

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Innovative, Independent, Inclusive

The Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism is a centre of innovative research and teaching on antisemitism, racialization and religious intolerance. It contributes to knowledge and understanding, policy formation and public debate.

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# 1. Overview

The Institute faced two unprecedented challenges this year. The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to the Institute putting all its outward-facing activities online for the full academic year, and the announcement in March 2021 that Pears Foundation, the Institute's core founder, wished to step back from its close association with the Institute, leading to its change of name from 'Pears Institute' to the 'Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism'. In addition to meeting these challenges, the Institute has had a very strong year, attracting an international audience for its events, securing significant grant income for research and teaching, and appointing three early career research fellows who will extend the breadth of the Institute's work from 2021/22.

The Institute's strategic plan for 2020–25 sets out its commitment to make a significant contribution to connecting the study of antisemitism to the study of racism and racialization. This objective has always been at the centre of the Institute's work but has become increasingly urgent in the face of rising intolerance globally. Two new initiatives this year have aimed to promote further dialogue across these fields of study. An academic webinar programme has focused on some of the historical and contemporary issues connecting (and separating) anti-antisemitism and anti-racism. The Institute has partnered with the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology and the Raphael Samuel History Centre to mount an annual public event under the rubric 'New Histories of Racialization and Resistance'.

The Institute has continued to play an active role in public policy and public discourse, not only in the UK, but in Europe and internationally, addressing issues around antisemitism on the left and how to define antisemitism. Institute staff provided written evidence to the Forde Inquiry into the response to antisemitism and racism in the UK Labour Party and gave talks to policy makers in Denmark, to educators from across Europe, and to the European Judiciary Training Network. The Director of the Institute played a lead role in the development of the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism, launched in March 2021. Opinion pieces have appeared in *Haaretz*, the *EU Observer*, *Vashti* and *The Guardian*.

The Institute launched its new website in September 2021. The website features an enhanced resources section, including a fully searchable podcast archive enabling users to easily access over one hundred public lectures and seminars.

This report highlights some of the key initiatives and successes through the year. A full account is given in the appendix.

## 2. Institute Staff

### CORE STAFF

- David Feldman, Director of BISA and Professor of History, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Jan Davison, Head of Communications and BISA Manager
- Brendan McGeever, Senior Lecturer in the Sociology of Racialization and Antisemitism, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Marc Volovici, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, BISA and Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Tanesha Westcarr, BISA Events Coordinator

### BIRKBECK ASSOCIATES

- Anthony Bale, Professor of Medieval Studies, Department of English, Theatre and Creative Writing, School of Arts
- Stephen Frosh, Professor of Psychosocial Studies, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Ben Gidley, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Daniel Monk, Professor of Law, School of Law
- Daniel Pick, Professor of History, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Jessica Reinisch, Professor of Modern European History, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Jan Rueger, Professor of History, Birkbeck, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Irene Bruna Seu, Professor of Psychosocial Studies and Critical Psychology, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Philip Spencer, Visiting Professor, Department of Politics, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Nikolaus Wachsmann, Professor in Modern European History, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy

### EXTERNAL RESEARCH FELLOWS AND ASSOCIATES

#### Honorary Research Fellows

- Keith Kahn-Harris, Leo Baeck College
- Louise London, Independent Scholar
- Diana Popescu, Independent Scholar

#### Associate Research Fellows

- Vivi Lachs, School of English and Drama, Queen Mary, University of London
- David Ranan, Independent Scholar
- Dave Rich, Community Security Trust

#### Associates

- Ludivine Broch, Lecturer in History, Humanities, University of Westminster
- Bryan Cheyette, Professor in Modern Literature, Department of English Literature, University of Reading
- Anthony Clavane, Lecturer in Multimedia Journalism, Department of Literature, Film and Theatre Studies, University of Essex
- Jack Jacobs, Professor of Political Science, John Jay College and CUNY Graduate Centre, City University of New York
- Marcel Stoetzler, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Bangor University
- Becky Taylor, Professor of Modern History, School of History, University of East Anglia

### 3. Change of Name

The Institute's core funder, Pears Foundation, took the decision early in 2021 to step back from the Institute. On 23 March a joint statement by the Foundation and Birkbeck announced: 'The Foundation's Trustees have decided that as the Institute increasingly tackles challenging and divisive issues in the public sphere, continuing to be so closely associated with the Institute is no longer in the Foundation's best interests. The Trustees of Pears Foundation and Birkbeck have, therefore, agreed that going forward the Pears name will no longer be directly associated with the Institute.' The Institute formally changed its name to the Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism on 4 May 2021. The Foundation continues to fund the Institute.

The Institute's founding principle still informs its vision and its work: that the study of antisemitism is vital to understanding racialization, racism and religious intolerance. The Institute's programmes of pathbreaking research, teaching and public engagement will continue and develop as before.

