

August 31 – September 2, 2025 in Passau, Germany

Conference Program

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)

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Sunday, August 31, 2025

14:30 – 15:30 Arrival, Registration, Coffee

15:30 – 16:00 Opening Session

- 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

16:00 – 17:30 Panel 1

Panel 1A: Antisemitism: Theoretical Foundations and Contemporary Realities

- **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

- **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: Jewish, Israeli and Muslim Experiences After 7 October

- **Parallel or Entangled Silencing? Jewish and Muslim Experiences Post-October 7**
Marcela Menachem Zoufalá, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- **Perceptions and Identity in Israel Since October 7**
Nicolas Dreyer, University of Bamberg, 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

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 – 19:30 Panel 2

Panel 2A: Postcolonial Theory and Antisemitism

- **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

- **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

- **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

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

- **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

- **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
- **Teaching Antisemitism Theory Before and After 7 October**
Ljiljana Radonić, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Panel 3C: Memory Culture and Historical Perspectives

- **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

Panel 4A: Theoretical Foundations and Conceptual Frameworks

- **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

- **Distorted Psychoanalysis — Gendered Mechanisms of Projection in Current Manifestations of Antisemitism**
Clara Schilling, University of Oldenburg, Germany
- **Antisemitism in Queer Feminist Circles**
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

- **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

Panel 5A: Latin America

- **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

- **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

- **Antizionism as a Crisis Phenomenon of Late Modern Statehood**
Luise Henckel, Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt am Main / Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
- **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

Panel 6A: Gender, Masculinity and Intersectional Approaches

- **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

- **The Evolution of Soviet Anti-Zionist Discourse**
Fred 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"

- **"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 Grimmeiß, 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

Moderator: Elke Rajal, University of Passau, Germany

- **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

Panel 7A: Education, Social Work and Youth

- **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 Ehmman, Catholic University of Applied Sciences (KHSB), Berlin, Germany

Panel 7B: Theoretical Foundations and Contemporary Manifestations

- **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

- **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 7th**
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

Panel 8A: Digital Spaces and Gaming Platforms

- **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 Stavrinou, University of Passau, Germany

Panel 8B: Far-Right Ideologies and Conspiracy Theories

- **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: Methodological Approaches, Concepts and Measurement

- **Synergies Between Ideology Critique and a Biographical-Reconstructive Research Approach to Antisemitism**
Paula Matthies, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- **The Dialectic of Ambiguity Tolerance: Genealogy of a Key Concept in Antisemitism Research**
Lino Ludwig, University of Freiburg, Germany
- **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

Panel 9A: Europe, Turkey and Middle Eastern Contexts

- **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

- **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

19:00 Conference Dinner

Location

The conference will take place on the campus of the University of Passau, at the [ITZ building, Innstraße 43](#). A detailed program including the exact locations and moderators of each panel will be published in August. It will be available on our conference website: <https://www.sobi.uni-passau.de/soziologie/mid-term-conference-rn31>