

August 31 – September 2, 2025 in Passau, Germany

## Conference Program

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# Hate in Transition and the Aftermath of 7 October: Antisemitism and Racism in Times of Political Crisis

Mid-Term Conference of the Research Network 31 “Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism” of the  
European Sociological Association

Organizers:

Chair of Sociology, University of Passau

International Institute for Education and Research on Antisemitism (IIBSA)

Karin Stögner, Elke Rajal, Kim Robin Stoller (Co-Convenors)



## Sunday, August 31, 2025

**14:30 – 15:30** Arrival, Registration, Coffee (ITZ Building, foyer)

**15:30 – 16:00** Opening Session (IM Building, lecture hall 13)

- Karin Stögner, Chair of Sociology, University of Passau, Germany
- Christina Hansen, Vice President for International Affairs and Diversity, University of Passau, Germany
- Elke Rajal, Co-Coordinator Research Network “Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism” / University of Passau, Germany
- Maria José Casa-Nova, Organizer Mid-Term Conference in Braga 2023, University of Minho, Portugal
- Kim Robin Stoller, Coordinator Research Network “Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism” / IIBSA, Berlin, Germany

**16:15 – 17:45** Panel 1 (ITZ Building)

### Panel 1A: Antisemitism: Theoretical Foundations and Contemporary Realities

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Kim Robin Stoller

- **Is the Category of “Hate” an Abdication from Sociological Thinking?**  
Anna Zawadzka, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland
- **The Jewish Question in the Age of the Deal**  
David Seymour, City St. George’s University of London, UK
- **The Genocide Libel and Its Functions**  
Chad Goldberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

### Panel 1B: Media and Visual Analysis

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: Zbyněk Tarant

- **AI Butterflies of Antisemitism: How AI-generated Visuals of the War Between Israel and Hamas Fuel Information Chaos and Antisemitism**  
Wilhelmina Linell, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal
- **The Persuasive Potential of Multimodal Antisemitic Artifacts: An Image-Analytical Semantic and Pragmatic Analysis**  
Stefan Hinterwimmer, Tanja Kinzel & Andreas Nowak, University of Hamburg / Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Antisemitism (RIAS), Berlin, Germany
- **Sticker Wars. Towards a Methodology of Urban Tracing**  
Kevin Grünstein, JLU Gießen, Germany

## **Panel 1C: Shifting Perceptions and Teaching Antisemitism Since October 7**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Nikolai Schreiter

- **Perceptions and Identity in Israel Since October 7**  
Nicolas Dreyer, University of Bamberg, Germany
- **The Dialectic of Ambiguity Tolerance: Genealogy of a Key Concept in Antisemitism Research**  
Lino Ludwig, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany
- **Teaching Antisemitism Theory Before and After 7 October**  
Ljiljana Radonić, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

**17:45 – 18:00** Coffee Break

**18:00 – 19:30** Panel 2 (ITZ Building)

## **Panel 2A: Postcolonial Theory and Antisemitism**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Balasz Berkovits

- **Essentialist and Critical Theory: Colonialism, Racism and Antisemitism in Mignolo, Virdee and Gilroy**  
Christine Achinger, University of Warwick, UK / Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin, Germany
- **How Post-Colonial Theory is Increasing Support for Antisemitism**  
Steven Saxonberg, Södertörn University, Sweden
- **Antisemitism in Australia After October 7: Settler Colonialism as a Unifying Ideology in Anti-Zionist Discourse**  
Paul Diedrich, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena, Germany

## **Panel 2B: Digital Antisemitism and Online Hate**

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: David Hirsh

- **Echoes of Influence: How Podcasts Shape Online Narratives on Israel and Antisemitism**  
Matthias J. Becker, University of Cambridge, UK
- **The Ominous Allure of Online Antisemitism: Ambivalent Participation in the Practice of Digital Hate**  
Wyn Brodersen, Institute for Democracy and Civil Society (IDZ), Jena, Germany
- **The Weaponization of Encrypted Platforms: Telegram, Antisemitism, and the Digital Threat Landscape**  
Abbee Corb, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, USA/Israel

