

# 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 sharp rise in antisemitic incidents in many countries following Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023 and the unfolding war in Gaza has had a significant impact on BISA's activity and outputs this year.

Requests from the media – for interviews, for comment and for advice – have risen considerably and have come from a diverse range of outlets – from *Reuters* to *Rolling Stone*. Institute staff have been interviewed and quoted in UK, European and international titles. This has included several in-depth interviews in a wide range of publications, including *The New Yorker*.

Op-eds have also focused on the repercussions of events in the Middle East with open letters and articles published in *The New Statesman*, *The New York Review of Books* and *Vashti*.

International public policy work has also reflected events following 7 October. David Feldman was invited to participate in a two-day international roundtable on antisemitism and Islamophobia convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the State of Qatar. He was the invited speaker at a roundtable organized by The Nexus Project in the USA, attended by senior political figures and activists. The University of Pennsylvania also invited him to speak at a symposium held in response to events on US campuses.

Key items of note are given below. The appendix provides full details.

## 2. Institute Staff

### STAFF

- David Feldman, Director of BISA and Professor of History, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Anthony Bale, Professor of Medieval Studies, Department of English, Theatre and Creative Writing, School of Arts (until July 2024)
- 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
- Ben Gidley, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- Eliana Hadjisavvas, Alfred Landecker Lecturer, BISA and Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy
- William Pimlott, Postdoctoral Fellow BISA and Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy (until 31 October 2023)
- Jan Ryback, Early Career Fellow BISA and Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy (until 31 September 2023)
- Naomi Smith, BISA Events Coordinator (joined 1 November 2023)

### BIRKBECK ASSOCIATES

- Daniel Monk, Professor of Law, School of Law
- 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
- 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
- Yorai Linenberg, Independent Scholar
- David Ranan, Independent Scholar

#### Associate Research Fellows

- Ludivine Broch, Lecturer in History, Humanities, University of Westminster
- Bryan Chetty, Professor in Modern Literature, Department of English Literature, University of Reading
- Stephen Frosh, Emeritus Professor of Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck, University of London
- Jack Jacobs, Professor of Political Science, John Jay College and CUNY Graduate Centre, City University of New York
- Daniel Pick, Emeritus Professor of History, Birkbeck, University of London
- 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. Research

### FUNDED RESEARCH

The transnational research project, 'Muslim–Jewish Encounter, Diversity and Distance in Urban Europe: Religion, Culture and Social Model', led by Ben Gidley and involving six European universities, completed its research phase in autumn 2023. This interdisciplinary project has explored the specificities and commonalities between Muslim–Jewish encounters in urban Europe and how these are shaped by different national histories of integration and by local arrangements of diversity. Dissemination of the results is underway: in October a workshop was held in Heidelberg and a public event in Berlin. The final report will be presented in Berlin, Brussels and Paris in autumn 2024.

The Arts and Humanities Research Council-funded project, 'Making and Remaking the Jewish East End; Space, Language and Time', undertaken in collaboration with Queen Mary, University of London, concluded in December 2023. David Feldman has written two research papers for publication as part of this project: one, co-written with Nadia Valman and Vivi Lachs, on the history and representations of Petticoat Lane and the other on Jews in the First World War.

Eliana Hadjisavvas was awarded the Remarque Institute Fellowship at New York University, September–December 2023.

### PUBLICATIONS

Anthony Bale has published *A Travel Guide to the Middle Ages: The World through Medieval Eyes* (Viking Penguin, 2023). Written in the form of a modern handbook, and comprising historical and contemporary accounts of medieval travel, it seeks to capture the diverse social and intellectual cultures of the period and includes several sections about the history of antisemitism in terms of travel writing. The book has been translated into Dutch, German, Italian and Portuguese and published in paperback by Penguin in July 2024.

David Feldman has had a chapter entitled 'A Retreat from Universalism: Opposing and Defining Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Britain, ca. 1990–2018' published in Scott Ury and Guy Miron (eds.), *Antisemitism and the Politics of History* (Brandeis University Press, 2023).

Ben Gidley has had a paper published in *Patterns of Prejudice*, entitled 'Postcolonial Hauntings in Riverine London: Conviviality and Melancholia', which examines the East London neighbourhoods of Deptford and Barking, whose identity and urban morphology have been shaped by the River Thames which runs through them.

William Pimlott, a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute between 2021 and 2023, whose research focuses on the global Yiddish Press, has published in *Jewish Historical Studies* his research on South Africa undertaken while at BISA: 'The Yiddish Press and the Making of South African Jewry in the British World: Exclusion, Libel, and Jewish Nationalism, 1890–1914'.

Jan Rybak has had three papers published this year, submitted while he was an Early Career Fellow at the Institute (2021–2023): 'Building Pillars of the Nation: Zionist Care and Education for Galician Refugee Children in WW1 Austria', in *POLIN: Studies in Polish Jewry*; 'A Revolutionary Woman's Self-Emancipation: Malke Schorr's Childhood and Youth in East Galicia', in *Jewish History Quarterly*; and 'Emanzipation mit der Waffe: Zur historischen Verortung jüdischer Selbstverteidigung,' *Jüdische Geschichte & Kultur*, in *Magazin des Simon-Dubnow Instituts*.

