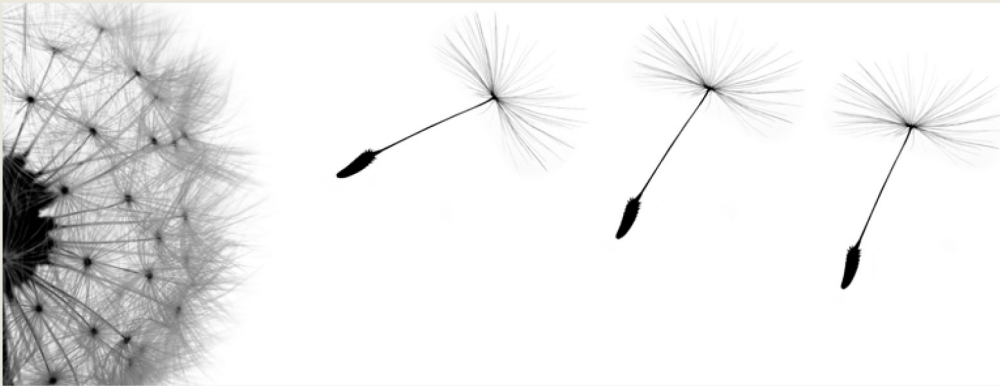


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Overview of the Year

The Institute's overriding aim is to promote greater understanding of antisemitism. It seeks to do this across three broad themes: connecting antisemitism to other forms of racism and religious intolerance, exploring the 'new antisemitism' and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration.

In pursuit of these goals the Institute had two primary objectives for 2013/14: first, to continue to build its reputation for cutting edge research through focusing on initiatives that stretch the boundaries of knowledge and understanding; and second, to consolidate the Institute's standing through published essays, conference papers, books and reports.

In both respects the Institute has been successful. Through the course of the year the Institute has realised two international conferences, held four academic workshops and hosted a number of public events which have focused on new research findings and/or approaches to the study of antisemitism and related topics. Reflecting the Institute's remit of encouraging a multidisciplinary perspective, these have encompassed literature, film, history, sociology, law and politics. A total of 17 events have been held through the year with a combined attendance of 1,600 people, with almost a quarter of these attending more than one event.

This year has also seen a significant increase in published outputs, including the publication of the Institute's first public policy document, *Integration, Disadvantage and Extremism* (May 2014) which demonstrates the Institute's capacity to contribute to this agenda and bring fresh thinking to bear on difficult issues. The Institute has also secured important opportunities for future publications, including interest from Palgrave for a series to be titled, 'Rethinking Antisemitism'.

In addition, the year has seen greater focus on considering the 'new antisemitism', with the Director speaking at conferences in both Berlin and London and in exploring relations between Muslims and Jews, realised through a number of public events.

The institute has successfully secured external funding, totalling more than £30,000, to support a number of its activities through the year. In addition, a funding bid to support a summer school for research students has been successful.

This annual report presents the main achievements for 2013/14 against the Institute's programmes of research, teaching, public policy and public engagement.

Research

This year has proved extremely productive across all areas of research activity and output: publications, lectures, academic conferences and workshops. These accomplishments highlight the breadth of the Institute's concerns, addressing antisemitism and the 'new antisemitism' as well as issues of race and racialization, migration, integration, citizenship and extremism.

Publications

The Director has had five papers published this year including a revised version of his inaugural lecture, 'Conceiving Difference: Religion, Race and the Jews in Britain, c.1750-1900', published in *History Workshop Journal* (Autumn 2013). This paper is particularly important in that it sets out an historical approach to the study of antisemitism; in so doing it underscores the Institute's approach to promoting understanding of antisemitism by placing it within broad social and political contexts. Reflecting contemporary debates, the Director's conference paper on *Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism in Britain*, presented in Berlin in the autumn is currently in press and will be published in 2014/15.

Also helpful in reinforcing the Institute's founding principle of connecting antisemitism with other racisms was the publication of the Director's 'Afterword' in a volume of essays edited by Nasar Meer, entitled *Racialization and Religion* (Routledge, October 2013). The Director also edited (with Ben-Gidley) the Institute's report, *Integration, Disadvantage and Extremism* and co-wrote the introduction and policy recommendations (Pears Institute, May 2014). This is covered in more detail later (see under Public Policy). The Director continues to publish work which offers a historical perspective on issues of immigration and integration.