## **Panel 2C: Intersectional Approaches**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Kathrin Renz

- **Intersections of Hate: Antisemitism and Misogyny in the Incel-Movement**  
Gesche Gerdes, University of Passau, Germany
- **Transphobia, Antisemitism and Authoritarianism in a Feminist Online Community**  
Amelie Feuerer, University of Passau, Germany
- **The Countries that Have Disappeared from the Map: How Antisemitism Acts as a Link Between Transnational and Transgenerational Trauma**  
Natalia Kajzer, TU Berlin, Germany

**20:00** City Tour / Dinner

**Monday, September 1, 2025**

**09:30 – 11:30** Panel 3 (ITZ Building)

**Panel 3A: Antigypsyism, Racism, Antisemitism, and Responses**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Holger Knothe

- **Antigypsyist Profiling. Towards a Materialist Critique**  
Roman Thurn, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany
- **Adaptation through Defense, Defense through Adaptation – On the Damaged Subjectivity of Migrant Workers and the Reproduction of Racism**  
Yannic Wexenberger, University of Vienna, Austria
- **Articulation of Antisemitism and Anti-Muslim Racism in Schools After the Events of October 7, 2023**  
Nina Kaesehage & Hamideh Mohagheghi, Haus der Religionen, Hannover and Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- **Internal Security in Bavaria & Germany. Framing of Right-Wing Extremism, Racism and Antisemitism**  
Britta Schellenberg & Paulina Seelmann, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Germany

**Panel 3B: Antisemitism in Academic and Educational Contexts**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Philip Spencer

- **Antisemitism Scholarship and Contemporary Populism**  
David Hirsh, Goldsmiths, University of London / London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, London, UK
- **Impacts of 7/10 in the Czech Academia – A Stakeholder Survey**  
Zbyněk Tarant, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic
- **The Silencing of the Zionist Voice in Academia: A UK Case Study**  
Lesley Klaff, Sheffield Hallam University, UK
- **Antisemitism in Spanish Universities**  
David Benatar, Marilda Azulay, Jacobo Micó & Alejandro Baer, Red Académica contra el Antisemitismo en las Universidades, Spain

### **Panel 3C: Memory Culture and Historical Perspectives**

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: Elke Rajal

- **Transformative Roma Art and Culture for European Remembrance: Voices of Young Roma and Non-Roma Students**  
Maria José Casa-Nova, University of Minho, Portugal
- **On (Not) Linking “The Duty to Remember It” With Antisemitism and Racism—Insights from Group Discussions**  
Eunike Piwoni, University of Passau, Germany
- **“Even the Dead Will Not Be Safe from the Enemy if He Wins” (Walter Benjamin). Remembrance Culture and Antisemitism after 7 October**  
Lea Fink, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- **Continuity or Rupture? The “Historikerstreit 2.0” as a Conformist Rebellion Within German Memory Politics**  
Hendrik Hebauf, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany / Bucerius Institute Haifa, Israel

**11:30 – 12:00** Coffee Break

**12:00 – 13:30** Panel 4 (ITZ Building)

### **Panel 4A: Theoretical Foundations and Conceptual Frameworks**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Gesche Gerdes

- **The Concept of Antisemitism: History, Politics and Language**  
Matthew Bolton, Queen Mary, University of London, UK
- **Experiencing Antisemitism and the Lack of Experience After October 7**  
Matilda Urban, University of Passau, Germany
- **New Antisemitism Prophecies: Reading October 7 Through the Works of Ilan Gur Ze'ev**  
David Barak-Gorodetsky, University of Haifa, Israel

## **Panel 4B: Queer Theory, Gender Studies & Diversity**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Karin Stögner