# Research

## ACADEMIC EVENTS

The Institute co-convened a two-day international conference, 'Entangled Otherings: Islamophobia, Antisemitism and Philosemitism after October 7', in collaboration with the Cambridge Interfaith Programme, University of Cambridge, the Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University, Berlin and the Department of German Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. The conference was funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

In partnership with the Leo Baeck Institute London, BISA hosted a workshop on 'Jewish Refugees in the British Empire, 1933–1948' led by Atina Grossman, Cooper Union. The aim of the workshop was to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and scholarly exchange on the experiences of Jewish refugees in the British Empire before, during and after the Holocaust. Eliana Hadjisavvas was co-convenor of the workshop which was supported by the Alfred Landecker Foundation.

The Institute's online seminars, of which there have been eight this year, have garnered a regular following, including international scholars, attracting audiences of between 50 and well over 100. Seminars under the rubric 'Antisemitism Now' have explored the politics of defining racism, discourse on antisemitism and responses to events before and after October 7, including the Israel/Palestine debate on US campuses and antisemitism and Jewish identity in the UK. Other seminars have considered Jewish prisoners of war, the relationship between antisemitism and racism and Jewish advocacy and anti-racism.

## 4. Teaching

Ben Gidley taught the core first year BA Psychosocial module, 'Hate' and the core final year BA Psychosocial module, 'Racism and Antisemitism', which is also open to students from other programmes and this year included those on community development, politics and social science BAs. Each module was taken by around 25 students.

David Feldman taught the MA module, 'Antisemitism, Holocaust, Colonialism, Gender: Connecting the Conversations', supported by the Open Society University Network (OSUN) and delivered by the Institute in collaboration with Central European University, SOAS and University of the Witwatersrand, which ran for its third year. The course was taken by 26 students, 17 of whom were from Birkbeck.

The National Education Union commissioned Birkbeck for the third consecutive year to run its short course, 'Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History' for members of the National Executive Committee and key staff, taught by David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever.

David Feldman has given lectures on antisemitism and the left at the Leo Baeck College, London and as part of the ENCATE Certificate Program 'Current Forms of Antisemitism' for educators, civil society organizations and policy makers, organized by the Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin, and the Kreuzberger Initiative against Antisemitism.

Three research students, supervised by David Feldman, have been awarded their doctorates this year.

## 5. Policy Engagement

### INTERNATIONAL

In February 2024, Ambassador Lipstadt, US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, met with David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever to discuss BISA's work on antisemitism and the left.

In other international work, David Feldman was invited to participate in a two-day roundtable 'Combating Islamophobia and Antisemitism: New Grounds for Understanding and Policy', convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the State of Qatar and attended by experts from Europe, the USA and Qatar. He was also invited by The Nexus Project in the USA to speak at a roundtable on definitions of antisemitism and anti-Israel activity and antisemitism post 7 October, attended by senior US political figures and activists. The Nexus Project advocates full implementation of President Biden's National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism and against the use of false accusations of antisemitism as political weapons.

David Feldman is on the international advisory board of the Diaspora Alliance, which seeks to promote a multiracial, pluralistic democracy through tackling antisemitism alongside other forms of oppression and racist ideologies and violence.

### UK

*The Guardian* newspaper invited David Feldman to meet with the editor, deputy editor and leader writers to discuss antisemitism and its definitions, especially in the context of discussion of Israel/Palestine and the current war in Gaza. Ben Gidley analysed social media posts for antisemitic content on behalf the UK editor of an international philanthropy magazine. The Institute gave extensive advice to the Diaspora Alliance and leading barristers on definitions of antisemitism, freedom of speech and government policy.

Other policy work has included input into teaching resources on antisemitism for the anti-racism educational charity Show Racism the Red Card, advising the Jewish advocacy group Na'amod on its approach to antisemitism, offering guidance on a satirical play about antisemitism and Jeremy Corbyn opening at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and addressing a counter-terrorism conference on 'Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism Today' attended by personnel from the UK's specialist terrorist and extremist units, the police, prison and probation services.

David Feldman and Brendan McGeever are members of the Diaspora Alliance UK academic advisory board.



## 6. Public Engagement

### **BISA PUBLIC EVENTS**

The Institute held 11 public lectures this year, just one of which was held online. The most popular lectures attracted audiences of well over 100 people. The Holocaust Memorial Lecture was attended by 175 people. Speakers have been drawn from the USA and Europe, as well as the UK. Overseas speakers have included: Ambassador Deborah E. Lipstadt (US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism), Arie Dubnov (The George Washington University), Jennifer Evans (Carleton University), Laura Leibman (Reed College), Leo Lucassen (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam) and Wolf Gruner (University of South California). Several eminent UK scholars have spoken at BISA this year: Jane Caplan (St Anthony's College, University of Oxford), Bryan Cheyette (University of Reading); Nissa Finney (University of St Andrews) and Frank Trentmann (Birkbeck, University of London).

