

Department of History
Presidency University, Kolkata, India
UG-III, Even Semester

History of Global Antisemitism

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Course description

The course aims to provide an understanding of how antisemitism came into existence, what has sustained it, how it has evolved, how it has effected the world and continues to do so. It also draws attention to the efforts that have been made to check it and how successful or unsuccessful those have been. Those BA Honours (History) students who take this course would have already studied the course, “The Jews: A Global History, From the Earliest Times to the Present” during their Second Year.

Course requirements

Readings:

Please note that if you wish to make this lecture meaningful, you must do the readings assigned for each week before the class meetings.

Marks:

Written internal assignment= 15

Final examination=35

Total marks for the course = 50

The internal assignment for the course will consist of one essay of 3000 words written in response to a question the instructor will pose.

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, in a 12-point font and with reasonable margins. Please cite your sources appropriately. If in doubt, consult the *Chicago Manual of Style*. **Please note that failure to comply with any of these formatting requirements will result in a deduction of marks.**

Academic honesty

There will be zero tolerance for plagiarism. If you are in doubt about what constitutes plagiarism, please consult with the instructor.

Finally, please note that the internal assignment is meant to be an individual exercise. Please do not reproduce wholly or even in part a classmate’s essay. This is considered cheating.

The penalty for both plagiarism and cheating is the same: a failing mark for the assignment or any disciplinary action the university has deemed fit.

Class topics and readings

HISTORY OF GLOBAL ANTISEMITISM

I. Definition

- Marcus, Kenneth L., *The Definition of Antisemitism*, Oxford University Press, 2015.

II. Roots and Genesis

- Wistrich, R. (2010) *A Lethal Obsession: Antisemitism – From Antiquity to the Global Jihad*. New York: Random House
- Small, C. (2013). *Global Antisemitism : A Crisis of Modernity*. Boston: Brill.
- Patterson, David. *A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad*.

1. Christian Antisemitism: Polemics, Evangelism and Crusades

- Bernard Lazare, *Antisemitism: Its History and Causes*, U of Nebraska Press, 1995.
- Gavin I. Langmuir, *History, Religion, and Antisemitism*, University of California Press, 1990.
- Albert S. Lindemann; Richard S. Levy; *Antisemitism: A History*.
- Sandmel, Samuel. *Anti-semitism in the New Testament?* Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1978.
- Joshua Trachtenberg, *The Devil and the Jews: The Medieval Conception of the Jew and its Relation to Modern Anti-Semitism* (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2002).
- David Kertzer, *The Popes Against the Jews: The Vatican's Role in the Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism* (New York: Knopf, 2002).
- Michael, Robert. *Holy Hatred: Christianity, Antisemitism, and the Holocaust*

2. Muslim Antisemitism: Polemics, Evangelism and Jihadist Militancy

- Bostom, Andrew, ed. *The Legacy of Islamic Anti- Semitism*, Promethus, Amherst, NY, 2008)
- Kuntzel, Matthias. *Jihad and Jew- Hatred: Islamism, Nazism, and the Roots of 9/11*, Telos Press, New York, 2007.

3. Secular Antisemitism: Nazism, Fascism and the Leftist Antagonism

- Mosse, George L., *Toward the Final Solution: A History of European Racism*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1985.
- Gregor, Neil, ed., *Nazism*, OUP, 2000
- Caplan, Jane, *Nazi Germany*, OUP, 2008
- Griffin, Roger, ed., *Fascism*, OUP, 1995
- Finchelstein, Federico, *Transatlantic Fascism: Ideology, Violence, and the Sacred in Argentina and Italy, 1919-1945*, Duke University Press, 2010
- Blamires, Cyprian P., ed., *World Fascism: A Historical Encyclopedia*, Vols I & II, ABC-CLIO, 2006
- Gottfried, Paul, *Fascism: The Career of a Concept*, Northern Illinois University Press, 2015.
- Martin, Benjamin G., *The Nazi-Fascist New Order for European Culture*, Harvard University Press, 2016.
- Jacobs, Jack, ed., *Jews and Leftist Politics: Judaism, Israel, Antisemitism and Gender*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- Harrison, Bernard, *The Resurgence of Antisemitism: Jews, Israel and Liberal Opinion*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2006.
- Hirsh, David, *Contemporary Left Antisemitism*, Routledge, 2018.

III. Holocaust and its Denial and Minimization

- Hayes, Peter, *Why? Explaining the Holocaust*, W.W. Norton & Company, 2017
- Gilbert, Martin, *The Holocaust: The Jewish Tragedy*, HarperCollins, 1989.
- Evans, Richard J. *Lying About Hitler: History, Holocaust, and the David Irving Trial*. New York: Basic Books, 2001.
- Gottfried, Ted. *Deniers of the Holocaust: Who They Are, What They Do, Why They Do It*. Brookfield, CT: Twenty-First Century Books, 2001.
- Lipstadt, Deborah. *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*. New York: Free Press, 1993.
- Shermer, Michael, and Alex Grobman. *Denying History: Who Says the Holocaust Never Happened and Why Do They Say It?* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000.
- Zimmerman, John C. *Holocaust Denial: Demographics, Testimonies, and Ideologies*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2000.

IV. New Antisemitism: Anti-Zionism, Delegitimization of the State of Israel, and the BDS Movement

- Yakira, Elhanan, *Post-Zionism, Post-Holocaust: Three Essays on Denial, Forgetting, and the Delegitimation of Israel*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- Nelson, Cary and Gabriel Noah Brahm, eds., *The Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel, MLA Members for Scholars' Rights*, Chicago and New York, 2015.

- Lewis, Bernard. "The New Anti-Semitism", *The American Scholar*, Volume 75, No. 1, Winter 2006, pp. 25-36.
- Sander Gilman, *Jewish Self-Hatred: Antisemitism and the Hidden Language of the Jews*

V. State and Non State Actors: UN, Asia, Americas, Africa, Europe and Oceania

- Demant, Peter, *Islam Vs. Islamism: The Dilemma of the Muslim World*, Praeger Publishers, 2006.

VI. Response to Antisemitism: *Nostra Aetate*, Legislation, Education and Interfaith Activism

- Attridge, Michael. *Jews and Catholics Together: Celebrating the Legacy of Nostra Aetate*. Ottawa: Novalis, 2007.
- Bialer, Uri, and Neville Lamdan. *Nostra Aetate: Origins, Promulgation, Impact on Jewish-Catholic Relations* ;Proceedings of the International Conference, Jerusalem, 30 October -1 November 2005. Berlin: Lit, 2007.
- Melloni, A. and Lamdan, Y. *Nostra Aetate: Origins, Promulgation, Impact on Jewish-Catholic Relations*. Edited by Munster: LIT Verlag, 2007.
- Sherman, Franklin. *Bridges: Documents of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue*. Volume One. *The Road to Reconciliation (1945-1985)*; Volume Two. *Building a New Relationship (1986-2013)*. New York/Mahwah: Paulist Press/Stimulus Books, 2011 and 2014.
- Rosen, David, and Karl Lehmann. *Jewish-Catholic Relations Since Nostra Aetate: An Unfinished Agenda*. Berlin: A, Aphorisma Verlagsbuchhandlung, 2007.
- Suteu, Sylvia, *Law against Negation: Anti-Holocaust Denial Legislation in Europe*, LLM Short Thesis written under the supervision of Professor Andras Sajo, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, March 31, 2008. Retrieved on July 13, 2017 from file:///C:/Users/NAVRAS~1.AAF/AppData/Local/Temp/suteu_silvia.pdf