## 4. Research

### RESEARCH FUNDING

Academic excellence remains the bedrock which reinforces the Institute's reputation and its capacity to intervene authoritatively in matters of wide public interest. In this regard, the Institute has had notable success with research funding this year. Three successful grant applications total more than £750,000. In addition, the Institute's fruitful partnership with the Bonnard Trust has ensured continued funding for postgraduate students in the School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy. Taken together, the Institute has, in the course of the year, secured over £1,000,000 of funding for specific initiatives over the next five years.

The Alfred Landecker Foundation has awarded funding for a five-year post-doctoral position attached to the Institute and the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology. Eliana Hadjisavvas, currently a Research Fellow at the Institute for Historical Research, will join the Institute in January 2022. Her research will focus on the history of detention sites for European Jewry in Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East during the Holocaust. Her project examines how the history of Jewish displacement before and after the Holocaust intersects with the history of the British Empire, and to what extent Britain's network of colonial detention camps for Jewish refugees shaped British responses to migration and minorities after 1945.

Rothschild Hanadiv Europe has awarded funding for a two-year post-doctoral fellowship attached to the Institute, commencing in October 2021. William Pimlott will join the Institute in October 2021. His project investigates the global Yiddish press, focusing on the polycentric development of Jewish journalism, politics and aesthetics in the period 1890–1920. This work pays particular attention to the cultural, commercial and social aspects of the Yiddish press, alongside its attempts to deal with transnational phenomena such as antisemitism and the White Slave Trade.

The Arts and Humanities Research Council has awarded the Institute and Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL), a grant for a joint research project, *Making and Remaking the Jewish East End: Space, Language and Time* led by Nadia Valman (QMUL) with David Feldman as Co-Investigator. This project explores histories and memories of relations between Jews and non-Jews in the East End from the 1880s to the 1980s. The project is unique in its exploration of how Jewish immigrant culture in the East End was experienced through relationships to other social and cultural spaces: to the West End Jewish world but also to European or North American centres of Jewish culture. The project's multi-dimensional approach to the history of Jewish immigration, acculturation and integration will also speak to the history of other immigrant and ethnic minority populations.

The Bonnard Trust has committed funding over the next five years for PhD and Master's studentships. These studentships, which explore themes relating to 'Diversity and Belonging' and 'Minorities and Social Justice', are overseen by the Institute and are open to students across the School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy and the School of Law (PhD scholarship only).

The Institute received over 40 applications for its Early Career Fellowship funded by Pears Foundation. Dr Jan Rybak (currently at the University of York) will join the Institute in October 2021. Jan's doctoral research dealt with everyday Zionism in Eastern and Central Europe between 1914 and 1920. His current project deals with violence against Jews and Jewish self-arming in Central and Eastern Europe in the aftermath of the First World War.

# Research

## PUBLICATIONS

Three major publications appeared this year which underline the Institute's role in fostering and supporting work that leads and helps define the field of antisemitism studies.

Nathan Kurz, an Early Career Fellow at the Institute between 2015 and 2017, has had his first monograph published, *Jewish Internationalism and Human Rights after the Holocaust* (Cambridge University Press, 2021). The book charts the fraught relationship between Jewish internationalism and international rights protection in the second half of the 20th century.

Two further books have been published in the series Palgrave Critical Studies of Antisemitism and Racism, of which David Feldman is series editor. *Key Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism*, edited by Sol Goldberg, Scott Ury and Kalman Weiser, features leading scholars from a variety of disciplines, including cultural and literary studies, intellectual and social history, political science and critical theory, addressing the relevance a given concept has for our understanding of antisemitism. *Jews, Liberalism, Antisemitism*, edited by Abigail Green and Simon Levis Sullam, is a collection of original and provocative essays that illumine the historic relationship between liberalism and antisemitism in Europe, the Ottoman Empire and the North American Atlantic World. This book series is proving a popular resource: chapter downloads for the first three volumes in the series totalled 4,442 in the first quarter of 2021. From 2019 to April 2021 chapter downloads total more than 13,000.

Brendan McGeever's monograph, *Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) has received wide critical acclaim, and was awarded the 2020 Reginald Zelnik Book Prize for History, among others.

## ACADEMIC SEMINARS

The development of Black Lives Matter, its significance for Jews of Colour and its relationship to anti-Zionism and antisemitism has raised important questions for antisemitism studies and has made it more urgent than ever to address the relationship between antisemitism and other forms of racialization. In 2020/21 the Institute responded to this conjuncture with a year-long programme of seminars under the rubric 'Antisemitism and Racism – Comparisons and Contexts'. The Institute took the opportunity, afforded by the move to online events, to host leading international scholars. These included Michael Rothberg, University of California, who reflected on the ethics and politics of historical comparison, Karin Stögner, University of Passau, who proposed that the methodological approach of intersectionality and research into antisemitism need not necessarily exclude each other, and the writer April Rosenblum who considered Jewish activists in the 1960s who built their lives connecting to Black liberation and anti-colonial resistance movements. The seminar series, with its punchy one-hour format and lunchtime scheduling, proved popular, attracting academic audiences of between 75 and 130, with a growing number of attendees from Europe and the US.