The Director was also invited to join the editorial advisory board of a new Judaic Studies Series published by University of Alabama Press. The series focuses on modern Jewish history.

Research Fellow Dr Becky Taylor has also made an important contribution to the publication output of the Institute this year. Becky's, new book, *Another Darkness, Another Dawn: A History of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers* (Reaktion Books) was published in February 2014. The book presents a new history of Romani people that charts their movement through time and demonstrates how their experiences provide a way to understand mainstream society's relationship with outsiders and immigrants, both in the past and present. Becky's first book, *A Minority and the State: Travellers in Britain in the Twentieth Century* has been re-issued as a paperback edition (Manchester University Press, November 2013). She also had two papers published and a further paper is in press.

Pears Institute books and papers: published and in print 2013/14

Director: Professor David Feldman

Books

- *Integration, Disadvantage and Extremism*, co-edited with Ben Gidley (Pears Institute, May 2014)

Essays

- 'Religion, Race and the Jews: Conceiving Difference in Britain, c.1750-1900', *History Workshop Journal* (Autumn 2013)
- 'Afterword', in N. Meer (ed.), *Racialization and Religion* (Routledge, October 2013)
- 'Settlement and the Law in the Seventeenth Century' in S. King and A. Winter (eds.), *Migration, Settlement and Belonging in Europe, 1500-1930s* (Berghahn Books, November 2013)
- 'Community' in Bridget Anderson and Michael Keith (eds) *Migration: The COMPAS Anthology*, (COMPAS, University of Oxford, February 2014)
- (with Ben Gidley) 'Introduction and Policy Recommendations' in D.Feldman, Ben Gidley (eds.), *Integration Disadvantage and Extremism* (Pears Institute, May 2014)
- *Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism in Britain* - conference paper to be published on-line in English and German by Jewish Museum Berlin and in print in German by Technical University Berlin in its *Center for Research on Antisemitism Yearbook 2014*)
- 'Reflections on the Mutable Citizen' in Bridget Anderson (ed.) *Citizenship and Its Others* (COMPAS, University of Oxford, forthcoming 2014/15)

Research Fellow: Dr Becky Taylor

Books

- *A Minority and the State: Travellers in Britain in the Twentieth Century* (Manchester University Press, paperback edition November 2013)
- *Another Darkness, Another Dawn: A History of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers* (Reaktion Books, February 2014)

Essays

- 'A Change of Heart? British Policies Towards Tubercular Refugees During 1959 World Refugee Year', *Twentieth Century British History* (May, 2014)
- (with Colin Clark) 'Is Nomadism a Problem? The Social Construction of Gypsies and Travellers as Perpetrators of 'anti-social' Behaviour in Britain' in S. Pickard (ed.) *Anti-Social Behaviour in Britain: Victorian and Contemporary Perspectives* (Palgrave Macmillan, September, 2014)
- (with Ben Rogaly) 'For the Likes of Us? Retelling the Classed Production of a British University Campus' in *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* (Forthcoming, 2014)

Other

- Online interpretive content for Wellcome Trust's project *London's Pulse: Medical Officer of Health Reports 1848-1972* (Autumn, 2013)

Publishing opportunities have been secured for three events the Institute held in the last academic year and at the start of this year. Most importantly, Palgrave is keen to publish two volumes of essays arising out of the conference *Boycotts: Past and Present*. The essays have been commissioned from conference speakers and other contributors. Two

papers presented at the workshop, *Sanctioned Laughter: Humour, War and Dictatorship in Twentieth Century Europe* are to be published in *History Workshop Journal* (Spring 2015) and several of the essays presented at *Writing Jews in Contemporary Britain* will appear in a special issue of *European Judaism* to be published in 2015. The role of the Pears Institute in initiating these papers will be acknowledged in all cases.

