

ANNUAL REPORT

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Professor David Feldman, Director
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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

Coming out of COVID, coupled with the need to secure future core funding, 2022/23 has been a transitional and challenging year for the Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism (BISA). Nevertheless, it has been a productive one and ended strongly, notably securing core funding from the Open Society Foundations which will enable the Institute to continue its research, teaching and outward-facing activities to comprehend and tackle antisemitism.

BISA's reputation for research excellence has been underscored with the publication of two books by Institute staff and a significant presence at conferences in Europe, the USA and Israel, as well as visiting fellowships and teaching posts.

The Institute's public policy work has extended in new directions this year, engaging with international actors in the ongoing debates around the definitions of antisemitism. This has included presentations to the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the United Nations International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as providing a briefing paper to the Domestic Policy Council in the USA.

The Institute returned to in-person events this year, hosting a three-day international conference in January and reinstating its popular film screenings and discussions.

Key items of note are given below. The appendices provide 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
- 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
- Jan Ryback, 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

- Stephen Frosh, Professor of Psychosocial Studies, 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
- Carlota Matesanz, Complutense University of Madrid
- Diana Popescu, Independent Scholar
- Yorai Linenberg, Independent Scholar
- David Ranan, Independent Scholar
- April Rosenblum, Writer and Independent Scholar

Associate Research Fellows

- Vivi Lachs, School of English and Drama, Queen Mary, University of London

Institute Staff

Associates

- Ludivine Broch, Lecturer in History, Humanities, University of Westminster
- Bryan Cheyette, Professor in Modern Literature, Department of English Literature, University of Reading
- 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. Research

PUBLICATIONS

David Feldman and Marc Volovici's co-edited volume of essays, *Antisemitism, Islamophobia and the Politics of Definition*, was published in June 2023 by Palgrave Macmillan. It is part of the book series Palgrave Critical Studies of Antisemitism and Racism (series editor: David Feldman). In this volume, which arose out of an Institute workshop, historians, social scientists and philosophers reflect on definitions of antisemitism and Islamophobia in both the past and the present. The essays explore the historical roots of present-day debates and consider how and why definitions of antisemitism and Islamophobia have become a site of fierce political contestation in recent years.

Brendan McGeever (with Satnam Virdee) has published *Britain in Fragments: Why Things Are Falling Apart* (Manchester University Press). The book explores how Britain, one of the most dominant states in world history, finds itself confronted with growing demands for nationalist secessionism. Meanwhile, class, gender, regional and generational inequalities are deepening and endemic racism has been reinvigorated. The authors trace how successive governments have incrementally dismantled the democratic settlement which has culminated in a crisis of representation and legitimacy.

ACADEMIC EVENTS

BISA co-organized and hosted the seventh international, multidisciplinary conference 'Beyond Camps and Forced Labour, Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution'. The three-day conference was attended by over 100 speakers and included two public events. This important triennial conference is a collaboration between BISA, The Wiener Holocaust Library, Imperial War Museum Institute, the Holocaust Research Institute at Royal Holloway, University of London and the University of Wolverhampton.

The Institute took the decision to continue to hold its academic seminars online. This brings two benefits: a seminar programme which secures international speakers and increasingly attracts an international audience of scholars. Topics considered this year included: antisemitism in France; James Baldwin and Holocaust exceptionalism and Black revolt; and the return of the xenophobic right.

Research

EARLY CAREER FELLOWS

Three early career fellows have been in post this academic year. They have made a valuable contribution in furthering BISA's international reputation and to its teaching and public events programme at Birkbeck.

Eliana Hadjisavvas has continued to work on her research project on British detention camps, funded by the Alfred Landecker Foundation. She has undertaken a number of international research trips, including to South Africa, where she conducted research at the National Archives in Pretoria and at the University of Cape Town's Kaplan Centre Archive. In May, she travelled to Israel to conduct research at the Central Zionist Archive and to begin the oral history dimension of her project, interviewing survivors. Alongside her research, Eliana has continued the development of her proposed exhibition with The Wiener Holocaust Library, which is scheduled to open in 2025/26. Eliana contributed to BISA's public events programme, arranging for US film producer Keith Beauchamp to attend the screening of his award-winning documentary *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till* and participate in a Q&A session. Eliana has made a successful application for a one-year fellowship at New York University's Remarque Institute. She will take up the post in September from where she will undertake her US-based research.