# Research

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

*The Meanings of Antisemitism.* This project traces the changing ways in which antisemitism has been conceived and defined from the 1880s, when the word antisemitism first became commonplace, to the early 21st century. It reveals how the meaning of the term antisemitism has changed in parallel with different civil, political and national rights claims made by and on behalf of Jews. A book is forthcoming with Princeton University Press. David Feldman.

*Understanding and Explaining Labour's Antisemitism Crisis.* This scoping project, made possible with seed funding from Birkbeck's Research Innovation Fund, considers antisemitism on the left, and has further examined the Labour Party's antisemitism crisis. This has involved a systematic review of existing quantitative and qualitative source materials relating to the crisis. The findings will inform a major research bid on the 'Politics of Antisemitism in Contemporary Britain'. David Feldman, Ben Gidley, Brendan McGeever.

*Dirty Laundry: Dissent and Self-Criticism in 20th-Century Jewish Politics.* This research project investigates the political and ethical tensions underlying the practice of public self-criticism in modern Jewish politics. It historicizes the assumption that words and actions of individuals belonging to a minority group can impact the image and safety of other group members. The changing structures and contexts of Jewish politics in the 20th century offer a powerful case study for examining the fluid and contested boundaries of legitimate self-critique. This project examines how antisemitism, the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel affected the handling of questions of freedom of speech, political power, violence and self-censorship. Marc Volovici.

*Britain in Fragments: Why Things Fell Apart.* This project charts the rise of racism and the defeat of class from the second half of the 20th century through to today. A book contract has been signed with Manchester University Press. Brendan McGeever with Satnam Virdee, University of Glasgow.



## 5. Teaching

The Institute has contributed to mainstream teaching at Birkbeck, both in the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology and the Department of Psychosocial Studies. A new MA module, *Modern Europe and Its Others: Jews, Muslims, Blacks*, offered in the spring term, was taught by Marc Volovici and taken by students from various programmes, including Culture, Diaspora, Ethnicity, European History, History and Contemporary Politics and War and Humanitarianism. BA modules on *Class*, offered in the autumn term, and *Racism and Antisemitism*, offered in the spring term (a compulsory module for BA Psychosocial students), were taught by Brendan McGeever.

The short, public course, *Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History* did not run in 2020/21 due to the pandemic and the suspension of in-person teaching. Despite this setback, it has attracted significant interest from institutions seeking an educational course for their staff. In response to this demand, the course has been substantially revised to make it suitable for online teaching, commencing in the autumn of 2021.

Yale University invited the Institute to become an access site for the Yale Fortunoff Video Archives for Holocaust Testimonies. The archive offers a valuable resource for Birkbeck students and staff, providing access to over 4,000 testimonies.

## 6. Public Policy

The Institute's expertise and advice on how to recognize, define and combat antisemitism has been sought by a wide range of national and international institutions through the course of the year.

### UK

David Feldman, Brendan McGeever and Ben Gidley submitted written evidence to the Forde Inquiry into 'The work of the Labour Party's Governance and Legal Unit in relation to antisemitism, 2014–2019', set up by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party (August 2020). This invitation arose as a result of their joint essay 'Labour and Antisemitism: a Crisis Misunderstood' published in *Political Quarterly* (May 2020). David Feldman was subsequently invited to attend a 'culture round table' (January 2021), on the grounds that the written submission 'had been particularly helpful in this regard'. A follow-up discussion between Martin Forde QC and David Feldman considered cultural issues within the Labour Party more broadly.

The Institute's interventions on the issue of Labour and antisemitism, produced with increasing frequency over the past three years, have been commended by leading journalists and influential members of the Labour Party as well as mainstream Jewish communal leaders. The Institute's analysis of what lies at the heart of Labour's problem is widely acknowledged as pathbreaking and essential. For example, the idea of a reservoir of antisemitism from which new iterations are drawn, now underpins the understanding of contemporary antisemitism promoted by one of the UK's largest political action groups, HOPE not hate.

Other organizations which have engaged with the Institute and/or sought its advice this year include the Community Security Trust, the National Holocaust Centre at Laxton, University of Brighton, University College London, the University College Union and Universities UK.

### EUROPE

In September 2020 David Feldman was invited to speak to Danish policy makers and advisors from the Ministries of Family Affairs, Education and Justice on the 'IHRA definition as a symbol and its uses' at a round-table webinar on the 'Uses and Misuses of Definitions of Antisemitism', organized by the Danish Institute for International Studies. In April 2021, the European Judicial Training Network invited David Feldman to deliver the keynote lecture on 'The Origins and Perceptions of Antisemitism' to launch its two-day seminar on 'Antisemitism and Hate Crimes' for the European Judiciary, attended by around 30 magistrates and state prosecutors. In May 2021, David Feldman was invited to give a lecture in Germany as part of an Encate Certificate Program 'Current Forms of Antisemitism' for educators, civil society organizations and policy makers, organized by the Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin, and the Kreuzberger Initiative Against Antisemitism.