Lectures

The Director has maintained a busy programme of public lectures, giving nine in the UK and Europe, including three at international conferences. He was a key note speaker at one of these: 'The Future of Social Relations: Prejudice and Togetherness in Times of Crisis' organised by University of Sheffield and funded by the European Research Council; and an invited speaker at the other two, speaking on *The 'New Antisemitism'* at a conference exploring 'Antisemitism in Europe Today' held at the Jewish Museum Berlin and on *Why are there Ethnic Minorities in Europe?* at the conference 'Migrants: Cultures, Rights, and Geopolitics', organised by Università di Napoli Federico II, Italy and part-sponsored by UNESCO.

Director: David Feldman

- *London's Jews*, Queen Mary, University of London (lecture to participants of the Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship, Social Entrepreneurship and Cross Cultural Network)
- *Us and Them: the Dangerous Politics of Immigration Control*, COMPAS, University of Oxford
- Invited opponent for public examination of doctoral thesis, *Boundaries of an Urban Minority: The Helsinki Jewish Community From the End of Imperial Russia Until the 1970s*, University of Helsinki
- *New Antisemitism – Criticism of Israel or Antisemitism?*, Jewish Museum, Berlin, the Foundation of Remembrance, Responsibility and Future, Berlin and Centre for Research on Antisemitism, Berlin Institute of Technology (invited speaker)
- *Anti-Jewish, Anti-Muslim Racisms in Europe and their Relationships to the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict – an Historical Perspective*, Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London, The Runnymede Trust, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics and Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change, Open University.
- *Jews and Ritual Murder in Nineteenth-Century Britain*, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
- *The Meaning of Antisemitism in the Fundamental Rights Agency's Report*, House of Commons
- *Why are there Ethnic Minorities in Europe?*, Università di Napoli Federico II, Italy (invited speaker)
- *Living with Difference*, Sheffield University and the European Research Council (key note speaker)

Research Fellow: Becky Taylor

- *Making Strangers out of Locals: Oral Histories of Trans-Spatial Connection Among the 'Indigenous' English*, with Ben Rogaly, London Group of Historical Geographers
- Commentator on paper at the Stereotyping in Early Modern British Public Spheres: History as Fieldwork Conference, Senate House, University of London

Conferences and workshops

The Institute has organised two international conferences this year. Both conferences were the result of successful grant applications and received significant external funding.

Labour and Race in Modern German History (March 2014) was a three day conference intended primarily for postgraduate students and early career researchers and was held in collaboration with the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology at Birkbeck and The Wiener Library, as part of a research exchange programme funded by the German Academic Exchange Service. It was attended by 46 postgraduate students, scholars and members of the public from Germany, UK, Israel and USA.

Parliaments and Minorities: Ethnicities, Nations and Religions in Europe, 1848-1948 (May 2014) was conceived and organised in collaboration with the History of Parliament Trust and fully funded as an international British Academy Conference. This prestigious event attracted high calibre speakers and attendees from Europe, Israel and the USA. Fifty people attended the main two day conference, with a round-table evening discussion open to the general public.

The Institute has also collaborated with other institutions this year to bring to fruition three workshops focusing on interdisciplinary and innovative research: *Writing Jews in Contemporary Britain* (September 2013), held in collaboration with University of Sheffield and University of Kent, attended by 31 scholars; *The Challenge of the Extreme Right in Europe* (March 2014) held in partnership with the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology at Birkbeck and Birkbeck Institute for Social Research, which attracted 43 participants drawn from across Europe; and *Memory and Contestation: Histories and Representations of African Enslavement and the Holocaust in Britain Today* (June 2014) held in partnership with the Legacies of British Slave-ownership project, University College London, with 30 invited participants. This latter workshop is notable for its bold and experimental approach. The event sought to set in comparative context the divergent experiences of African-Caribbean and Jewish populations in Britain in addressing their respective histories of enslavement and genocide. The workshop brought together speakers and participants from both groups with the aim of establishing a dialogue on common problems and differences in the treatment of African enslavement and the Holocaust in contemporary culture, memorialisation and education. Discussion at the workshop highlighted a number of possibilities to extend the work begun that day and these opportunities will be taken forward in 2014/15.