William Pimlott, Rothschild Foundation postdoctoral fellow, has continued his research project on the global Yiddish press, writing up his research on the Yiddish press in South Africa and Argentina for publication and spending one month completing archival research in Israel. He has presented his work in Yiddish at a symposium in Dusseldorf, and in English at conferences in London, Warsaw, Boston, Providence and Cape Town. His work has been published in the journal of Yiddish studies, *In Geveb*, and in the British Association for Victorian Studies tri-annual newsletter. William was awarded a three-month Visiting Lecturer post in Advanced East European Studies at Royal Holloway, University of London, which he held from January to March 2023. William has also contributed to the Institute's public events, with a successful application to the Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image for joint funding of a film series on Yiddish Political Cinema which he chaired (see Public Engagement).

Jan Rybak, BISA Early Career Fellow, has undertaken a full programme of research and academic collaboration this year. In November and December, he conducted archival research in Warsaw and New York City. In January and February, he held a visiting fellowship at the Leibniz-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kulture – Simon Dubnow (DI); this was followed by two months in Israel for archival research and collaboration with the University of Haifa. In May and June, Jan held a visiting fellowship at the European University Institute, Florence. In July, he began a two-month research trip to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Poland and Lithuania. This final research trip was made possible by the award of a travel and research grant from the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah in Paris. Jan has given guest lectures in Leipzig and Haifa, and delivered conference papers in Boston, Hamburg and Bucharest. His work has been published in *European History Quarterly*, *German History*, *The Galitzianer* and *Haaretz*. Jan's book, *Everyday Zionism in East-Central Europe: Nation-Building in War and Revolution, 1914–1920* (Oxford University Press, 2021) received an honourable mention in the Rachel Feldhay Brenner Book Award for Polish-Jewish Studies, 2023..

4. Teaching

The MA module 'Antisemitism, Holocaust, Colonialism, Gender: Connecting the Conversations', supported by the Open Society University Network and delivered by the Institute in collaboration with Central European University, Bard College New York, SOAS and University of the Witwatersrand, ran for its second year. Some 40 students took the course, 19 of whom were from Birkbeck. The course is an important element in BISA's work to foster understanding of the interconnections between antisemitism, racism, racialization and ethno-nationalism.

The short course 'Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History', taught by David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, was delivered to staff and members of the University and College Union (UCU) in autumn 2022 and to the National Education Union in a hybrid format, online and in person, from January to March 2023.

Jan Rybak and Eliana Hadjisavvas have both contributed to teaching on BA modules and short courses in the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology.

5. Policy Engagement

Public policy work has taken up a great deal of time this year, centring on international debates on the various definitions of antisemitism. David Feldman was invited by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to speak at its ninth global forum, on 'Defining Antisemitism to Advance the UN Goal of: Forging a New Social Contract: Combating Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief Anchored in Human Rights'. His speech was widely circulated on social media and incorporated into a briefing on antisemitism given in the Italian Senate. Subsequent meetings have been held with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk and with the United Nations International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In response to President Biden's initiative to develop a national strategy to counter antisemitism in the USA, David Feldman, together with Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Technische Universität Berlin, prepared a briefing paper on 'Antisemitism: Lessons from Europe' for the US Domestic Policy Council at The White House.

At a European level, David Feldman has provided input to two important initiatives: a scoping report by Human Rights Watch to identify how best to develop programming to combat antisemitism in the UK, France and Germany, and a project initiated by the European Network for Countering Antisemitism through Education, which explores whether an intersectional approach – collaborating with networks that fight various forms of prejudice – would be beneficial in preventing antisemitism.

In the UK, BISA's expertise has been sought by numerous organizations on a diverse range of issues. The V&A invited David Feldman to a workshop with museum curators to consider how it should identify and address the Jewish dealers and collectors who contributed to its collection and how to exhibit Jewish objects. A national broadsheet and a Jewish communal organization both sought the Institute's advice on how to recognize and deal with specific forms of antisemitism. The UCU asked BISA to devise a survey into UCU's Jewish members' experiences at work, with their local UCU branch and UCU's headquarters. The campaign group, Hacked Off, approached the Institute for advice on how antisemitism should be addressed in the government's Online Safety Bill.

David Feldman has contributed to briefing notes for MPs on the government's policy paper, the '2030 Roadmap for UK-Israel Bilateral Relations' published by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in March, and on the Government's Economic Activities of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill, published in June, which seeks to prevent boycotts of Israel.