### INTERNATIONAL

David Feldman was invited to join a steering group of seven international scholars, convened by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, to confront and raise awareness about antisemitism, to critically assess the controversial International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and to identify and address those aspects of public debate on antisemitism which cause confusion and concern. The result of these deliberations, over the course of a year of workshops and meetings, was the development of an alternative definition, the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism (JDA), launched in March 2021, endorsed by more than 300 scholars of antisemitism and related fields. The JDA invokes universal principles and links the fight against antisemitism with the fight against other forms of racism and discrimination. Intended for multiple purposes, such as awareness raising, education and identifying when speech or conduct is antisemitic (and when it is not), the JDA can be used as an alternative to the IHRA working definition or used alongside it.

In the course of disseminating the JDA, David Feldman was part of the delegation which met with Miguel Moratinos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and with senior staff at the European Commission: Salla Saastamoinen, acting Director General for Civil and Commercial Justice at the European Commission's Directorate for Justice and Consumers; Ms Katharina von Schnurbein, Team Leader – European Commission Coordinator on Combatting Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life; and Ms Pascale Falek, Policy Officer for Fundamental Rights Policy.

Facebook sought David Feldman's advice on hate speech and in particular its policy on Anti-Zionism.

## 7. Public Engagement

The Institute ran a full programme of public events during the year, delivered online, and attracting audiences of 200–300 people. The opportunity was taken to host international scholars for several of these. Debórah Dwork, The City University New York, gave the annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture, held in collaboration with the Institute of Historical Research. Simon Levis Sullam, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Jessica Marglin, University of Southern California, and Derek Penslar, Harvard University, joined Abigail Green, University of Oxford, and David Feldman for a discussion on 'Jews, Liberalism, Antisemitism', held in collaboration with the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The inaugural event of 'New Histories of Racialization and Resistance', held in partnership with the Department History, Classics and Archaeology and the Raphael Samuel History Centre, and hosted by the Institute, brought together Jacob Dlamini, Princeton University, Sadia Qureshi, University of Birmingham, and Kristy Warren, University of Leicester, to explore controversies over public history and memorialization and the growing demands to 'decolonize' knowledge from within and without higher education.

Institute staff also spoke at various public events hosted by others. David Feldman discussed the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism with Lord Mann at the Limmud Festival, and Brendan McGeever spoke on antisemitism and the Russian Revolution at the Leeds Literary Festival and at Jewish Book Week in London.

## 8. The Institute in the Media

The Institute has made various public interventions this year, where it has felt its expertise on how to recognize and address antisemitism could usefully inform public discourse. In doing so it has attracted both praise and criticism.

In November 2020, an opinion piece, co-authored by David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, entitled 'The EHRC report shows how difficult building anti-racist politics will be' was published by *The Guardian*. This article reflected on the findings and implications of the Equality and Human Rights Commission report into Labour's antisemitism crisis and was commended by key figures in the Party.

*'Excellent deep dive from @bengidley et al on EHRC and what it tells us about the deep roots of antisemitism, and how we tackle the toxic culture which has infected the party.'*

**Mike Katz, National Chair of the Jewish Labour Movement**

*'Really good thread/summary/article about the #EHRC report. Also the wider ethical & political need to reconnect the battle against antisemitism with the wider movement for racial equality. We need only look at the US to see why this is becoming critical.'*

**Clive Lewis, MP**

In December 2020, an opinion piece by David Feldman, entitled 'The Government Should Not Impose a Faulty Definition of Antisemitism on Universities', was published by *The Guardian* online and as the lead op-ed in the UK print edition. In this article David Feldman argued that the IHRA working definition is confusing and divisive and forcing its adoption will not help protect Jewish students and staff. Moreover, there is a need to tackle not only antisemitism, but racism in universities more broadly.

This article proved controversial. Jewish communal leaders mistakenly perceived the article as a wholesale attack on the IHRA definition. At the same time, the article was widely welcomed and supported by many academics involved in Jewish studies and antisemitism studies who had become increasingly concerned about how the IHRA working definition was being invoked. A collective letter of support for the Institute and David Feldman signed by 29 UK Jewish studies scholars was published in the *Jewish Chronicle* and *JewThink*, following the *Jewish Chronicle*'s publication of personalized and misleading attacks on both. These events highlight the troubling distance between the views of the majority of academics engaged in the study of antisemitism and the views of Jewish communal leaders and their allies.

In March 2021, David Feldman considered the controversial case of Bristol University academic, David Miller, with an opinion piece published in *Haaretz*: 'The David Miller Case: A Textbook Example of Anti-Zionism Becoming Vicious Antisemitism'. In this article, David Feldman asked how can we defend academic freedom, repudiate antisemitism on campus and protect Jewish students. He argued that the universalist principles that underpin equality law provide the best means to combat Miller and others. They are also the basis on which Jews and other minorities can act in solidarity.