- **Distorted Psychoanalysis — Gendered Mechanisms of Projection in Current Manifestations of Antisemitism**  
Clara Schilling, University of Oldenburg, Germany
- **Stonewall was an intifada? Antisemitism in the queerfeminist LGBT\*IQ community**  
Leor Aurèle Baldus, Marburg University, Germany
- **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, and Jews/Antisemitism: Evidence from Textbooks and German, Austrian and Italian Academics' and Practitioners' Positions**  
Yochanan Altman, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

## **Panel 4C: Labor Movements, “The Left” and Political Organizations**

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: David Seymour

- **Workers of the World, Unite?! Antisemitism in Global Labour Unions After 7 October**  
Lea Dahms & Kathrin Renz, University of Passau, Germany
- **Common Identity or Relationship of Convenience? – Identity constructions of Leftwing Groups with Regard to Cooperation with Islamist Groups**  
Nina Heinke, Leipzig University, Germany
- **Who is Against Who? Anti-Immigration, Anti-Racist and Anti-Zionist Movements in Ireland and Northern Ireland**  
Borbala Kriza, Independent Researcher, Dublin, Ireland / Budapest, Hungary

**13:30 – 14:30** Lunch Break

**14:30 – 16:00** Panel 5 (ITZ Building)

## **Panel 5A: Latin America**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Alejandro Baer

- **Israel-Related Antisemitism in Latin America: Past and Present Since 10/7**  
Christoph Georg Joppich, University of Passau, Germany
- **The Convergence of Pro-Russian and Antisemitic Narratives in Latin-American Media in Response to the Wars in Ukraine and in the Middle East**  
Elisa Kriza, University of Bamberg, Germany
- **Bolivarian Ideology and Antisemitism: Nicolás Maduro in the Aftermath of 7 October**  
Sebastian Draxl, University of Vienna, Austria

## **Panel 5B: Contemporary Political Dynamics and Psycho-Dynamics**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: David Barak-Gorodetsky

- **Resentment-Driven Freedom Fighters. On the Psychodynamics of Antisemitism as an Ideology of Rebellion**  
Sebastian Winter, Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
- **From Bipartisanship to Battleground: Israel Policy and Antisemitism Response in America's Partisan Playground**  
Marc Seul, Trier University, Germany
- **"Palestine Will Set Us Free" – False Projections on Palestine and the Foundations of Israel-Related Antisemitism**  
Tim Stosberg, University of Passau, Germany

## **Panel 5C: Antisemitism and Crisis Narratives After October 7**

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: Lesley Klaff

- **Interpreting the Gaza War: The Concept of Genocidal Intent**  
Balazs Berkovits, Comper Center, University of Haifa, Israel
- **"If Israel Did Not Exist, the Antisemite Would Invent It": Antisemitism as an Ideology of Crisis Since October 7th in Times of Multiple Crises**  
Pina Heinen & Marc Blüml, Jüdische Volkshochschule/ Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

**16:00 – 16:30** Coffee Break

**16:30 – 18:00** Panel 6 (ITZ Building)

## **Panel 6A: Gender, Masculinity and Intersectional Approaches**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Gesche Gerdes

- **On the Intersection of (Queer)Feminism and Antisemitism**  
Cordula Trunk, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- **The Staging of Masculinity in Dabiq: Antisemitism, Misogyny, and the Gendered Construction of Hate in Islamist Propaganda**  
Georg Tiroch, Augsburg University, Germany
- **October 7th and the Suspension of Gender Tension**  
Phivos Tsiros, University of Vienna, Austria



## **Panel 6B: Historical and Comparative Studies**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Anna Zawadzka

- **The Evolution of Soviet Anti-Zionist Discourse**  
Fredri Rotman, Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies, Germany
- **Between Prejudice(s) and Shared Experiences: The Interethnic Relationship Between Post-Soviet Jews and Post-Soviet Germans in the Federal Republic of Germany From the 1990s Till Today**  
Alexander Schneidmesser, University of Vienna, Austria
- **A Tomb for Boris Davidovich Revisited: The Precarious Status of Jews in East Central Europe's Communist Movements**  
Stephen Pogany, University of Warwick, UK

