

JEWISH PERCEPTIONS OF CHRISTIAN ANTI-ANTISEMITISM INITIATIVES

Workshop of the BMBF Project **Christian Signatures of Contemporary Antisemitism**

22. November 2022

12:00 Arrival

13:00 Lunch

14:00 - 16:00

Welcome and Presentation of the Project

Christian Staffa | Rainer Kampling | Sara Han

Which Jews? Who's Jews?

Projections and Counter-Projections

Karma Ben Johanan

Jewish-Christian Dialogue.

Between Antisemitism and Sexism

Katharina von Kellenbach

Discussion

16:00 Coffee-Break

16:30 - 17:00

Anti-Anti-Semitic Anti-Judaism?

Levinas's Critique of Sartre

Elad Lapidot

Discussion

18:00 Dinner

19:30 Get Together

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8:00 Breakfast

9:30 - 11:00

Should Jews Fear a Christian America?

A Conservative Debate

Yitzhak Mor

Israel Politics and Christians in Israel

Hillel Ben Sasson

Discussion

11:00 Coffee-Break

11:30 - 12:30

Statements and Closing Discussion

Karma Ben Johanan | Rainer Kampling

13:00 Lunch

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The Workshop

Jewish-Christian dialogue began as a Christian initiative which's main purpose has been to combat antisemitism. These initiatives have invoked positive reactions on part of Reform Jews at an early stage, and more recently from Orthodox representatives, too. Nevertheless, the variety of purposes, reservations and challenges with which Jewish dialogue partners are approaching Jewish-Christian dialogue remain understudied and much less familiar than the Christian side. To begin bridging this lacuna, this workshop will explore Jewish responses to Christian efforts against Antisemitism. Furthermore, it examines how Jews are involved in the Christian discussion and maps the Jewish discourse on Jewish-Christian dialogue in diverse geographical and political contexts.

The aim of this workshop is to reflect on the possibilities and problems of Jewish-Christian interactions and to contribute to responsible speaking and interaction.

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The Project

Christian Signatures of Contemporary Antisemitism

This collaborative project is dedicated to identifying and analyzing Christian elements of Antisemitism in its historical and contemporary manifestations.

Without the 2000-year history of Christian Antijudaism, the history of modern Antisemitism is inconceivable. Antisemitism research has shortened this constitutional context by two theses. On the one hand, an epochal difference between Christian hostility towards Jews and modern secular Antisemitism is widely assumed, whereby the transition from one to the other is dated grosso modo to the 19th century. On the other hand, types are distinguished, so that Christian, racist, past- and Israel-related forms of hostility towards Jews stand side by side. The epochal and typological distinctions appear to be less the result of detailed discussion than "certainties" that determine the perspective of research.

The project starts here and proceeds from an innovative theoretical approach that examines these traditional categorical distinctions in Antisemitism research and, in contrast, observes a continuing confluence of "modern" (racially derived) and "traditional" (Christian-theologically founded) anti-Jewish prejudices.

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