Articles by David Feldman explaining the reasons for, and uses/merits of, the JDA were published in the *EU Observer* (March 2021, co-authored with Aleida Assmann and Alon Confino) and *Vashti* (April 2021).

In April 2021 David Feldman appeared on BBC Radio 3's *Free Thinking* programme, exploring 'Links Between Judaism and Christianity' in discussion with Giles Fraser, Miri Rubin and Matthew Sweet. He was also interviewed by Bloomberg *Westminster*, for a news feature 'Antisemitism in the UK', broadcast in May 2021.

## 9. Appendices

### APPENDIX I

Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism: Activities 1 August 2020 – 31 July 2021

#### RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS

##### David Feldman

###### Books

Palgrave Critical Studies of Antisemitism and Racism, series editor David Feldman:

- *Key Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism*, Sol Goldberg, Scott Ury and Kalman Weiser (eds.), Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.
- *Jews, Liberalism, Antisemitism*, Abigail Green and Simon Levis Sullam (eds.), Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

###### Essays

- (with Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever), 'Response to Richard Kuper', *The Political Quarterly*, 21 November 2020 (online).
- 'Antisemitism and Islamophobia', in special issue: 'Antisemitism: Historical Concept, Public Discourse', *Zion: A Quarterly for Research in Jewish History*, September 2020: 295–310 (in Hebrew). English version: Birkbeck Institutional Research Online (bbk.ac.uk)

###### Other

- Invited to join the editorial board of *After Babyn Yar. Interdisciplinary Journal of the Second World War, Holocaust, Genocide, and Their Afterlife*. This new international journal covers cutting-edge, interdisciplinary and comparative research in the field of Holocaust and Genocide Studies as well as War Studies, focusing on Central and Eastern Europe, especially the territory of Ukraine as a site of political violence.

##### Brendan McGeever

###### Book Prizes

- *Anti-Semitism and the Russian Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2019): Winner, Reginald Zelnik Book Prize, 2020, awarded by Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES); Honourable Mention, W. Bruce Lincoln Prize, 2020, awarded by (ASEEES); Honourable Mention, Alexander Nove Book Prize, 2020, awarded by British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES).

###### Essay

- (with David Feldman and Ben Gidley), 'Response to Richard Kuper', *The Political Quarterly*, 21 November 2020 (online).

##### Marc Volovici

###### Essay

- 'Kosmopolitismus und Antikosmopolitismus', in David Ranan (ed.), *Sprachgewalt: Missbrauchte Wörter und andere politische Kampfbegriffe* (Dietz Verlag J.H.W., 2021): 327–37.

##### Nathan Kurz (Early Career Fellow 2015–2017)

###### Book

- *Jewish Internationalism and Human Rights after the Holocaust* (Cambridge University Press, 2021)

# Appendices

## RESEARCH: LECTURES / CONFERENCE PAPERS

### David Feldman

- 'Majority–Minority Relations', Panel Discussion, King's Contemporary British History Annual Conference, King's College London, July 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'The Disentangling of Anti-Semitism? From the Minorities Treaties to the IHRA Working Definition', international conference, Entangled Otherings: Critical Perspectives on the Relationship of Antisemitism and Racism, organized by Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung (ZfA), Technische Universität Berlin, the International Consortium for Research on Antisemitism and Racism, Martin-Buber-Chair for Jewish Thought and Philosophy, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, June 2021 (invited speaker)
- (with Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever) 'Labour, Antisemitism and Anti-Racism', Race, Ethnicity, Migration Stream, British Sociological Association, April 2021.
- 'Trends in the Study of the Jews in Modern Britain', Panel Discussion, Israel Historical Society and Jewish Historical Society, January 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism and Metaphor', Panel Discussion, Association of Jewish Studies, Washington, December 2020.
- 'Semites and Anti-Semites in Victorian Britain', Jewish Historical Society, September 2020 (invited speaker).

### Brendan McGeever

- 'Race, Class and Revolution: Rosa Luxemburg's Confrontations with Antisemitism', Internationalism, Nationalism, Imperialism: A Symposium on Rosa Luxemburg, Socialist Theory and Movements Network, University of Glasgow, April 2021 (invited speaker).
- (with David Feldman and Ben Gidley) 'Labour, Antisemitism and Anti-Racism', Race, Ethnicity, Migration Stream, British Sociological Association, April 2021.
- 'Revolution and Antisemitism: The Bolshevik Entanglement with the "Jewish Question"', Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, Wayne State University, March 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism in the Bolshevik Revolution', UCL Hebrew and Jewish Studies Public Lecture, UCL, January 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'Revolution and Antisemitism: David Lipets and the Soviet State Response to Anti-Jewish Violence', Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington – online, November 2020 (invited speaker).

### Marc Volovici

- 'German and Jewish Multilingualism in Eastern Europe', University of Trento, Mitteleuropa Workshop, June 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'Conversation with William Pimlott on German as a Jewish Problem', Jewish History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, June 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'Victor Klemperer and the Jewish History of the German Language', Goldreich Institute for Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture, May 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'Struggling with Language: Modern Jewish History and the German Language', Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 2021 (invited speaker).