## **Panel 6C: Contemporary Antisemitism and the (New) "Dark Ages"**

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: Ireneusz Krzeminski

- **"For in That Lies Our Salvation": On the Role of Antisemitic Narratives in Pro-Palestinian Protest Discourse**  
Isabell Reis, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Germany
- **Literary Antisemitism – Antisemitism in Literature. Overview and Contemporary Examples**  
Axel Grimmeißen, Augsburg University, Germany
- **The Value of Optimism in the (New) Dark Ages**  
Noah Krasman, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP), Haifa, Israel

**18:00 – 18:45** Light Refreshments

## **18:45 – 20:45 Keynote & Panel Discussion**

IM Building, lecture hall 13

Moderator: Elke Rajal

- **The Reimposition of the "Jewish Question" – Antisemitism and the Contemporary "Left"**  
Philip Spencer, Kingston University / London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, London, UK
- Karin Stögner, University of Passau, Germany
- David Hirsh, Goldsmiths, University of London / London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, London, UK
- Kim Robin Stoller, International Institute for Education & Research on Antisemitism, Berlin, Germany

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

**10:00 – 12:00** Panel 7 (ITZ Building)

**Panel 7A: Education, Social Work and Youth**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Marta Simó

- **Antisemitism in Austrian Schools: Researching Students' Perspectives**  
Stefanie Mayer, Institute of Conflict Research Vienna, Austria
- **“Never Again” – Never Again What? Talking the Holocaust and Nazi History with Post-Migrant German Youth**  
Dennis Forster, Flossenbürg Concentration Camp Memorial, Germany
- **Social Workers for a Free Palestine? Institutionalized Positionings in the Aftermath of October 7 Within Profession and Discipline of Social Work**  
Holger Knothe, International University of Applied Sciences, Munich, Germany
- **Social Space-Oriented Political Education in the Context of Historical Places of Learning Using the Example of the Arbeiterfürsorgeamt of Jewish Organizations in the Scheunenviertel During the Weimar Republic**  
Tanja Ehmann, Catholic University of Applied Sciences (KHSB), Berlin, Germany

**Panel 7B: Theoretical Foundations and Contemporary Manifestations**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Nikolai Schreiter

- **Is Antisemitism a Form of Racism? An Epistemological Point of View**  
Dror Yinon, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
- **The American Far Right and Antisemitism: Ideology or Tactics?**  
Moritz Golombek, Hamburg, Germany
- **How Are the Jews So Powerful? The Role of Illegitimacy in Contemporary Antisemitism**  
Oscar Franck, University of Bayreuth, Germany
- **Hate in Public Life and Politics: Old and New Aspects**  
Ireneusz Krzeminski, Warsaw University, Poland

## Panel 7C: Historical Perspectives and Memory Politics

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: Kim Robin Stoller

- **The Role of Antisemitism During the Suppression of the Bavarian Soviet Republic in 1919**  
Alexander Schwarz, University of Bayreuth, Germany
- **The Political Weaponization of Staatsräson – Memory, Antisemitism and State Legitimacy After October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Lennard Schmidt, Trier University / IIA, Germany
- **Ancestral Bonding: A Healing Approach for Countering Contemporary Antisemitism**  
Chaya Abrams, University of Colorado-Denver, USA
- **The Islamic Vanguard: Early Maoist-Islamist Alliances From the Arab World**  
Tom Khaled Würdemann, Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies, Germany

**12:00 – 13:15** Lunch

**13:15 – 14:45** Panel 8 (ITZ Building)

## Panel 8A: Digital Spaces and Gaming Platforms

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Christoph Joppich

- **Just a Game? Antisemitism on Gaming-Adjacent Platforms**  
Constantin Winkler, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Berlin, Germany
- **Islamist Antisemitism in Virtual Worlds: Ideological Configurations and Communicative Practices in Gaming Communities**  
Lars Wiegold, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (RPIF), Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- **Antisemitism and Antifeminism in the Discourse of Masculine Influencers in the Manosphere**  
Thomas Stavrinos, University of Passau, Germany