The topics covered have been wide ranging, drawing on history, literature, geography, politics and art and include: Gaza in the Israeli imagination; multiracial Jews in the early Atlantic World; testimony in the transatlantic slave trade and Europe's forced labour camps; Jewish resistance in the Holocaust; how and when 'the Holocaust' became known by that name; Jewish refugees, trans communities and photography; contemporary Jewish identities and racism; antisemitism across the political divide; the rise of the far right; and the 1948 war in Palestine.

The Institute has partnered with the Institute for Historical Research, the Holocaust Research Institute at Royal Holloway, University of London, University College London and the Wiener Holocaust Library in mounting its programme of events.

To extend its reach, BISA has begun to upload all the podcasts in its archive (from 2010 to 2020) to its YouTube channel.

## 7. The Institute in the Media

The Institute has responded to unfolding events since 7 October with opinion pieces, interviews and commentary.

### OPINION PIECES

In early November, an opinion piece by David Feldman and Brendan McGeever entitled 'On Slaughter and Solidarity' was published in *Vashti*. This article called for clear thinking in the face of the misleading characterizations of the slaughter and hostage-taking carried out by Hamas on 7 October 2023. Taking examples from history and the present, from Russia and the USA, Israel and Gaza, the piece called for clarity about antisemitism and the need to build 'a politics of human freedom ... that is clear sighted about racism in its multiple forms'.

In November 2023, David Feldman, with 15 other scholars of the Holocaust and antisemitism, was joint author/signatory to 'An Open letter on the Misuse of Holocaust Memory', published in the *New York Review of Books*. This argued that invoking Holocaust memory to explain the crisis in Gaza and Israel obscures understanding of antisemitism and misrepresents the causes of violence in Israel-Palestine. It urged public figures and people working in the media to stop using such comparisons, calling instead for speech and action aimed at preventing further loss of life. In December 2023, the *New York Review of Books* invited and published a follow-up open letter, also joint-authored by David Feldman, that responded to criticism of their position and expanded upon their original arguments.

In February 2024, at the invitation of the *New Statesman*, David Feldman wrote an opinion piece on 'Britain's Antisemitism Problem', examining the resurgence in antisemitism in 2023 and drawing on BISA's concept of a reservoir of antisemitism to explain how stereotypes and conspiracy theories about Jews have become a part of our common culture.

In June 2024, the Dutch weekly news magazine *De Groene Amsterdammer* published an essay by David Feldman entitled 'How the Politics of Anti-racism and those of Anti-antisemitism Have Drifted Apart'. This took as its starting point the divergent responses to the attack on Israel by Hamas on 7 October and the war in Gaza to explore the history of attempts to oppose antisemitism and how the politics of anti-racism and those of anti-antisemitism, closely aligned after the Second World War, have gradually drifted apart – a disconnect that is strikingly visible in the present moment.

### INTERVIEWS

The *New Yorker*, *El País* (Spanish and English editions), the Dutch weekly journal *NRC Handelsblad* (republished in Italian in *Internazionale*), and the online journal of intellectual capital *Thought Economics* have published in-depth interviews with David Feldman, which explore the origins and history of antisemitism, how to criticize Israel without being antisemitic and the relationship between antisemitism and anti-Zionism. German national TV ZDF / 3Sat broadcast an interview with David Feldman on the rise of antisemitism and criticism of Israel in the war in Gaza.

Ben Gidley has given in-depth interviews to the Norwegian weekly journal *Morgenbladet* about the relationship between antisemitism studies and the study of anti-racism, and to both the French daily online newspaper AOC, and the German weekly newspaper *Jungle World*, on antisemitism and anti-Zionism on the left.

### COMMENTARY

Media outlets, in the UK and internationally, have sought the Institute's guidance on discourse on Israel and Palestine, how to define antisemitism and whether specific statements and objects are antisemitic.

Insight and comments from BISA academics on these issues have appeared in: *Al Jazeera*, *Business Insider*, *Court House News*, the *National News US*, *Reuters*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Telegraph* and *Zerkalo* (a Belarusian media outlet) among other titles. Background briefings have been given to *Al Monitor*, *Associated Press*, the *BBC*, *Jewish Currents*, *Sky News*, *The Guardian*, *The Herald* (Scotland) and the *Toronto Star*.

## 8. Appendices

### APPENDIX I

Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism: Activities 1 August 2023 – 31 July 2024