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### Marc Volovici

- 'German as a Jewish Problem', Parkes Institute for the Study of Jewish/Non-Jewish Relation, University of Southampton, January 2021 (invited speaker).
- 'The German Language and Jewish Multilingualism in Eastern Europe', UCL and Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies, December 2020 (invited speaker).
- 'German Jews and Their Language: A Look from Eastern Europe', Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem, December 2020 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism and the Appearance of Jewish Nationalism', Faculty Seminar, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London, November 2020.
- 'Race and Language', discussant in book launch, *Race, Nation, History: Anglo-German Thought in the Victorian Era*, European Forum, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, October 2020 (invited speaker).
- 'From Berlin to Jerusalem: The Eichmann Trial and the German Language', German History Society Annual Conference, London, September 2020.

## RESEARCH: INSTITUTE CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

### Workshops

- 'Staging Difficult Histories through Immersive Technologies', workshop in collaboration with Birkbeck Interdisciplinary Research in Media and Culture and with the support of Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, co-convenors Dr Diana Popescu and Dr Silke Arnold de Simine, June 2021.
- 'Mobilising Memory through Mixed Reality', workshop co-hosted by Birkbeck Interdisciplinary Research in Media and Culture, co-convenors Dr Diana Popescu and Dr Silke Arnold de Simine, May 2021.

## RESEARCH: INSTITUTE RESEARCH SEMINARS

The seminars programme for 2020–21, under the rubric 'Antisemitism and Racism – Comparisons and Contexts', focused on some of the historical and contemporary issues connecting (and separating) anti-antisemitism and anti-racism.

- 'Unindicted Co-Conspirators: White Jews on the Periphery of Black Power', April Rosenblum, July 2021.
- 'Sexual Fantasy in Antisemitism', Aidan Beatty, University of Pittsburgh, May 2021.
- 'Intersectionality and Its Discontent: Why Antisemitism Matters', Karin Stögner, University of Passau, March 2020.
- 'When and Why Did Self-Determination Become a Right for All Nations? Jews, Arabs, and the Marxist World Revolution', James Renton, Edge Hill University, February 2021.
- 'Racism, Antisemitism, and South African Jewish Perspectives on Victimhood', Shirli Gilbert, University College London, December 2020.
- 'Comparing Comparisons: Preliminary Reflections on a New Era of Historical Analogy', Michael Rothberg, University of California, Los Angeles, October 2020.

# Appendices

## TEACHING: MODULES

### Brendan McGeever

- BA module *Class*
- BA module *Racialization and Antisemitism*
- Awarded Fellowship of AdvanceHE

### Marc Volovici

- MA module *Modern Europe and Its Others: Jews, Muslims, Blacks*

## TEACHING: RESEARCH SUPERVISION

### David Feldman

- Sue Blunn: The presence and purpose of references to the abolition of sati in British social and political debate c. 1832–1900.
- Satyadev Gunput: To examine the history of Southall from 1962 to 2000 as a means to assess the impact of multiculturalism on minority communities. Bonnart Trust PhD Scholarship, Birkbeck.
- Jemima Jarman: The history of attempts to convert Jews to Christianity in Victorian London. AHRC Studentship.
- Zehra Miah: 'White' Muslims: Turks in London, 1970–1999. Bonnart Trust PhD Scholarship, Birkbeck (co-Supervisor with Julia Laite).
- Joseph Radcliffe: Black seamen in British ports, c. 1900–40. AHRC CHASE Studentship.
- Zeljka Oparnica: The in-between diaspora. Crisis and renaissance of the Balkan Sephardim (1890–1940). Marjory Boughton Studentship, Birkbeck and Leo Baeck Fellowship (co-Supervisor with Fred Anscombe).
- Emilie Wiedemann: The term anti-Semitism in international politics since 1975. AHRC Studentship.

### Brendan McGeever

- leisha James: Bordering on whiteness: Exploring the racialized subjectivities of Italian women in post-Brexit London (co-supervisor with Ben Gidley).



