,*The Enemy In the Mirror: Islamic Fundamentalism and the Limits of Modern Rationalism* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999)

Kuntzel, Matthias. *Jihad and Jew- Hatred: Islamism, Nazism, and the Roots of 9/11*(New York: Telos Press, 2007)

Lewis, Bernard, *the Jews of Islam* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press,1984)

Pipes, Daniel, *The Hidden Hand: Middle East Fears of Democracy* (New York:St Martin's Press, 1996)

Tibi, Bassam, *Islam between Culture and Politics* (New York: Palgrave, 2001)