CORE TEAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Feldman, Director of BISA and Professor of History, School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</li> <li>• Anthony Bale, Professor of Medieval Studies, School of Creative Arts, Culture and Communication, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</li> <li>• Jan Davison, Head of Communications and BISA Manager</li> <li>• Ben Gidley, Reader in Sociology and Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</li> <li>• Brendan McGeever, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</li> <li>• Eliana Hadjisavvas, Alfred Landecker Lecturer Fellow, BISA and School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</li> <li>• Naomi Smith, BISA Events Coordinator</li> </ul>
RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS
<p><b>David Feldman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'A Retreat from Universalism: Opposing and Defining Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Britain, ca. 1990–2018', in Scott Ury and Guy Miron (eds.), <i>Antisemitism and the Politics of History</i>, The Tauber Institute Series for the Study of European Jewry (Brandeis University Press, 2023).</li> </ul> <p><b>Ben Gidley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Postcolonial Hauntings in Riverine London: Conviviality and Melancholia', <i>Patterns of Prejudice</i>, 57(1–2) (January 2024): 61–81.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anthony Bale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Travel Guide to the Middle Ages: The World through Medieval Eyes</i> (Viking Penguin, 2023) (translated into Dutch, German, Italian and Portuguese).</li> </ul> <p><b>William Pimlott</b> (Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021–2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'The Yiddish Press and the Making of South African Jewry in the British World: Exclusion, Libel, and Jewish Nationalism, 1890–1914', <i>Jewish Historical Studies: A Journal of English-Speaking Jewry</i>, 55(1) (January 2024): 1–26.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jan Rybak</b> (Early Career Fellow, 2021–2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Emanzipation mit der Waffe: Zur historischen Verortung jüdischer Selbstverteidigung, Jüdische Geschichte &amp; Kultur, <i>Magazin des Simon-Dubnow Instituts</i> 7 (2024): 48–50.</li> <li>• 'Building Pillars of the Nation: Zionist Care and Education for Galician Refugee Children in WW1 Austria', <i>POLIN: Studies in Polish Jewry</i>, 36 (January 2024): 309–26.</li> <li>• 'A Revolutionary Woman's Self-Emancipation: Malke Schorr's Childhood and Youth in East Galicia', <i>Jewish History Quarterly/Kwartalnik Historii Żydów</i>, 3(287) (2023): 603–35.</li> </ul>

# Appendices

## RESEARCH: LECTURES / CONFERENCE PAPERS DELIVERED BY BIRKBECK INSTITUTE STAFF

### David Feldman

- 'Doing History in Public', Royal Historical Society, June 2024.
- 'British Jews and the Politics of Holocaust Consciousness in the 1960s', Holocaust Memory in Britain in the 1960s Workshop, Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway, University of London, May 2024.
- 'Antisemitism, Islamophobia, Racism: The Problems and Politics of Definition', panel discussion, Central European University, Vienna, May 2024.
- 'Antisemitism, Racism and Anti-racism: A History', Kathleen Fitzpatrick Lecture, University of Melbourne, April 2024.
- 'Historical Comparisons', Confronting Antisemitism: A Symposium on Its Past and Present, University of Pennsylvania, April 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'The Place of Antisemitism within Debates on Racism', panel discussion, Humanities Society, University of Cambridge, February 2024 (invited speaker).

### Ben Gidley

- 'Where Is the Contemporary in British Jewish Studies?', British and Irish Association of Jewish Studies, Annual Conference 2024: Jews, Gender, and Sexuality, University of Bristol, July 2024.
- 'Contesting the Hostile Environment: Looking Back, Looking Forwards', Social Scientists against the Hostile Environment conference: Contesting the Hostile Environment, Birkbeck, June 2024.
- 'Muslim–Jewish Encounters, Diversity and Distance in Urban Europe', Encounters Workshop: Studying Jewish-Muslims Relations – Approaches, Challenges, Perspectives, University of Heidelberg, June 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'October 7th and Its Aftermath: The War over Here and the War over There', Leo Baeck College, London, May 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism Before and After 7 October', Teach-in Series: Theorizing Injustice: Conceptual Conversations on Palestine, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at CEU, Central European University, Vienna, May 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'Whose Streets? Anti-fascist Urbanism and the Restructuring of London, 1977–2000', Anti-Fascist London: Localizing Global Anti-Fascism, Queen Mary University of London, April 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'Memorialisation of Anti-fascism: Lewisham '77, Anti-Fascist London: The Activist Voice from the 1970s to Now', Bishopsgate Institute, April 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'How to Think about Antisemitism as Anti-racist Educators', EDI session for the School of Critical Studies, Glasgow University, March 2024 (with Mia Spiro).
- 'Ghetto Radicalism: Cultures of Translation', Muslim Intellectuals, Jewish Intellectuals and the Co-Writing of Europe, hosted by Humboldt and Heidelberg Universities, Granada, September 2023 (invited speaker).

### Eliana Hadjisavvas

- 'Lockdown Empire: Jewish Displacement in the Colonies, Jewish Refugees in the British Empire, 1933–1948', BISA and LBI workshop, Birkbeck, University of London, July 2024.
- 'Refugees and Detention in Imperial Contexts', Colonies, Camps and Captive Spaces of Empire Workshop, Birkbeck, University of London, July 2024.
- 'Jews and Colonisation in the British Empire', Canadian Jewish Studies Conference roundtable, Montreal, June 2024.
- 'Legacies of Jewish Displacement in Kenya and Beyond', Jews and Colonialism Conference, Kings College London, May 2024. (cont.)

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- 'Jews, Race and the British Empire', Association of Jewish Studies Conference, San Francisco, December 2023.
- 'Borders, Force and Migration', New York University, November 2023 (invited speaker).

### Brendan McGeever

- 'Crisis and Hope in Fragmenting Britain', Newcastle University, April 2024 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution', Centre for the Study of Antisemitism, Technical University, Berlin, October 2023 (invited speaker).

