



Antisemitism Workshop

An International Workshop, July 13–14, 2025

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute in collaboration with
The Vidal Sassoon International Center, The Hebrew University
The Christosemitism ERC StG project, The Hebrew University
and The Stephen Roth Institute, Tel Aviv University

Updated Program

* All times are listed in Israel time

Sunday, July 13

16:00–16:15 Greetings

Panel 1: Antisemitism and Theory

16:15–16:30 Michel Foucault and Antisemitism / Philip Podolsky

16:30–16:45 Self-Hatred: Emotional and Theoretical Perspectives / Keren Dotan

16:45–16:55 Response: Eva Illouz

16:55–17:15 Open discussion

Panel 2: Regional Perspectives

17:30–17:45 Antisemitism in China after October 7th / Meng Yang

17:45–18:00 The Canadian Paradox: Understanding Institutional Antisemitism in a Multicultural Society / Ori Freiman

18:00–18:10 Response: Scott Ury

18:10–18:30 Open discussion

Panel 3: International Relations and Institutions

18:45–19:00 The Israelization of Antisemitism: International Relations and the Conceptualization of Antisemitism after the Holocaust / Tom Eshed

19:00–19:15 Bureaucratizing Antisemitism: The Politics of Definition / Emma Davis

19:15–19:25 Response: Shaul Kelner

19:25–19:45 Open discussion

20:00–21:00 Roundtable: Antisemitism Research after October 7 and the War in Gaza

Monday, July 14

Panel 4: Conceptualizing Antisemitism

16:00–16:15 Studying Antisemitism Outside of a Time of Crisis / Michael Zanger-Tishler

16:15–16:30 Antisemitism as a Multilayered Epistemological Category: Israeli Responses to October 7 and Its Aftermath / Ben Bornstein

16:30–16:40 Response: Leora Batnitzky

16:40–17:00 Open discussion

Panel 5: The Politicization and Instrumentalization of Antisemitism

17:15–17:30 Two Faces of the Same Coin: European Far-Right Formations and the Instrumental Use of the Gaza War Post-October 7 / Neil Bar

17:30–17:45 How the Politicization of Antisemitism Results in Epistemic Injustice for Diasporic Communities and Undermines Jewish Activism (Reexamination of Contemporary Theories of Antisemitism) / Dror Birger

17:45–17:55 Response: Jonathan Judaken

17:55–18:15 Open discussion

Panel 6: Antisemitism and Higher Education

18:30–18:45 Institutional Strategies for Fighting Antisemitism in American Universities / Nathaniel Shils

18:45–19:00 A Question of Antisemitism, Anti-Israelism, or Human Rights? Reconsidering Boycott Calls After October 7th / Anne Rethman

19:00–19:10 Response: Amos Morris-Reich

19:10–19:30 Open discussion

19:45–20:30 Talk: Harvard University Presidential Task Force on Combating Antisemitism and Anti-Israeli Bias / Derek Penslar

Workshop Participants

Guy Alaluf, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Neil Bar, University of California, Berkley/University of Haifa
Leora Batnitzky, Princeton University
Karma Ben Johanan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
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Dror Birger, Cornell University
Ben Bornstein, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
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Julie Cooper, Tel Aviv University
Katarzyna Czerwonogóra, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Emma Davis, Northwestern University
Keren Dotan, Independent
Tom Eshed, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Assaf Feldman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Ori Freiman, McMaster University
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Michel Gherman, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Eva Illouz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jonathan Judaken, Washington University in St. Louis
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