In the continuing discussions around definitions of antisemitism in the higher education sector, David Feldman has held briefing meetings with senior officials in the Department of Education's Student Experience and Widening Participation Directorate and the Higher Education Quality, Access and Student Experience Directorate. The University of Greenwich and the University of Warwick have also sought his expertise on this matter.

6. Public Engagement

This year, BISA returned to holding in-person public events, mounting seven during the year.

Highlights included the screening of the award-winning documentary *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till* (2005), produced and directed by Keith Beauchamp, which presents a compelling examination of racism in 1950s America. Keith Beauchamp attended the screening and took part in the discussion and Q&As that followed. This event was held in partnership with Birkbeck Institute for Social Research, the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology and the Raphael Samuel History Centre.

Film screenings, in collaboration with the Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image, presented two rarely seen classic Yiddish films from the 1930s, *Grine Felder* and *Uncle Moses*. Both films explore the political options available to East European Jews in America and Europe before the Holocaust and offer fascinating insight into immigrant life and the modern Jewish experience. As part of the 'Beyond Camps' international conference, BISA also hosted its first concert, 'Yiddish Glory: The Lost Songs of World War II', with Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter Psoy Korolenko and Anna Shternshis, University of Toronto, providing the narration.

Public lectures have considered: 'Holocaust Memory in Eastern Europe'; 'Antisemitism, Racism, National Socialism and What Does this History Mean for Public Memory Today?'; and 'Is Antisemitism a Form of Racism?'.

7. The Institute in the Media

Ben Gidley and Jan Rybak published an op-ed ‘Why the West’s “Anti-war” Camp is so Hostile to Ukrainians – and to Jews’, in *Haaretz* in June 2023. The article considered the growing presence of antisemitic conspiracy theories since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Using the Institute’s concept of a ‘reservoir of antisemitism’, it explores how old narratives, often emanating from the Russian state and its media platforms, are being widely shared in both right-wing and left-wing political spaces.

Brendan McGeever appeared on BBC Radio 3’s *Free Thinking* programme ‘Gut Instinct’, in discussion with presenter Matthew Sweet and others. The far-ranging discussion about the gut and the brain encompassed racism, antisemitism and conspiracy theories, and was broadcast on 22 June 2023.

David Feldman has provided briefings and comment to: BBC Radio 4, *Jewish Currents*, *The Guardian*, *The i*, *The New York Times*, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and the World Service.

8. Future Funding

BISA has secured core funding from the Open Society Foundations' Education and Ideas Collaborative.

The funding will enable BISA to push ahead with an ambitious programme of research, policy and public engagement. This work will promote a better understanding of antisemitism in the present as well as in the past.

9. Appendices

APPENDIX I

Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism: Activities 1 August 2022 – 31 July 2023

CORE TEAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Jan Davison, Head of Communications and BISA Manager • Ben Gidley, Reader, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy • Brendan McGeever, Senior Lecturer in the Sociology of Racialization and Antisemitism, Department of Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy • Eliana Hadjisavvas, Alfred Landecker Lecturer Fellow, BISA and Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy • William Pimlott, Postdoctoral Fellow, BISA and School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy • Jan Rybak, Early Career Fellow, BISA and School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy • Tanesha Westcarr, BISA Events Coordinator
RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS
<p>David Feldman Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (co-editor with Marc Volovici), <i>Antisemitism, Islamophobia and the Politics of Definition</i>, Palgrave Critical Studies of Antisemitism and Racism, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023. <p>Brendan McGeever Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (with Satnam Virdee), <i>Britain in Fragments: Why Things Are Falling Apart</i>, Manchester University Press, 2023. <p>Essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Racism and the Social System: What Is to Be Done?’, <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i>, March 2023: online. <p>William Pimlott Essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Back to the Ghetto’, <i>In Geveb</i>, July 2023: online. <p>Jan Rybak Essays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Emancipation and Constitutional Patriotism: The Centralverein and the Weimar Republican Order’, <i>German History</i>, 40(4) (December 2022): 519–37. • ‘The Kraków Jewish Guard in 1918–1919’, <i>The Galitzianer</i>, 29(4) (December 2022): 17–22. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Everyday Zionism in East-Central Europe: Nation-Building in War and Revolution, 1914–1920</i>, Oxford University Press, 2021 – received Rachel Feldhay Brenner Book Award for Polish-Jewish Studies, Honourable Mention, 2023.