## RESEARCH: BISA ACADEMIC EVENTS

### Conferences and workshops

- 'Entangled Otherings: Islamophobia, Antisemitism and Philosemitism after October 7', two-day international conference in collaboration with Cambridge Interfaith Programme, University of Cambridge, the Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University, Berlin and the Department of German Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington; funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), July 2024.
- 'Jewish Refugees in the British Empire, 1933–1948', workshop in collaboration with the Leo Baeck Institute, supported by the Alfred Landecker Foundation, July 2024.

### Seminars

- 'Jewish Advocacy and Anti-racism: The UN World Conference against Racism in Durban (2001) and Its Aftermath', Emilie Widemann, University of Glasgow, May 2024.
- 'Antisemitism and Racism: A Shared History', Magda Teter, Fordham University, March 2024.
- 'Jewish Soldiers, Nazi Captors – What Was It Like to Be a Jewish POW in a Nazi Camp?', Yorai Linenberg, Birkbeck, University of London, January 2024.

### Seminar series: 'Antisemitism Now'

- 'Antisemitism in Britain: How Has It Shaped Jewish Identity Before and After October 7?', Jonathan Boyd, Institute for Jewish Policy Research, June 2024.
- 'The Conflict over the Conflict: The Israel/Palestine Debate on US Campuses, and the Implications for Free Speech and Academic Freedom', Kenneth S. Stern, Bard College, January 2024.
- 'Anti-Jewish Racism and Violence Before and After 7 October 2023', Camila Bassi, Sheffield Hallam University, and Yair Wallach, SOAS, University of London, December 2023.
- 'The Politics of Definition: Does Defining Racism Help Overcome It?', Rebecca Ruth Gould, SOAS and Marc Volovici, University of Haifa, November 2023.
- 'How Illiberal Memory Politics Is Hijacking the Discourse on Antisemitism', Andrea Pető, Central European University, October 2023.

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## TEACHING: MODULES

### David Feldman

- MA module 'Antisemitism, Holocaust, Colonialism, Gender: Connecting the Conversations'
- Public non-accredited course 'Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History'

### Other Teaching

- "Facing Antisemitism": Adult Education, Birkbeck and the Left', Leo Baeck College, July 2024
- 'Labour and Antisemitism: A Crisis Misunderstood', Webinar on Current Forms of Antisemitism, Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin, ENCATE/KIga, November 2023

### Ben Gidley

- BA module 'Racism and Antisemitism'
- BA module 'Hate'
- Public non-accredited course 'Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History'

### Brendan McGeever

- BA module 'Class'
- BA module 'Key Concepts: Global Foundations in Sociology'
- BA module 'Dissertation'
- MA module 'Sociology for New Worlds' – invited speaker on 'Britain in Fragments'
- Public non-accredited course 'Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History'

### Eliana Hadjisavvas

Contributed to teaching of:

- BA module 'The Modern World'
- MA module 'The Modern Mediterranean: From Colonial Sea to Environmental Crisis?'
- MA module 'The Historian's Craft'

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## TEACHING: RESEARCH SUPERVISION

### David Feldman

- Joseph Radcliffe, Black seamen in British ports c. 1900–40. AHRC CHASE Studentship. *PhDs awarded 2023/24*
- Sue Blunn: The presence and purpose of references to the abolition of sati in British social and political debate c. 1832–1900.
- Jemima Jarman: The history of attempts to convert Jews to Christianity in Victorian London. AHRC Studentship.
- Emilie Wiedemann: Jewish internationalism and the international politics of opposing antisemitism, 1960–2005. AHRC Studentship.

### Anthony Bale

- Georgina Trevelyan-Clark: Readmission debates and narratives of medieval Jewry (co-supervisor with Sue Wiseman).

### Ben Gidley

- Sergio Calderon Harker: Containing the 'bad body': coloniality and detention in Fortress Europe (co-supervisor with Margarita Palacios). ESRC-UBEL studentship.
- leisha James: Bordering on whiteness: exploring the racialized subjectivities of Italian women in post-Brexit London (co-supervisor with Brendan McGeever). ESRC-UBEL studentship.
- Jamila Ayesha Thompson: UK black women and social media cultural activism (co-supervisor with William Ackah). ESRC-UBEL studentship.
- Linda Eniola Adeyemo: Afro-Spanishness (co-supervisor with Silvia Posocco). ESRC-UBEL studentship.
- Haydar Allami. The Shi'ite Kurdish diaspora in the UK (co-supervisor with Olivia Sheringham). ESRC-UBEL studentship and Goodenough College scholarship.
- Antoine Dwen Kerr-Graham: Racism, criminal justice and predictive technologies (co-supervisor with Bernard Keenan).

### Brendan McGeever

- leisha James: Bordering on whiteness: exploring the racialized subjectivities of Italian women in post-Brexit London (co-supervisor with Ben Gidley).
- Alzira Minikeeva: How Ethnic Policy Shapes Volga Tatar Identity in Russia.
- Evan Sedgwick-Jell: Depression and the political – mental health, system antagonism and social transformation (co-supervisor with Felicity Callard).
- Yu Qian: The nation building and the national identity crisis in China: a case study of Hong Kong 2019 through an interdisciplinary lens of philosophy and psychoanalysis (co-supervisor with Stephen Frosh).