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## PUBLIC POLICY ENGAGEMENT

### United Kingdom

- Universities UK – David Feldman met with senior staff to discuss Universities UK’s recent publication ‘Tackling Antisemitism’, June 2021
- University of Brighton Race & Faith Commission – invited David Feldman as an external expert as it considered the IHRA working definition on antisemitism, March 2021.
- Community Security Trust – sought advice from David Feldman on how to deal with David Miller and his employer, Bristol University, which in part informed its strategy, March 2021.
- University College Union – David Feldman met with senior staff to discuss the need for its staff to be better able to understand and tackle antisemitism, March 2021.
- Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry on Freedom of Expression – David Feldman submitted written evidence, January 2021.
- Forde Inquiry into ‘The work of the Labour Party’s Governance and Legal Unit in relation to antisemitism, 2014–2019’ - invited David Feldman to participate in its ‘culture round table’ and a follow-up discussion with Martin Forde QC, January 2021.
- Facebook – Head of Content Policy Stakeholder Engagement sought David Feldman’s advice on the use of the term ‘Zionist’ in Facebook’s hate speech policy, December 2020.
- University College London – David Feldman invited to become a member of UCL’s Antisemitism Education Action Plan Committee (March 2021–ongoing)
- The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, Laxton – sought David Feldman’s input for its educational programme, September 2020.
- Forde Inquiry into ‘The work of the Labour Party’s Governance and Legal Unit in relation to antisemitism, 2014–2019’, set up by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party – invited David Feldman, Brendan McGeever and Ben Gidley to submit written evidence to the Inquiry, August 2020. The invitation arose as a result of their joint essay ‘Labour and Antisemitism: A Crisis Misunderstood’, published in The Political Quarterly (May 2020).
- University College London – David Feldman approached for advice by the UCL Academic Board Working group on Racism and Prejudice (October 2020).

### Europe

- ‘Antisemitism on the Left’ – David Feldman invited to give lecture as part of an Encate Certificate Program ‘Current Forms of Antisemitism’, attended by civil servants and policy makers (Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Technische Universität Berlin and the Kreuzberger Initiative Against Antisemitism), May 2021.
- ‘The Origins and Perceptions of Antisemitism’ – David Feldman invited to give keynote lecture to launch a two-day seminar ‘Antisemitism and Hate Crimes’ for the European Judiciary (European Judicial Training Network), April 2021.
- ‘The IHRA definition as a symbol and its uses’ - David Feldman invited to speak at round-table webinar on ‘Uses and Misuses of Definitions of Antisemitism’, attended by Danish policy makers and advisors from the Ministry of Family Affairs, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Justice, September 2020.

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### International

- United Nations – David Feldman member of the delegation which met with Miguel Moratinos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) to discuss the JDA, July 2021.
- European Commission - David Feldman member of the delegation which met with European Commission senior officials regarding the EC's public consultation on its upcoming 'Strategy on Combatting Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life in the EU' and the JDA, July 2021.
- Launch of the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism (JDA) endorsed by more than 300 scholars of antisemitism and related fields, March 2021. David Feldman was one of seven academics on the steering group of this year-long initiative, convened by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, which sought to provide an alternative to the controversial IHRA working definition of antisemitism.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Public Events

- *New Histories of Racialization and Resistance – a Conversation*, Jacob Dlamini, Sadia Qureshi, Kristy Warren (with Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London and Raphael Samuel History Centre), June 2021.
- *Jews, the Reformation and Making Europe*, Kenneth Austin, Anthony Bale, Helen Parish, (Birkbeck Arts Weeks 2021, with the London Renaissance Seminar), May 2021.
- *Jews, Liberalism, Antisemitism*, Abigail Green, Simon Levis Sullam, Jessica Marglin, Derek Penslar (with the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies), April 2021.
- *Holding on Through Letters: Jewish Families during the Holocaust*, Debórah Dwork (Holocaust Memorial Lecture with the Institute of Historical Research), February 2021.
- *Antisemitism and the Left in the Russian Revolution*, Brendan McGeever, November 2020.
- *An Online Conversation on Racial Antisemitism*, David Feldman and Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (with The Wiener Holocaust Library), October 2020.

### Other Public Engagement

- The World Transformed (platform supporting, developing and building radical political education across the UK) used the article by David Feldman, Brendan McGeever and Ben Gidley 'Labour and Antisemitism: A Crisis Misunderstood', *The Political Quarterly* (May 2020), for its antisemitism reading group, September 2020.

#### David Feldman

- *The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism - What is it Good For?*, Limmud Festival, discussion with Lord Mann, December 2020.
- *How Can the Past Help Us to Understand and Combat Antisemitism Today?* The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, Laxton, September 2020.

#### Brendan McGeever

- *Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution*, Jewish Book Week, March 2021.
- *The Bolsheviks, Jewish Socialists and Antisemitism*, Jewish Historical Society of England, Leeds Literary Festival, March 2021.
- *Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution*, Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre, University of Huddersfield, October 2020.

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## MEDIA

### Opinion pieces

- David Feldman, 'On the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism', *Vashti*, 22 April 2021.
- Aleida Assmann, Alon Confino and David Feldman, 'A New Antisemitism Definition to Ease the IHRA Confusion', *EU Observer*, 26 March 2021.
- David Feldman, 'The David Miller Case: A Textbook Example of Anti-Zionism Becoming Vicious Antisemitism', *Haaretz*, 4 March 2021.
- David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, 'Gauging Antisemitism in Labour', *RACE.ED*, 21 December 2020.
- David Feldman, 'The Government Should not Impose a Faulty Definition of Antisemitism on Universities', *The Guardian*, 2 December 2020 (online and lead op-ed in printed edition).
- David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, 'The EHRC Report Shows how Difficult Building Real Anti-Racist Politics Will Be', *The Guardian*, 3 November 2020.