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RESEARCH: LECTURES / CONFERENCE PAPERS DELIVERED BY BIRKBECK INSTITUTE STAFF

David Feldman

- 'Semites and Jews', BIAJS Conference: Race in Jewish Worlds, Antiquity to the Present, Edgehill University, July 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Hijacking Holocaust Memory', University of Cambridge, May 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism in the UK and Germany', Alfred Landecker Lecturer Program Workshop, Germany (and online), November 2022 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism on the Left', Webinar on Current Forms of Antisemitism, Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Technische Universität Berlin, ENCATE/KIga, November 2022 (invited speaker).

Anthony Bale

- 'The Pilgrim's Disappointment: Medieval Narratives of Arrival at Jerusalem and the Port of Jerusalem', Jerusalem: from umbilicus mundi to the Four Corners of the Earth international conference, Yad Ben-Zvi Historical Institute, Jerusalem, July 2023 (invited speaker).

Ben Gidley

- 'Entangled Encounters: Jews, Muslims and Racialisation', British and Irish Jewish Studies Association Annual Conference: Race in Jewish Worlds, Antiquity to the Present, Edge Hill University, July 2023.
- 'Is Antisemitism a form of Racism?', Summer Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, York University, Toronto, June 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Authoritarian Populism and White Identity Politics', Social Scientists Against the Hostile Environment, June webinar: Identity Politics and the Hostile Environment, June 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'The Specificity of Urban Sites', Muslims & Jews in Urban Europe – Informal Encounters, Misunderstandings and Commonalities workshop, University of Strasbourg, June 2023.
- 'Eating (with) the Other -- Muslims, Jews and Shared Food in Urban Europe', British Association of Islamic Studies annual conference, Aga Khan University London, May 2023.
- 'Researching East London as a Migrant Arrival Quarter and a Site of Diasporic Space, Past and Present', The East End of London and the Historiography of Migration, The Jewish Museum London, January 2023 (invited speaker).
- (with Sami Everett) 'Off and on Stage Interactions: Muslim–Jewish Encounter in Urban Europe', Jagiellonian University, Kraków, January 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Locality, Spatiality and Contingency in East London, Journée d'Étude Juifs et Musulmans en Europe, CNRS-GSRL, Paris, October 2022 (invited speaker).
- (with Christine Achinger and Sina Arnold) 'Can there Be a Dialogue between Critical Theories of Antisemitism and Critical Theories of Racism?', London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism inaugural conference, University College London, September 2022.

Eliana Hadjisavvas

- 'Jews and Racial Others in the British World after 1945', British Association of Irish and Jewish Studies Conference, Edge Hill University, July 2023.
- 'From Kenya to Cyprus: Detention in the Empire', Alfred Landecker Seminar, Berlin, Germany, June 2023.
- 'Lockdown Empire: Detention, Displacement and Britain's Colonial Detention Camps for Jewish Refugees', The Holocaust and Migration: Beyond Flight and Displacement Conference, Munich, Germany, May 2023.
- 'Exile in East Africa: European Refugees and Political Detainees – Legacies of the Holocaust in Kenya', Beyond the Camps and Forced Labour Conference, Birkbeck, University of London, January 2023.

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Brendan McGeever

- 'Britain in Fragments: Why Things Are Falling Apart', keynote lecture at Birkbeck Annual Politics Research Conference, Birkbeck, University of London, June 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism as a Reservoir', Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity, University of Manchester, November 2022 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism and the Left', guest lecture on 'Racism and Ethnicity in the UK' undergraduate sociology module, University of Manchester, November 2022 (invited speaker).
- 'Antisemitism and the Left', ENCATE Webinar, Berlin, November 2022 (invited speaker).