The Institute's academic events were attended by 150 scholars and post-graduate students through the course of the year.

International Conferences

- *Labour and Race in Modern German History* - with the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology and The Wiener Library, supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and German Historical Society
- British Academy Conference: *Parliaments and Minorities: Ethnicities, Nations and Religion in Europe, 1848-1948* - with the History of Parliament Trust

Workshops

- *Writing Jews in Contemporary Britain* – with the University of Kent and University of Sheffield
- *The Challenge of the Extreme Right: Past, Present, Future* – with Department of History, Classics and Archaeology and Birkbeck Institute for Social Research
- *Pogroms: Contemporary Reactions to Antisemitic Violence in Europe c. 1850-1950* – with The Wiener Library
- *Memory and Contestation: Histories and Representations of African Enslavement and the Holocaust in Britain Today* – with the Legacies of British Slave-ownership Project, University College London

The international project on *Muslims and Jews: Citizenship, Identities and Prejudices in Europe and Israel* jointly devised in collaboration with Professor Arieh Kochavi, Herzl Institute for the Research and Study of Zionism, University of Haifa has been completed. The final workshops took place in Berlin (September 2013) and Madrid (April 2014). Five peripatetic workshops have been held in total to explore attitudes to Israel and antisemitism in the context of multiculturalism, Islamophobia and racism today. A publication is under consideration.

Teaching

A new undergraduate module, *Christians and Jews in Europe: the Last One Thousand Years* has received approval and will be offered in 2015 or 2016. This year 16 students took the postgraduate module on *Jews and Antisemitism in Modern Europe: Histories and Approaches* taught by the Director. Other related modules also proved popular, with 15 MA students studying *The Holocaust*, 17 taking the MA module on *Stalinism* and 21 students *Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict*. At undergraduate level, 12 students studied *Contested Nation: Germany 1871-1918* which explores, among its themes, race, gender, antisemitism and religious conflict.

“Thank you for last term's module on antisemitism. I really enjoyed all the sessions and found them both engaging and stimulating. It's certainly above my pay grade as a historian but I find the idea of studying how antisemitism spreads from place to place really interesting.” MA History Student

"I found this module [Jews and Antisemitism in Europe] to be more interesting and intellectually stimulating, than I could have anticipated. The exceptionally high quality of this learning experience was based on two complementary aspects. First, the course seminar programme was extremely well-structured... Second, and what I particularly valued, was the excellent quality of Professor Feldman's teaching. He led the discussions in an extremely stimulating and effective way... Each seminar was an intensive learning experience; and not a moment was wasted." MA History student

"My experience has been truly excellent. I have had very good individual sessions with my supervisors through the year. The feedback I have received has been very helpful, the perfect mix of practical and intellectual pointers." MPhil/PhD student

The Director's essay 'Why the English like turbans: multicultural politics in British history' has been republished as part of course reading material for a new Open University module, *Why is Religion Controversial?* The module focuses on the connections between religion and controversial issues, including politics, tradition, gender, multiculturalism, atheism and violence and is intended to develop a student's understanding of the nature and role of 'religion' in historical and contemporary societies. The module commenced in October 2013 and will be offered for 12 years. This development demonstrates the potential for the Institute to take its innovative approach to the study of antisemitism, racialization and the politics of toleration beyond Birkbeck and to the Higher Education sector more widely.

The Director is supervising seven postgraduate research students. It is very pleasing that one of these students received a scholarship from the University of Cambridge and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to undertake archival research in Germany. In addition, a visiting research student from Technical University, Berlin has joined the Institute for one year, commencing in April 2014.