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## PUBLIC POLICY ENGAGEMENT

### International

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the State of Qatar – David Feldman participated in a two-day international ‘Roundtable on Combating Islamophobia and Antisemitism: New Grounds for Understanding and Policy’, speaking on ‘Media, and Global Structural Challenges in Countering and Combating Racism’ and ‘The Intersection between Islamophobia and Antisemitism from Geopolitical and Historical Perspectives’, June 2024.
- University of Melbourne, David Feldman met with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, to discuss how the university can oppose racism while defending academic freedom, April 2024.
- Ambassador Deborah E. Lipstadt, US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism – David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever met Ambassador Lipstadt to discuss antisemitism on campus and BISA’s work on antisemitism and the left, February 2024.
- The Nexus Project, USA – David Feldman spoke at a roundtable for senior political figures and activists on definitions of antisemitism and anti-Israel activity and antisemitism post 7 October, February 2024.
- Diaspora Alliance (DA) – David Feldman is on the international advisory board, ongoing. The DA seeks to promote a multiracial, pluralistic democracy through tackling antisemitism alongside other forms of oppression and racist ideologies and violence.

### United Kingdom

- *The Guardian* – David Feldman, met with the Editor, Deputy Editor and leader writers to discuss what is and is not antisemitic, especially in the context of discussion of Israel/Palestine and the current war in Gaza, June 2024.
- Na’amod – David Feldman advised the movement on its approach to antisemitism, May 2023.
- Nick Cassenbaum (playwright) – David Feldman gave advice on *Revenge: After the Levoyah* – a satirical play about antisemitism and Jeremy Corbyn, playing at the 2023 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, May 2023.
- Barristers and Jewish Advocacy Group – David Feldman advised on definitions of antisemitism, freedom of speech and government policy, March 2023.
- Counter-terrorism research conference, ‘Engaging the Extreme. Examining Radical Thought & Ideology’ – David Feldman invited to speak on ‘Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism Today’, participants attended from the Counter Terrorism regional hubs, Department for Education, Joint Extremism Units, local councils, the police, the probation and prison services, December 2023.
- Global philanthropy publication – Ben Gidley undertook analysis of selected social media posts for its UK-based editor to advise on whether statements were antisemitic, November 2023.
- London Borough of Camden – David Feldman briefed the Council’s Prevent Engagement Officer on antisemitism, October 2023.
- Show Racism the Red Card – David Feldman reviewed and gave input into a series of downloadable teaching resources on antisemitism, subsequently made available to educators via the organization’s Education Hub, autumn 2023.
- Diaspora Alliance – David Feldman and Brendan McGeever are members of the UK academic advisory board, ongoing.



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## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### BISA public events

- ‘Neo-Nazi Terrorism and Countercultural Fascism’, Spencer Sunshine, independent scholar and author, June 2024.
- ‘Ties that Bind: Kinship, Adjacency, and the Trans Camera’, Jennifer Evans, Carleton University, June 2024.
- ‘Decolonizing Testimony: Frederick Douglass and Primo Levi’, Bryan Cheyette, University of Reading, May 2024.
- ‘Gaza in the Israeli Imagination – between Repression & Longing’, Arie M. Dubnov, The George Washington University, March 2024.
- ‘Out of the Darkness: The Germans from 1942 to the Present’ (with The Wiener Holocaust Library), Frank Trentmann, Birkbeck, University of London and the University of Helsinki, February 2024.
- ‘From Right to Left and in between: Jew-hatred across the Political Divide’ (with University College London), Ambassador Deborah E. Lipstadt, US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, February 2024.
- ‘From “the Final Solution to the Jewish Question” to the Holocaust’ (with the Institute for Historical Research), Jane Caplan, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, January 2024.
- ‘Resisters. How Ordinary Jews Fought Persecution in Hitler’s Germany’ (with the Holocaust and Genocide Research Partnership – The Wiener Holocaust Library and the Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway, University of London), Wolf Gruner, University of South California, December 2023.
- ‘Contemporary Jewish Identities and Experiences of Racism: What Can We Learn from “Big Data”?’, Nissa Finney, University of St Andrews, November 2023.
- ‘A Multiracial Jewish Family in the Early Atlantic World’, Laura Leibman, Reed College, United States, October 2023.
- ‘Migration Hysteria: The Deep Historical Roots of “Replacement Theory”’, Leo Lucassen, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, October 2023.

### Other public engagement

#### David Feldman

- ‘How the Politics of Anti-racism and those of Anti-anti-semitism Have Drifted Apart’, inaugural Evelien Gans Lecture, Amsterdam (supported by De Balie, *De Groene Amsterdammer* and the Menasseh Ben Israel Institute), May 2024.
- Webinar interview on the historical context of antisemitism, Public Impact (a cultural change consultancy), January 2024.

#### Ben Gidley

- ‘Entangled Encounters: Researching Muslim–Jewish Encounters in Urban Europe’, public lecture, Humboldt University Berlin, October 2023.
- Co-organizer, ‘Social Scientists against the Hostile Environment’ webinar series, which brings together critical social science, intersectional feminist and anti-racist perspectives to interrogate the connections racism and racialization and migration politics in the UK.

#### Brendan McGeever

- Spoke at launch of *Machloket*, a new podcast exploring the diversity of views and experiences within British Jewry, Royal Court Theatre, February 2024.