William Pimlott

- 'The Litvak Diaspora and the Global Yiddish Press: A South African Case Study of Yiddish Press Networks and Yiddish Language Politics', Litvak Diaspora Conference, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, July 2023.
- 'Conceptualising Colonialism in a Comparative Perspective: The East Central European Yiddish Press in Conversation with Argentina and South Africa, 1890–1920', East Central Europe at the Crossroads: Jewish Transnational Networks and Identities, Polin: Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, June 2023.
- 'Yiddish Science and British Jewish Scholarship in the Shadow of the Holocaust: YIVO in England from the 1930s to the 1960s', Trauma and Memory, Rupture and Continuity: Yiddish Creativity after the Holocaust, Scholars Conference, Brown University, April 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Britain's Jewish Immigrant "New Era": The Social Democrats and the Struggle between the Universal and the Particular', Farbindungen 2023: Yiddish Futures/Yidishe Tsukunft, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto, Toronto, February 2023.
- 'Britain and Yiddish Migrant Historiography', The East End of London and the Historiography of Migration, Jewish Museum London, January 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Violence at the Doors of the Newspaper Office: Confrontations and Labour Struggle in and outside of the Global Yiddish Press', Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2022.
- 'Jews and the British Yiddish Imaginary c.1900', Imagined Jewishness in Great Britain, Germany and Europe from 1700–1948. Workshop at the Jewish Museum London, September 2022.
- 'Di alveltlekhe yidishe prese un der miskher mit vaye shifkhes', 25th Symposium of Yiddish Studies in Germany, September 2022.

Jan Rybak

- 'Maccabeus and the Emperor: Galician-Jewish Responses to the Outbreak of the First World War', Study Group for Minority History Conference, New Europe College, Bucharest, May 2023.
- 'The Red Flag on Mount Moriah? Conflicting Experiences of World Revolution and the Split of Poale Tzion in 1920', University of Haifa, March 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Jewish Security in a New Era: Nation, State, Self-Defence, and Galicia's Jewish Militias after the First World War', Experiences of Violence and Notions of Temporality in Jewish History', Institut für die Geschichte der Deutschen Juden, Hamburg, March 2023.
- 'Europe's Jewish Armed Forces in the Long Nineteenth Century', Leibniz-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kulture – Simon Dubnow (DI), Leipzig, February 2023 (invited speaker).
- 'Protecting Communities, Envisioning Autonomy: Responses to the 1918 Pogroms in Galicia', Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2022.

Other

- Awarded a Research and Travel Grant, Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah (2023).
- Member of the BASEES Study Group for Minority History first book proposal prize (2022/23).

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RESEARCH: BISA ACADEMIC EVENTS

International conference

- ‘Beyond Camps and Forced Labour: Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution’, symposium in collaboration with The Wiener Holocaust Library, Imperial War Museum Institute, the Holocaust Research Institute at Royal Holloway, University of London and the University of Wolverhampton, January 2023.

Seminars

- ‘Between Self-Determination and Self-Censorship: Antisemitism and Interwar Jewish Politics’, Marc Volovici, University of Haifa, June 2023.
- “‘A Foul and Violent Orgy’: James Baldwin on Holocaust Exceptionalism and Black Revolt”, Ben Ratskoff, Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California, October 2022.

Seminar series: ‘Antisemitism Now’

- ‘Old and New Antisemitism in France’, Nonna Mayer, Centre d’études européennes et de politique comparée, Sciences Po/CNRS, May 2023.
- ‘The Politics of Memory and the Return of the Xenophobic Right’, Valentina Pisanty, University of Bergamo, October 2022.

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TEACHING: MODULES

Anthony Bale

- MA module 'Creative Writing – "Writing the Self"', includes material on Holocaust writing and fake Holocaust memoirs

David Feldman

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

Ben Gidley

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

Eliana Hadjisavvas

Contributed to teaching of:

- BA Module 'Crossing Borders: Passports, Bodies and the State 1600–Today'
- BA Module 'Exploring the Past'
- BA Module 'History of the Contemporary World'

Brendan McGeever

- BA module 'Class'
- BA module 'Power'
- BA module 'Dissertation'
- Public non-accredited course 'Facing Antisemitism: Politics, Culture, History'

William Pimlott

- Three-month Visiting Lecturer post in Advanced East European Studies at Royal Holloway, University of London (January–March 2023)

Jan Rybak

Contributed to teaching of:

- Short Course/Certificate of Higher Education 'The Contemporary World'
- Short Course 'The Global Soviet Union'
- Short Course 'The Modern World'

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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.
- Jemima Jarman: The history of attempts to convert Jews to Christianity in Victorian London. AHRC Studentship.
- Emilie Wiedemann: The term anti-Semitism in international politics since 1975. AHRC Studentship.

Anthony Bale

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

Ben Gidley

- Sergio Calderon Harker: Containing the ‘bad body’: coloniality and detention in Fortress Europe (co-supervisor with Margarita Palacios).
- leisha James: Bordering on whiteness: exploring the racialized subjectivities of Italian women in post-Brexit London (co-supervisor with Brendan McGeever).