Pears Institute PhD Students

- Morwenna Blewett: The Use and Exclusion of Art Restoration Professionals by the Nazi Kleptocracy
- Sue Blunn: How and Why did British Attitudes to the Practice of Sati Change Between 1830 and 1870?
- Julie Cameron: German Prisoners of War in Britain During the Second World War
- Helen Carr: Muslim-Jewish relations in Britain in the late twentieth century
Helen is the beneficiary of the Pears Institute Eric Salama PhD Studentship
- James Perkins: Britain and 'the East End of Europe': the Balkans and British Liberalism, 1875-1925
- Dave Rich: Campus Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism in the 1970s
- Robin Sisson: The Relationship Between British Trade Unions and Black and Asian Workers 1968-80

Visiting PhD Students

- Ilka Schroeder, Technical University, Berlin: Connections Between Modern Antisemitism and Nationalism

Two research students supervised by Professor Stephen Frosh, an associate of the Institute, have been awarded their doctorates:

- Somay, B. *L'Orient N'Existe Pas: The Oriental Transvestite in Transition*. Awarded November 2013
- Moshkovitz, Y. *What do we talk about when we talk about 'national identity'? Jewish-Israelis in Britain negotiating 'national identity' between Zionist ideology and diasporic reality*. Awarded January 2014

The Institute has been successful in securing funding from the Rothschild Foundation to hold a biennial summer school for postgraduate research students. The grant application was made jointly with the Centre for German-Jewish Studies, University of Sussex and Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. The summer school will be held in August 2015.

The Institute has also provided educational guidance to others. The Director has advised the Globe Theatre on its teachers' resources for the *Merchant of Venice*, commenting on the historical sections relating to the history of Jews in Europe. He also assisted the Imperial War Museum, commenting on the scripts of two films which form part of its "Learning Resources for Schools", *The Way we Lived* and *Roots of Antisemitism*, both of which provide context for the study of the Holocaust.

Policy engagement

The report, *Integration, Disadvantage and Extremism* edited by David Feldman and Ben Gidley was published in May 2014. Produced in partnership with COMPAS, University of Oxford, for the All Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism, this timely report examines what drives extremism in British society and makes a series of policy recommendations. The report was launched in the House of Commons on the 16 July 2014 by Stephen Williams MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, with John Mann MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism. Lilian Greenwood, MP for Nottingham and Lord Haskell and Lord Dubs contributed to the discussion.

The report offers new insights from 10 leading academics and thinkers on: the disadvantages experienced by Britain's white working class, Muslim and ethnic minority populations; the drivers of far-right and Islamist extremism; and the appeal of antisemitism to far-right and Islamist extremists. The report suggests that Islamist and far-right extremism should both be regarded as radical ideologies which are embraced by people who feel marginalized as they appear to offer an explanation for, or an answer to, a sense of grievance or lack of opportunity. It highlights that extremism and integration cannot be tackled at a local level alone. Nor can they be addressed in isolation from tackling issues of disadvantage and inequality. The report calls for a unified national strategy to build community cohesion and integration, incorporating legal and policy responses, and with a renewed commitment to improving social mobility and racial justice.

“These essays are thought-provoking and timely; they offer key commentary on some of the most pressing issues we face in society, from far right extremism to antisemitism and Islamophobia. Understanding these phenomena is crucial to ridding them from our society – something the current government is committed to doing. In fact, the starting point of our approach to integration and extremism is that there is no place for hatred and intolerance of any kind in Britain. These academics’ findings make for compelling reading, and the Pears Institute and COMPAS should be congratulated for bringing them to a wider audience.” The Right Hon Baroness Warsi, Senior Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister for Faith and Communities, May 2014

The publication of the report has had a demonstrable impact on the approach of the All Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism and the policy debate around antisemitism. The All Party Group’s 2006 report on antisemitism dealt with the problem of antisemitism in isolation: setting it apart from related issues of religious and racial intolerance. In contrast, the 2014 report *Integration, Disadvantage and Extremism* published by the Institute in partnership with the All Party Group places antisemitism within wider concerns about diversity and racism in British Society. In so doing, antisemitism has been positioned in relation to the government’s concerns about tackling extremism and racism, and the need for greater integration. This marks a significant shift in how the All Party Group and politicians more widely view antisemitism and the measures required to combat it and one that is in line with the Institute’s goals.

The Institute held a further public policy event at the House of Commons this year. The *Symposium on Antisemitism in Europe: Experiences and Perspectives* (March 2014) was held in partnership with the Institute for Jewish Policy Research and the All Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism. The symposium provided an opportunity to consider the findings and assess policy implications of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights’ recent report: *Discrimination and Hate Crime Against Jews in EU Member States: Experiences and Perceptions*. The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Stephen Williams MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; and Eric Ollerenshaw OBE MP presided at the symposium which was attended by 61 people including government officials; academics and representatives from think-tanks, charities, the media and the police.