## Panel 8B: Far-Right Ideologies and Conspiracy Theories

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Maria José Casa-Nova

- **Against the “New World Order”: The “Natural Order” and Antisemitism in Far-Right Ideology**  
Isolde Vogel, Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance, Vienna, Austria
- **The Intersection of Transphobia and Antisemitism in Far-Right Ideology**  
Florian Zeller, University Vienna / Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance, Vienna, Austria
- **“Zionists Conspirators” and Jewish Victims on October 7: The Far-Right’s Doubling of Antisemitic Conspiracy Thinking Into Israel and the Exculpation of the Perpetrators**  
Nikolai Schreiter, University of Passau, Germany

## **Panel 8C: Approaching Contemporary Antisemitism: Concepts, Empirical Research and Measurement**

ITZ Building, room SR004

Moderator: Eunike Piwoni

- **Synergies Between Ideology Critique and a Biographical-Reconstructive Research Approach to Antisemitism**  
Paula Matthies & Philipp Polta, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences / Marburg University, Germany
- **The Israeli Diaspora in Catalonia and Their Perceptions of Antisemitism in Their New Communities of Residence**  
Marta Simó, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- **Measuring Contemporary Antisemitism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment and List Experiment**  
Robin Andersson Malmros, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

**14:45 – 15:15** Coffee Break

**15:15 – 17:15** Panel 9 (ITZ Building)

## **Panel 9A: Europe, Turkey and Middle Eastern Contexts**

ITZ Building, lecture hall 17

Moderator: Christoph Joppich

- **Post-Migrant Ambivalences: Diasporic Self-Censorship and the Transnational Politics of Antisemitism in Turkish Far-Right Organisations**  
Evrin Erşan Akkılıç, Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance, Vienna, Austria
- **Between Cohesion and Polarization: Antisemitism, Anti-Muslim Resentment, and the Challenges of Interfaith Dialogue Online**  
Paul Kobusch, Denkfabrik Schalom Aleikum / Central Council of Jews in Germany, Berlin, Germany
- **Echo Chambers of Malice: Erdoğan's AKP and Antisemitic Propaganda on X in the Wake of the Hamas Attacks**  
Hüseyin Çiçek, Sigmund Freud Private University Vienna, Austria
- **Disentangling Antisemitic Attitudes Among Muslim Communities in Germany: Religious Underpinnings or Regional Socialization Effects? Insights from the MiD Study**  
Jannik Fischer & Cemal Öztürk, University of Hamburg / University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

## **Panel 9B: Imagination, Hostile Appropriation and Freedom of Speech**

ITZ Building, room SR001

Moderator: Kathrin Renz

- **Imagined Israel and Imagined Jew in Iranian Exile Communities**  
Julia Pohlmann, University of Aberdeen, Scotland
- **Usurpation of Jewish Heritage in Antisemitic Discourse Before and After 7 October 2023**  
Marc Neugröschel, ISGAP, Cambridge, UK
- **The Discourse on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech in the US and Germany Against the Backdrop of the Israeli-Hamas War**  
Anja Schmidt-Kleinert, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany

**17:30 – 18:30** Business Meeting (ITZ Building, SR004)

**19:00** Conference Dinner

### **Further information:**

The conference will take place on the campus of the University of Passau, at the [IM building, Innstraße 33](#) (Opening Session Sunday afternoon & Keynote / Panel Discussion Monday evening) & [ITZ building, Innstraße 43](#) (Registration, Panels & Catering). Here is a map: [https://www.uni-passau.de/fileadmin/dokumente/Lageplan/Uni-Lageplan\\_zweisprachig.pdf](https://www.uni-passau.de/fileadmin/dokumente/Lageplan/Uni-Lageplan_zweisprachig.pdf). For all further information and the latest PDF version of the program, see the conference website: <https://www.sobi.uni-passau.de/soziologie/mid-term-conference-rn31>