Brendan McGeever

- leisha James: Bordering on whiteness: exploring the racialized subjectivities of Italian women in post-Brexit London (co-supervisor with Ben Gidley).
- Evan Sedgwick-Jell: Depression and the political – mental health, system antagonism and social transformation (co-supervisor with Felicity Callard).
- Annie Teriba: The new Black Atlantic: empire, class and race in the neoliberal era (co-supervisor with Margarita Aragon).
- 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

- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – David Feldman (with Amos Golberg, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) met with High Commissioner, Volker Türk, to discuss the definitions of antisemitism and role of the UN in tackling antisemitism, May 2023.
- United Nations International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory – David Feldman (with Seth Anziska, University College London) briefed commissioners and staff on the issues around the misuse of charges of antisemitism to delegitimise criticism of Israel and support for claims made by Palestinians for equality, March 2023.
- The White House Inter-Agency Group – David Feldman (with Stefanie Schüler-Springorum) prepared a briefing paper on 'Antisemitism: Lessons from Europe' for the US Domestic Policy Council at The White House, March 2023.
- State of Qatar, David Feldman met with the Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to discuss antisemitism and Islamophobia and how they should be tackled, February 2023.
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) 9th Global Forum – Towards an Alliance of Peace: Living Together as One Humanity, Fez, Morocco – David Feldman invited to speak on 'Defining Antisemitism to Advance the UN Goal of: Forging a New Social Contract: Combating Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief Anchored in Human Rights', November 2022.

Europe

- European Network for Countering Antisemitism through Education (ENCATE) – David Feldman attended advisory meeting to consider a current ENCATE project on the concept of intersectionality within antisemitism prevention work, May 2023.
- Human Rights Watch – David Feldman advised on a programme to combat antisemitism in UK, France and Germany, April 2023.

United Kingdom

- Diaspora Alliance – David Feldman prepared response to the Government's Economic Activities of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill, June 2023.
- National broadsheet – David Feldman met with the deputy editor to discuss antisemitism, May 2023.
- Diaspora Alliance – David Feldman prepared briefing note on the government's policy paper: '2030 Roadmap for UK-Israel Bilateral Relations' published by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, March 2023.
- V&A – David Feldman invited to a workshop with museum curators to consider how the museum should deal with Jewish actors and Jewish objects held at the museum, February 2023.
- Hacked Off – David Feldman advised on how to define antisemitism in the context of the Online Safety Bill, February 2023.
- University of Greenwich – David Feldman invited to meet with the senior leadership team to share his expertise on the Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism, January 2022.
- Jewish communal organization – Ben Gidley advised on how to recognize toxic philosemitism, January 2023.
- University of Warwick – David Feldman invited to the Warwick Assembly Working Group on Tackling Antisemitism to advise on definitions of antisemitism, December 2022.
- University and College Union – BISA asked to devise a survey into UCU's Jewish members' experiences at work, with their local UCU branch and UCU's headquarters, November 2022.
- SOAS Students Union – David Feldman advised the CEO on a research project to look at antisemitism within student unions and higher education, October 2022.
- Department for Education – David Feldman (with Tom Lawson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Northumbria University) met with senior officials from the Student Experience and Widening Participation Directorate and Higher Education Quality, Access and Student Experience Directorate to discuss definitions of antisemitism, August 2022.

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

BISA public events

- ‘Is Antisemitism a Form of Racism? And What Does the Answer Mean for Anti-racism?’, Ben Gidley, Birkbeck, University of London, July 2023.
- ‘Holocaust Memory in Eastern Europe’, Holocaust Memorial Lecture with the Institute of Historical Research, Jelena Subotic, Georgia State University, January 2023.
- ‘Yiddish Glory: The Lost Songs of World War II’, Psoy Korolenko, singer/songwriter and Anna Shternshis, University of Toronto. Concert part of ‘Beyond Camps and Forced Labour: Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution’, January 2023.
- ‘Antisemitism, Racism, National Socialism, and What Does this History Mean for Public Memory Today?’, Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Technische Universität Berlin, keynote public lecture, part of ‘Beyond Camps and Forced Labour: Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution’, January 2023.
- “‘No Englishman Did It’: Jews, the News, and the Whitechapel Murders of 1888”, Mia Spiro, University of Glasgow, October 2022.