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## MEDIA

### Opinion pieces

- David Feldman, 'How the Politics of Anti-racism and those of Anti-anti-Semitism Have Drifted Apart', *De Groene Amsterdammer*, 5 June 2024.
- David Feldman, 'Britain's Antisemitism Problem', the *New Statesman*, 19 February 2024.
- David Feldman – joint author/signatory to 'An Exchange on Holocaust Memory', the *New York Review of Books*, 8 December 2023.
- Ben Gidley (with Daniel Mang and Daniel Randall), 'For a Consistently Democratic and Internationalist Left', *leftrenewal.net*, December 2024. Translated into Portuguese, Spanish, French and Ukrainian.
- David Feldman – joint author/signatory, to 'An Open Letter on the Misuse of Holocaust Memory', the *New York Review of Books*, 20 November 2023.
- David Feldman and Brendan McGeever, 'On Slaughter and Solidarity', *Vashti*, 9 November 2023.

### Blogs

- David Feldman, 'Antisemitism and Criticism of Israel', Council for the Defence of British Universities (CDBU), 6 February 2024.

### Podcasts

- Ben Gidley (with Daniel Mang), 'Left Antisemitism and the Aftermath of October 7', *Vermont Movement News*, January 2024.

### Interviews

#### Broadcast

- ZDF / 3Sat (German national public TV) news programme, 17 November 2023. David Feldman interviewed on the rise of antisemitism and criticism of Israel in the war in Gaza.

#### Print / online

- *Jungle World* (German weekly newspaper), Paul Simon, 'There Is Hardly any Criticism of Anti-Zionism from the Left', 7 March 2024. Ben Gidley interviewed on the Left's refusal to take antisemitism seriously.
- AOC (French daily online newspaper), Philippe Marlière, 'Ben Gidley: Antisemitism Is Part of a Culture that Permeates the Left', 10 February 2024. Interview with Ben Gidley.
- *Iranwire*, Saleem Vaillancourt, 'Antisemitic Conspiracies Are a "Fiction" to Distract: Iran's Week in Hate Speech', 15 December 2024. David Feldman interviewed on the origins of antisemitism and the prevalence of antisemitism and Holocaust denial in Iran.
- *Morgenbladet* (Norwegian weekly journal), Ingrid Grønli Åm, 'Does Anti-racism and the Fight against Antisemitism Have Separate Teams?' 4 December 2023. Interview with Ben Gidley about the relationship between antisemitism studies and antiracism.
- *El País*, Manuel Altozano, 'How to Criticise Israel without Being Antisemitic', 4 December 2023. Interview with David Feldman on the line between antisemitism and legitimate criticism of Israel, and antisemitism and anti-Zionism.
- *Thought Economics*, Vikas Shah, 'Antisemitism: The Past, Present and Future', 30 November 2023. Interview with David Feldman.
- *The New Yorker*, Isaac Chotiner, 'Q&A: Where Does Antisemitism Come From?', 7 November 2023. Interview with David Feldman.
- *NRC Handelsblad* (Netherlands daily newspaper), Bart Funnekotter, 'Anti-Semitism Draws on an Ever-available Reservoir of Anti-Jewish Myths', 4 November 2023. Interview with David Feldman. Translated into Italian and published in *Internazionale*, 17 November 2023.

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### Comment

- *Le Croix* (French Catholic national daily), Tristan de Bourbon-Parme, July 2024. David Feldman quoted on the use of definitions of antisemitism to curb free speech and the fear of antisemitism among British Jews.
- *Zerkalo* (largest online media outlet covering news in Belarus), 'Do You Remember Lukashenka's Anti-semitic Statements? We Sent Them to Experts in Britain and the United States – This Is What They Said', 21 June 2024 – David Feldman quoted on whether statements made by Alexander Lukashenko were antisemitic.
- The *National News* US edition, Tommy Hilton, 'How Young Jewish People Are Challenging Pro-Israel Education and Marching for Palestine', 26 April 2024. David Feldman quoted on the changing dynamics of young British Jews on Jewish identity, Zionism and divisions over Israel.
- *Al Jazeera*, Ayoub Alraimi, 'Poll Shows Decline in Support for Zionism among British Jews', 23 February 2024. Brendan McGeever quoted on British Jews' changing attitudes to Israel and Zionism.
- *Tortoise, The News Meeting* (podcast), Stephen Armstrong, item on the rise in antisemitism and Islamophobia since 7 October 2023, 16 February 2024. Cited research by BISA/David Feldman on the reservoir of antisemitism that exists in society.
- *Rolling Stone*, EJ Dickson, 'Is the Cute Lil' Guy an Antisemitic Symbol?', 2 December 2023. David Feldman quoted on how to recognise antisemitic imagery that uses an octopus.
- *Reuters*, Fact Check: 'Misleading Antisemitic Claims Made about BBC University Challenge Team', 24 November, 2023. David Feldman quoted on whether an octopus mascot of one of the teams was an antisemitic trope.
- *Business Insider*, Shona Gosht, 'Musk Faces Consequences for Calling Antisemitic Tweet Actual Truth', 17 November 2023. Ben Gidley quoted on coding and euphemism, far right conspiracy theories and replacement theory.
- *Court House News*, Cain Burdeau, 'Europe: Inflamed and Haunted by Israeli-Palestinian Conflict', 21 November 2023. Ben Gidley quoted on rise of antisemitism following 7 October.
- *The Telegraph*, James Warrington 'How The Guardian and BBC Got Swept Up in a Wave of Anti-Semitism', 5 November 2023. David Feldman quoted on the need for news organizations to have a commitment to pluralism and to be alert to recognize antisemitism wherever it arises.
- *South East Londoner*, Charles Elliman, 'London's Jews Face Antisemitism as Hamas-Israel War Escalates', 13 October 2023. David Feldman quoted on how antisemitism can be avoided in Israel-Palestine debates, and the need for education about antisemitism and racism more broadly.

