

## CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM- Dr. Luis Fleischman

The goal of the course is to understand modern manifestations of anti-Semitism. What characterizes contemporary Anti-Semitism? How is different than previous forms of anti-Semitism? Is anti-Zionism another form of anti-Semitism? During the course we will explore all the aspects of anti-Semitism past and present, Muslim and Arab anti-Semitism, the de-legitimation of the State of Israel, and other related matters. We will also anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism in Europe as well as its spread to Latin America

### **Lecture 1-**

This lecture will introduce the course to the students. We will also analyze the historical origins of anti-Semitism and its forms during ancient and medieval times.

Charles Small-Introduction, in Charles Small (ed), Global Anti-Semitism: A Crisis of Modernity, Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism, Volume IV- pp. 1-20

Ancient and medieval anti-Judaism – Walter Laqueur, The Changing Faces of Anti-Semitism: From Ancient Times to the Present Day, Oxford University Press, 2006, Chapter 3

### **Lecture 2- Anti-Semitism during the Enlightenment and the Rise of Nationalism**

In this lecture, we will discuss the parallel process of emancipation of the Jews in modern society simultaneously with the inability of these societies to eliminate anti-Semitism. The relation between the rise of nationalism and anti-Semitism will be analyzed as well as the origins of Zionism.

Laqueur-Chapter 4

Adam Suitclafe, Judaism and the Enlightenment, Cambridge University Press, 2005, pp 231-246

### **Lectures 3 and 4: Racial anti-Semitism and the Holocaust**

In this session the genocidal aspects of anti-Semitism will be discussed. Likewise, we will analyze how anti-Semitism develops in the form of genocide in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and how anti-Semitism becomes a key political issue in the totalitarian ideology of the Nazi regime

Laqueur Chapters 5 and 6

Hannah Arendt- The Origins of Totalitarianism, A Harvest Book, Harcourt Inc., New York, 1976, pp 35-50, Chapters 4, 6, and 9

### **Lecture 6 and 7 Anti-Semitism, Islamism and the Arab/Israeli conflict**

In this lecture the anti-Semitic origins of the Arab/Israeli conflict will be analyzed: The influence of Nazi and fascist ideology. Jihad and the Arab/Israeli conflict. The role of the Mufti of Jerusalem. Anti-Semitism in the Muslim Brotherhood.-

David Dalin/John Rothman Icon of Evil: Hitler's Mufti and the Rise of Radical Islamic, Random House, Chapter 2, 3 and 4

Jeffrey Herf, "Nazi Propaganda to the Arab World During WWII and the Emergence of Islamism", Charles Small (ed), Global Anti-Semitism: A Crisis of Modernity, Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism, 2013, pp 81-90

Benny Morris, 1948 as Jihad, Yale Papers, ISGAP, pp 397-406

Yaacov Meron- Why Jews Fled Arab Countries

<http://www.meforum.org/263/why-jews-fled-the-arab-countries>

Bernard Lewis, "Muslim

Anti-Semitism" <http://www.meforum.org/396/muslim-anti-Semitism>

Bassam Tibi, "From Sayid Qutub to Hamas: The Middle East Conflict and the Islamization of Anti-Semitism", Yale Papers, ISGAP, pp 457-484bnm

Wahied Wahdat -Hagh, "Anti-Semitism in Iran", Charles Small (ed) Global Anti-Semitism and A Crisis of Modernity, Volume IV, pp. 109-120

### **Lecture 8 and 9 and 10 -Anti-Zionism, the War of Propaganda, the Isolation and the De-Legitimation of Israel**

In this session will analyze the development of anti-Zionism as an effective ideology that is not only an integral part of the Arab ideology and identity but also as truism that penetrates important sectors of the West. The session will also analyze how anti-Zionism became hegemonic in the international community, mainly through the United Nations and the influence of the Soviet Union. Likewise, we will analyze the

penetration of these ideas in large parts of the media and the academia and how it has influenced consciously and unconsciously Western governments.

Alex Grobman, Nations United: How the United Nations Undermines Israel and the West, Balfour Books, 2006, chapter 1, 2, 3 and 4

Elisabeth Kuebler and Matthias Falter “Durban Reviewed: The Transformation of Anti-Semitism in a Cosmopolitanizing Environment”, in Charles Small (ed) Global Anti-Semitism: A Crisis of Modernity, Volume II, pp 83-92

Luis Fleischman, “Wrong to Target Israel Over Conflict”, Newsmax, July 9, 2015  
<http://www.newsmax.com/LuisFleischman/Israel-Islamic-Palestinian-Arab/2015/07/09/id/654181/>

Robert S. Wistrich, From Ambivalence to Betrayal: The Left, the Jews and Israel, University of Nebraska Press, Omaha, 2012,

pp- 419-447  
pp-. 509-534

Sabah Salih, “Islam, BDS and the West”, in Gabriel Noah Brahm and Cary Nelson (ed), The Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel, MLA for Scholars Rights, New York, 2015, pp  
Cary Nelson, “The Problem with Judith Butler: The Philosophy of the Movement to Boycott Israel” pp

## **11) The Revival of Anti-Semitism in Europe and the Emergence of Anti-Zionism in Latin America**

Taguieff, Pierre-Andre, Rising from the Muck: The New Anti-Semitism in Europe, Ivan R. Dee Inc, 2004- chapters 2 and 3

Sebastian Voigt, “Anti-Semitic Anti-Zionism Within the German Left” in Charles Small (ed) Global Anti-Semitism and A Crisis of Modernity, Volume III, pp 141-150

Luis Fleischman, “The Hegemonic Presence of the Left in Latin America and the Implications for Israel and anti-Semitism in the Region”, Presentation made on February 6, 2015, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism ISGAP,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtAQRl52S1w>

