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


II. Roots and Genesis

- Patterson, David. *A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad*.

1. Christian Antisemitism: Polemics, Evangelism and Crusades

   - Albert S. Lindemann; Richard S. Levy; *Antisemitism: A History*.
   - Michael, Robert. *Holy Hatred: Christianity, Antisemitism, and the Holocaust*

2. Muslim Antisemitism: Polemics, Evangelism and Jihadist Militancy

3. Secular Antisemitism: Nazism, Fascism and the Leftist Antagonism
   - Caplan, Jane, Nazi Germany, OUP, 2008
   - Griffin, Roger, ed., Fascism, OUP, 1995

III. Holocaust and its Denial and Minimization

IV. New Antisemitism: Anti-Zionism, Delegitimization of the State of Israel, and the BDS Movement
   - Nelson, Cary and Gabriel Noah Brahm, eds., The Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel, MLA Members for Scholars’ Rights, Chicago and New York, 2015.
This proposed syllabus is a work-in-progress, and not for general publication. The syllabus is a required assignment for ISGAP-Oxford Workshop on Curriculum Development in Contemporary Antisemitism Studies.

- 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


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