### Media Briefings

- *The Herald* (Scottish broadsheet), Liam O'Hare, 29 April 2024. Brendan McGeever provided briefing on antisemitism and Celtic Football Club.
- *Al-Monitor*, Jack Dutton, March 2024. Ben Gidley provided briefing on antisemitism in the UK amid the war in Gaza.
- *The Guardian*, Morgan Ofori, 14 February 2024. Brendan McGeever provided briefing on the rise of antisemitic incidents in the UK.
- *Toronto Star*, Rachel Mendleson, 12 December 2024. David Feldman provided briefing on defining antisemitism and the boundaries of legitimate criticism of the state of Israel in context of the student petition at Toronto Metropolitan University's Lincoln Alexander School of Law, circulated in the aftermath of the 7 October Hamas attack.
- *Index on Censorship* (global quarterly magazine), Jemimah Steinfeld, 7 December 2024. David Feldman advised on hate speech and on defining antisemitism in debates on the future of Israel.

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- *Associated Press*, 8 November 2023. David Feldman provided briefing on the spike in antisemitism in Europe.
- *Sky News*, Adam Parsons, 6 November 2023. David Feldman provided briefing on antisemitism in Europe.
- *BBC North East*, Pamela Tickell, 1 November 2023. David Feldman gave guidance on whether a mural removed from a local train station was antisemitic.
- *Jewish Currents*, Mari Cohen, 11 October 2023. David Feldman provided briefing on Hamas and antisemitism.

### Other activity

- David Feldman – joint signatory of a letter to the editor concerning *The Telegraph's* alarmist and damaging reporting on antisemitism in London, *The Telegraph*, 9 March 2023.
- David Feldman – signatory to an open letter by Israeli, Jewish and Palestinian academics and public figures calling for protesters and North American Jewish groups to acknowledge the connection between the judicial coup and Israel's occupation of Palestine, 7 August 2023.

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## APPENDIX II

### Selected Publications of Research Fellows and Associates

#### Bryan Cheyette

##### Essays

- 'Following Laura Marcus: From Autobiography to Testimony', *Textual Practice*, 38(3) (March 2024): 439–55.
- 'Empowering the Literary Essay: Cynthia Ozick and the Search for Authority', *Studies in American Jewish Literature*, 43(1) (January 2024): 76–96.
- 'The Many Diasporas of Nathan Zuckerman', in Aimee Pozorski and Maren Scheurer (eds.), *The Bloomsbury Handbook to Philip Roth* (Bloomsbury, 2024), 201–14.
- 'Young Turks: An Afterword' in Zuleika Rodgers and Natalie Wynn (eds.), *Reimagining the Jews of Ireland: Historiography, Identity and Representation* (Peter Lang, 2023), 262–71.

#### Stephen Frosh

##### Essays

- (With Ruth Sheldon & Marita Vyrgioti) 'Redeeming Marriage? Bittersweet Intimacy and the Dialectics of Liberation among Haredi Jews in London', *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (July 2024): 1–18.
- 'Traumatic Disclosures and Failures of Listening', in M. Buchholz and A. Dimitrijevic (eds.), *Encountering Silencing: Forms of Oppression in Individuals, Families, and Communities* (Karnac, 2024).

#### Yorai Linenberg

##### Book

- *Jewish Soldiers in Nazi Captivity: American and British Prisoners of War during the Second World War* (Oxford University Press, 2023).

##### Essays

- 'German Captors, Jewish POWs: Segregation of American and British Jewish POWs in German Captivity in the Second World War', *Journal of Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 37(3) (Winter 2023): 404–22.

#### Marcel Stoetzler

##### Book

- (Editor) *Critical Theory and the Critique of Antisemitism* (Bloomsbury, 2023).

##### Essays

- 'Introduction: Critical Theory's Critique of Antisemitism', in Marcel Stoetzler (ed.), *Critical Theory and the Critique of Antisemitism* (Bloomsbury, 2023), 1–26.
- 'Antisemitism, Anti-capitalism, Community: (Con)fusing Left and Light', in Marcel Stoetzler (ed.), *Critical Theory and the Critique of Antisemitism* (Bloomsbury, 2023), 111–39.

##### Commentary

- 'Terror versus Emancipation: On the Hamas Massacre of October 7, 2023', *Critical Assessments of Left Responses to October 7* (16 February 2024, online).