### Interviews

#### Broadcast

- Bloomberg, *Westminster*, 'Antisemitism in the UK', 21 May 2021. Interview with David Feldman.
- Radio 3, *Free Thinking*, 'Links between Judaism and Christianity', 28 April 2021. Discussion between Giles Fraser, Matthew Sweet, Miri Rubin and David Feldman.

#### Select press coverage

- *Jewish Telegraph*, Simon Yaffe, 'Bolshevik Could not Communicate with the Yiddish-Speaking Masses', 5 March 2021. Interview with Brendan McGeever.
- *The Nation*, Rachel Shabi, 'The British Labour Party's Antisemitism Problem', 10 December 2020. Cites Feldman, Gidley and McGeever, 'Labour Antisemitism: A Crisis Misunderstood', *The Political Quarterly* (May 2020).
- *Religion Media Centre*, Lianne Kolirin, 'Williamson under Fire over Strong-Arm Tactics to Impose Antisemitism Definition', 10 December 2020. Cites David Feldman's opinion piece in *The Guardian*, 2 December 2020.
- *Middle East Eye*, Sai Englert, 'With This Flawed Antisemitism Definition, Britain Is Closing Down Academic Freedom', 9 December 2020. Quotes David Feldman's concerns over the IHRA working definition, from the opinion piece in *The Guardian*, 2 December 2020.
- *Jewish Chronicle*, Simon Roker, 'Pears Institute Academic Claims Forcing Universities to Adopt IHRA Will Have "Chilling Impact"', 3 December 2020. News item which quotes extensively from David Feldman's opinion piece in *The Guardian*, 2 December 2020.
- *Jewish News*, Tali Fraser, 'Birmingham Uni Agrees to Adopt IHRA Definition of Antisemitism', 2 December 2020. Cites David Feldman's opinion piece in *The Guardian*, 2 December 2020.

#### Podcasts

- *Hidden Histories*, AHRC, 'Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution', 26 November 2020. Interview with Brendan McGeever.

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## APPENDIX II

### Selected Publications of Associates and Research Fellows

#### Bryan Cheyette

- *The Ghetto: A Very Short Introduction*, (paperback edition, Oxford University Press, 2020)
- 'Postcolonialism', in S. Goldberg (ed.), *Key Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).
- 'Zygmunt Bauman's Window: from Jews to Strangers and Back Again', *Thesis Eleven*, 156:1 (2020): 67-85.

#### Stephen Frosh

- 'Psychoanalysis in the Wake', *Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society*, 26 (2021): 414–432.
- 'Psychoanalysis, Colonialism, Racism', in D. Morgan (ed.), *A Deeper Cut: Further Explorations of the Unconscious in Social and Political Life* (Phoenix Publishing House, 2020).

#### Ben Gidley

- 'Understanding and Resisting Left-Right Convergence in the Internet Age', in P. Chamberlain, M.N. Lyons, A. Scher and S. Sunshine (eds.), *Exposing the Right and Fighting for Democracy: Celebrating Chip Berlet as Journalist and Scholar* (Routledge, 2021).

#### Jack Jacobs

- 'Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Racism in the Era of Donald Trump: The Relevance of Critical Theory', in A. Alfredo and D. Padovan (eds.), *Clockwork Enemy: Xenophobia and Racism in the Era of Neo-populism* (Mimesis International, 2020).
- (With Gertrud Pickhan) "The General Jewish Workers' Bund", *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

#### Keith Kahn-Harris

- "Engaging with Absence: Why Is the Holocaust a 'Problem' for Metal?", *Metal Music Studies*, 6:3 (2020): 395–414.
- 'Speaking of the Holocaust: From Silence to Knowledge and Back Again', *European Judaism*, 53:2 (2020): 13–19.

#### Louise London

- 'The Agenda of British Refugee Policy, 1933-48', in T. Lawson and A. Pearce (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook on Britain and the Holocaust* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

#### Dave Rich

- 'Why is the British Left Anti-Israel, and Why Does it Matter?', in A. Lange, K. Mayerhofer, D. Porat and L. H. Schiffman (eds.), *Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds* (De Gruyter, 2021).
- 'What Role Does Antisemitism Play in Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party?', in A. H. Rosenfeld (ed.), *Contending with Antisemitism in a Rapidly Changing Political Climate* (Indiana University Press, 2021).

#### Marcel Stoetzler

- 'Anti-liberal Liberals, the Nation and Liberal Antisemitism', in *Constelaciones, Revista de Teoría Crítica*, 13 (2021): 203-237.
- 'Capitalismo, nación y corrosión social: notas sobre el "antisemitismo de izquierda"', in *Bajo el volcán, revista del posgrado de sociología de la Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla*, 2:4 (2021): 327-359.
- 'Loving to hate the Jews: Antisemitism According to the Frankfurt School', *Patterns of Prejudice*, 54:3 (2020): 287-293.

#### Nikolaus Wachsmann

- 'Lived Experience and the Holocaust: Spaces, Senses and Emotions in Auschwitz', *Journal of the British Academy*, 9 (2021): 27-58.