

## Preliminary course syllabus

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Name of the course: *Anti-Semitism and xenophobia*

Time of delivery: *Fall 2018*

Course level: *MA*

Type of course: *Seminar*

Department: *Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of Political Science*

*English course for Hungarian and international students at Corvinus*

### Course description:

The course will introduce the theoretical and empirical research experience of anti-Semitism and xenophobia. On the one hand, anti-Semitism is a unique phenomenon with its own reasons and peculiarities, on the other hand, it is many times a mere manifestation of wider xenophobic attitudes. Thus, the course will propose a joint theoretical and empirical framework. First, it will introduce the theoretical and historical background of anti-Semitism, by reviewing classic works. Second, the course shall discuss modern anti-Semitism and its manifestations: anti-Semitism in Christian and Muslim countries will be covered. Third, the course will touch upon the methodological dilemmas of Anti-Semitism: how can it be measured? By the end of the course, student will need to present their own empirical case study about anti-Semitism.

### Objectives:

To equip students with the necessary theoretical and empirical knowledge to start their own research on the field of anti-Semitism and prejudice. The main goal is to spark their interest.

### Weekly Themes

1. Introduction, discussion of course requirements, etc.
2. Jewish History
3. History of Jewish - Christian and Jewish - Muslim coexistence.
4. Classic theories of xenophobia
5. Classic theories of anti-Semitism
6. History of the Hungarian Jewry

7. Modern anti-Semitism and its manifestations
8. Anti-semitism in Muslim countries
9. Methodological dilemmas 1 (Survey-research)
10. Methodological dilemmas 2 (Experimental research)
- 11-14. Cases studies

Assesment, evaluation:

50 points will be given based on the evaluation of the assignments (case studies)

50 points will be given at the oral exam by the end of the course

Readings:

Adorno, Theodore (1950): *The Authoritarian Personality*, New York, Harper

Allport, Gordon W (1954): *The Nature of Prejudice*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday Anchor

Bibó, István (2001, rd edition): *The Jewish Question in Hungary after 1944*. Budapest

Biale, David (1986): *Power and Powerlessness in Jewish History*. Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group

Boyd, Jonathan - Staetsky, L. Daniel (2015): "Could it happen here? What existing data tell us about contemporary antisemitism in the UK," Policy Papers, London, Institute for Jewish Policy Research, 2015

Dobkowski, Michael. Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism. *Cross Currents*. Vol. 65 Issue 3, Sep2015, p321-333. 12p

Enyedi Z, Erős F, (eds, 1999): *Authoritarianism and prejudice : Central European perspectives*. Budapest: Osiris; 1999.

Horowitz, Donald (1985): *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. University of California Press

Kovacs, Andras (1995): "Jews and Politics in Hungary," in Peter Medding, ed., *Values, Interests and Identity: Studies in Contemporary Jewry*, XI (1995), 50-63.

Levine, Hillel (1991): *Economic Origin of Anti-Semitism*. New Haven, Yale University Press.

Prager, D. - Telushkin, J. (1995): *Why the Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism*. New York, Simon & Schuster.

Sartre, Jean-Paul: *Anti-Semitism and the Jew. An Exploration of the Etiology of Hate*.

Small, Charles Asher (2014): *Gobal Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity*. New York.

Wistrich, Robert S (2010): *A Lethal Obsession. Antisemitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad*. New York.