There has been further work in the field of public policy. The Director was invited to participate in a round-table discussion ‘Understanding Social Cohesion and Cohesive Communities’ organised by the Institute for Government and the Arts and Humanities Research Council and attended by expert scholars and senior civil servants. He was also one of 23 signatories on a letter sent to the Prime Minister’s Holocaust Commission voicing concern about the Commission’s terms of reference. The signatories, experts in the fields of Holocaust studies and education, acknowledged the potential value of the Commission to increase public understanding of the Holocaust but raised concerns about the lack of scholarly representation and input. In particular they highlighted the need to bring current academic research and thinking to bear on the Commission’s own thinking and to inform its programme of educational initiatives and wider public dissemination.

In the course of the past year the Institute has developed a European dimension to its policy work. The Director has been invited to join a new International Expert Committee

on Facing Antisemitism and Antiziganism in Europe. The committee has been established by the German Foundation, EVZ ('Remembrance, Responsibility and Future') to advise on and commission pan-European comparative research into antisemitism as well as racism and prejudice towards the Romani people. The proposed research will be conducted over the next seven to ten years and will provide sound data on causes and trends of these phenomena across Europe, with a particular focus on central Eastern Europe. The information will be used to stimulate debate and inform policy makers at national and European levels.

Public Engagement

The Institute has maintained an extensive programme of high quality round-tables and public lectures through the year, holding 11 in total. The Institute's interest in Muslims and Jews has been furthered through three events in the course of the year: a screening of the award-winning documentary *Tinghr-Jerusalem; Echoes from the Mellah* and round-table discussion on the issues it raises of displacement, migration, citizenship and belonging and Muslim and Jewish relations in the past and present; a round-table discussion on *New Perspectives on Antisemitism and Islamophobia: Racialization and Religion*; and a public lecture by Maud Mandel, Brown University on *Muslims and Jews in France: History of a Conflict*.

The Institute has been particularly fortunate in securing lectures from two renowned historians this year, Richard Overy, University of Bristol and Timothy Snyder, University of Yale both of whom delivered excellent lectures to capacity audiences.

Public events

- *Tinghir-Jerusalem: Echoes from the Mellah*, Gil Anidjar, Moshe Behar, Kamal Hachkar, Guila Clara Kessous
- *The Recurrence of Genocide Since the Holocaust*, Philip Spencer
- *What Does the Rule of Law Really Mean*, Baroness Helena Kennedy
- *New Perspectives on Antisemitism and Islamophobia: Racialization and Religion*, Brian Klug, Nasar Meer, Tariq Modood, Pnina Werbner
- *Diasporas of the Mind*, Bryan Cheyette, Robert Eaglestone, Susheila Nasta MBE
- *Antisemitism and Global Politics :Germany, Poland, and Palestine in the 1930s*, Timothy Snyder
- *'No Stab in the Back!' Race, Labour and the National Socialist Regime under the Bombs, 1940-45*, Richard Overy
- *Nationalities and Parliaments Now: What Can We Learn from the Past?*, Tim Bale, Robert Hazell, Simon Hix, Gwendolyn Sasse
- *Muslim and Jews in France: History of a Conflict*, Maud Mandel
- *Debating Antisemitism. Why do Jews Disagree So Much?* Diana Pinto, Keith Kahn-Harris
- *Histories of Prejudice*, Matt Cook, Jessica Reinisch, Becky Taylor

The Institute's public events have typically attracted upwards of 100 people with some attracting audiences of 200-300. Over 1,000 individuals have attended events, with 23% attending more than one event and 8% three or more: an indication of the interest in,

and the quality of events the Institute holds. It is also pleasing to see that the Institute has reached out to the wider community, with the general public making up three quarters of the audience. Students and academics in equal proportions make up the remaining number.

