Title of Course: 
**International History of Nationalisms in the Modern Age and Phenomenology of Anti-Semitism**

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Type of course: Lectures, Seminars, Workshops
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Course description:
The course presents a methodological introduction of historical and social studies on Nationalisms in the Modern Age and on anti-Semitism. It begins within the context of civilizations in Europe, starting from the Humanism and Renaissance, through Reformation and Counter-Reformation, Enlightenment and Romanticism, **Belle époque** and WW1, the interbellic period until second World War. A particular attention will be devoted to the socio-economic décalage occurred during the Modern Age between Western regions of Europe and Eastern ones. In this framework, will be underlined the modernity elements linked to the nationalities’ phenomena, of West and Eastern Europe, emerged from late XVIII century in the West, during the XIX century in Center and Eastern Europe, till the early of XX century, with references to the processes of societies’ modernization (urbanization, centralization, cultural and linguistic standardization) and to the conditions of multinational empires (Habsburgian, Ottoman, Russian ones) until the Great War. Then, the emphasis will be focused on the rise of nationalisms and ideological phenomena in the so called "Age of Nation-States", the interbellic period. Meetings will be oriented to analyze, in comparative perspective, the national issues in the European area, including minorities de-territorialized, as Roma communities, and with a particular attention to the approaches with the "Jewish question" and anti-Semitism in West and East. A focus will be dedicated to the relationships between State majority and national minorities or religious community, as the Jewish one, and the historical and social phenomenology of the anti-Semitic waves, from anti-Judaism to anti-Zionism, passing through the Christianity anti-Jews religious approach, the Modern racial anti-Semitism, the anti-Zionist feelings against the State of Israel.

Course objectives:
The main goal is to explore the rise and evolution of identities through the processes of modernization among the European societies and nations, outlining prejudices’ and discrimination’s phenomena around the anti-Semitism, as the core of this discourse.
Weekly structure of the course:
- lecture
- seminar
- presentation of required Reading/Viewing/Listening (RVL’s)

Ref.: recommended RVL source references about Anti-Semitism

Bibliography on Anti-Semitism

Week #1
- Methodological introduction of historical and social studies on Nationalisms and on anti-Semitism
- XV century: Civilizations and identities of Modern Europe, from the Middle Age to Humanism
- Anti-Judaism at the beginning of Christianity: impact of Crusades on Jews

Week #2
- XVI-XVII centuries: Renaissance, the Modern Age in Italy and Europe, the origins of Reformation movements. Religious conflicts until the Thirty Years’ War
- Theories on nations and nationalisms. National trends to powerful Statehood: Spain, France, England, Russia
- Anti-Semitism of Reformation and of Counter-Reformation: the Catholic Inquisition. The witch-hunt and the Jews

Week #3
- XVIII century. Successions’ Wars, Enlightenment and Despotism
- Modern State and the birth of Nations: Revolutions in XVIII century
- The Süss case: the rise of the Modern Anti-Semitism

Week #4
- XIX century. The Restoration and the rise of freedom’s movements. The Freemasonry
- Anti-Enlightenment and Romanticism
- Dynamics of Jewish life in Modern Europe: the ghetto

Week #5
- XIX century. The ’48 Revolution and national unifications: the Age of Empires and Colonialism
- The Orientalism of E. Said
- Origins and use of the term “anti-Semitism”. Anti-semitic cases of blood libel in XIX-XX centuries: Rhodes, Damascus, Tiszaeszlár, Hilsner, Beilis and Leo Frank affair. The Dreyfus case and the beginning of Zionism

Week #6
- The Eastern Question, from the Congress of Berlin to the Balkans Wars
- The rise of Nationalities in the multi-national Empires
- The Jewish Question in Europe: the Protocols of the Elders of Zion
Week #7
- The Great War and ethnic cleansing policies: the genocide of Armenians, the Versailles treaty
- The Minorities Treaties and the League of Nations
- The Balfour declaration and the Hebrew national home in Palestine

Week #8
- Interbellic period: the effects of Bolshevik Revolution and the rise of Fascism
- Discrimination policies in East European States: Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania
- Anti-Semitic Fascist oriented political movement in Eastern Europe

Week #9
- The rise of National-Socialism: the clash of WW2
- Comparison between the ethnic and gender persecutions during the conflict: Gypsies, homosexuals
- Anti-Semitic ideology and provisions: the Shoah

Week #10
- The Jewish survivors and the foundation of the State of Israel. The turn in the Stalin’s policy towards Jews
- The Nuremberg trial: the hunt against Nazis and Mengele rendition. Cold War and the Israelo-Arabic War
- Anti-Semitism through anti-Zionist discourse: in Islamic world and in the West

Ref.:
V. Harlan, Jud Süss (movie, Germany 1940) > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0vYT11kRYM
B. Lazare, Antisemitism: Its History and Causes, 1894 > http://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/halsall/jewish/lazare-anti.asp
G.W. Pabst, Der Prozeß (“The Trial”, movie Austria 1948)
J. Waletzky, Scapegoat on Trial (movie, USA 2007)
B. Loeterman, The People v. Leo Frank (USA 2009) > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9fRs2xd890
M. Elvey, The Wandering Jew (movie, UK 1933)
O. Kreisler, The Wandering Jew (The Life of Theodor Herzl) (movie, Austria 1921) > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DTMWPghFjQ
V. De Sica, Il giardino dei Finzi Contini (movie, Italy 1970) > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=no9Pnuk0Io
I. Szabó, Sunshine (movie, Hungary 1999) > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKxCQ18BVXQ
F. Hippler, Der ewige Jude (movie, Germany 1940)
O. Preminger, Exodus (movie, USA 1960) > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DOi3FqCZJE
A. Arcady, 24 jours, la vérité sur l’affaire Ilan Halimi (movie, France 2014)

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Wistrich, Robert, *The Left Against Zion* (Vallentine Mitchell, London 1979)