BISA film screenings and panel discussions

- ‘Yiddish Political Cinema – *Grine Felder* (Green Fields)’ (with Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image), Gil Toffell, British Universities Film and Video Council and William Pimlott, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, University of London, July 2023.
- ‘Yiddish Political Cinema – *Uncle Moses*’ (with Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image), Vivi Lachs, Queen Mary, University of London, and William Pimlott, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, University of London, June 2023.
- *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till* (with Birkbeck Institute for Social Research, the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London and the Raphael Samuel History Centre), Keith Beauchamp, filmmaker, October 2022.

Other public engagement

Ben Gidley

- Organizer, ‘Social Scientists against the Hostile Environment’ webinar series, which brings together feminist, antiracist and Marxist perspectives to interrogate the connections between unpaid and paid work in social reproduction through racialization and migration.

Brendan McGeever

- *L’Antisémitisme dans la Révolution russe (1917–1920)*, École normale supérieure, Paris, May 2023.
- ‘Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution’, South West Essex Reform Synagogue, December 2022.

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MEDIA

Opinion pieces

- Ben Gidley and Jan Rybak, 'Why the West's "Anti-war" Camp Is so Hostile to Ukrainians – and to Jews', *Haaretz*, 19 June 2023.

Podcasts

- Jan Rybak, 'Poalej Syjon w Polsce pośród Wielkiej Wojny / Poale Zionism in Poland amidst the Great War', interview with Jacek Drozda, *Emancypacje* podcast, May 2023.

Blogs

- Eliana Hadjisavvas, Landecker Commentary on 'British Detention Policy Past and Present: From "Illegal Immigration" to Gary Lineker', July 2023.

Interviews and commentary

- BBC Radio 3 *Free Thinking*, 'Gut Instinct', 22 June 2023. Brendan McGeever in panel discussion with Matthew Sweet and others.
- *The Guardian*, Aditya Chakrabarty, 'The Lesson from the Diane Abbott Row: If We Fight Racism in Silos, We Just Can't Win', 27 April 2023. David Feldman quoted on 'competitive racisms', where racialized minorities turn against each other.
- *The i – inews*, Ellen O'Dwyer, 'Jewish Community Says Starmer Still Has Questions to Answer on His Previous Support for Jeremy Corbyn', 15 February 2023. David Feldman quoted on the challenge of tackling a deep-rooted antisemitism in Western societies, distinguishing antisemitism from Anti-Zionism and Labour's need to respond to the racism experience of other minorities in the party with the same 'determination and vigour'.
- *Sunday Herald*, Sunday Big Read: 'Broken Britain: How Scots Nationalism and Brexit Pulled a Nation Apart', 26 March 2023. Four-page interview with Brendan McGeever.
- *PoliticsUK*, 'Brexit and Scottish Independence Are a Consequence of Inequality, not a Cause', 23 February 2023. Interview with Brendan McGeever.

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APPENDIX II

Selected Publications of Associates and Research Fellows: 1 August 2022 – 31 July 2023

Bryan Cheyette

- 'British-Jewish Literature in the Twenty-First Century', in David Benmayer and Rebecca Taylor (eds.), *Age of Confidence: The New Jewish Culture Wave* (The History Press, 2022).
- 'Antisemitism in Modern Literature and Theater: English Literature', in Steven Katz (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Antisemitism* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).
- 'On A Double-Decker Omnibus to Golders Green: A Response to Daniel Boyarin', *The Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry*, 9(1) (2022): 92–9.
- 'Off-the-Scene: An Afterword', in Jack Palmer and Dariusz Brzeziński (eds.), *Revisiting 'Modernity and the Holocaust': Heritage, Dilemmas, Extensions* (Routledge, 2022).

Stephen Frosh

- *Antisemitism and Racism: Ethical Challenges for Psychoanalysis* (Bloomsbury, 2023).
- 'Stuart Hall, Jacqueline Rose and the Politics of the Psyche', *Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society*, online (April 2023).

Jack Jacobs

- 'The General Jewish Workers' Bund', in M. Van der Linden (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Socialism, Volume 2* (Cambridge University Press, 2023).

Keith Kahn-Harris

- (With J. Boyd) 'The Field of Research on Contemporary Antisemitism and Jewish Life: Working towards a European Research Hub', European Commission, online (April 2023)
- *Negazione. La verità inconfessabile* (Italian edition: People Publishers, 2023).

Louise London

- Two articles commissioned by the British Library for its website: 'Voices of the Holocaust', *Escape and Migration*, covering (1) Britain's refugee policy and (2) The *Kindertransport*.