"Very good to see the film last night... (it) opened up an area of world and community history hitherto unknown." *Tinghr-Jeusalem*, member of the public

"Last night was a very lively, effective and meaningful discussion and debate. I thoroughly enjoyed everyone's contributions and some very thought provoking comments and questions from the audience too. Overall I gained a lot from the whole discourse." *Diasporas of the Mind*, member of the public

"I must say I did enjoy last night's event. It was inspirational to merge the analysis of antisemitism and Islamophobia, as the crossover of argument/ideas deepens our understanding of these topics." *New Perspectives on Antisemitism and Islamophobia*, member of the public

"Having attended Timothy Snyder's fascinating lecture on Wednesday, I wanted to extend my congratulations to you and your team for staging such a superb event. I'm sure I was not alone in coming away extremely impressed both with Professor Snyder's academic prowess and with the slick and professional organization behind this evening of high-quality scholarship. *Antisemitism and Global Politics*, Academic

I am writing to say thank you for an informative and thoroughly enjoyable lecture last night. I am a non-practicing Jew and my wife is not Jewish, and beyond the fact of my Jewishness we have no particular knowledge of the history of antisemitism. But we are curious people, and we learnt so much from Professor Snyder about things we had little prior knowledge of. I note that the founding principle of the Pears Institute is that the study of antisemitism is vital to understanding racism, religious intolerance and xenophobia more broadly. The lecture certainly furthered our understanding of these issues. *Antisemitism and Global Politics*, member of the public

"The public lectures I have attended are, to my mind, the most measured in the field. The Institute has made the subjects of antisemitism and racism more approachable by careful attention to the connections across disciplines and sensitivity to the material. The environment in which the lectures are conducted is unusual in being overtly welcoming and warm. Overall, the institute appears to have constructed a strong and effective framework for a difficult and sometimes acutely uncomfortable field." Member of the public

The Institute has dealt with a number of media enquiries through the year, ranging from an American documentary film-maker exploring antisemitism and Holocaust education in Germany to a potential programme for the BBC's popular television series 'Who do you Think You Are? Research Fellow Becky Taylor also took part in a recorded discussion, 'Ailments of Our London Kin', for a podcast of *Who Do You Think You Are?*

APPENDIX: PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATES

Anthony Clavane

Essays

- 'The Radicalism of Fools: the Rise of the New Anti-Semitism', *New Statesman*, 30 January 2014
- Articles relating to football and antisemitism have appeared in the *Independent* and *The Times*

Stephen Frosh

Essays

- 'Psychoanalysis, Colonialism, Racism', *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, 33, 2013, 141-154
- 'Melancholic Subjectivity', in R. Tafarodi (ed) *Subjectivity in the 21st Century: Psychological, Sociological and Political Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press, 2013

Christian Goeschel

Essays

- 'The Criminal Underworld in Weimar and Nazi Berlin', *History Workshop Journal*, 75, 2013, 58-80
- 'Introduzione' in Renzo De Felice, *Mussolini e Hitler. I rapporti segreti, 1922-1933, con documenti inediti*, Laterza, 2013, v-xxiii

Key conferences

- Speaker at International Conference, *L'autorité politique, le pouvoir et la masculinité/Leadership, power and masculinity*, September 2014. Université de Paris I (Sorbonne)/University of London Institute, Paris
- Speaker at Departmental Colloquium, *The Cult of Mussolini in Nazi Germany*, May 2014. European University Institute, Florence
- Commentator at workshop on *Empires and Colonial Conquests in Italy, Japan and Germany*, January 2014, European University Institute, Florence
- Co-organiser: International Workshop, *Rethinking Transnational History*, October 2013. Australian National University

Jan Rüger

Key Conferences

- Co-Convenor: *Labour and Race in Modern German History*, March, 2014. Pears Institute, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology and The Wiener Library, supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and German Historical Society

Irene Bruna Seu

- *Passivity Generation; Human Rights and Everyday Morality*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

Nick Wachsman

Essays

- *Die Linke im Visier. Zur Errichtung der Konzentrationslager 1933* (Co-edited with S. Steinbacher), Göttingen, 2014

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- Speaker at public workshop, *Hitler's and Stalin's Camps*, June 2014. University of Rostock