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After the Catastrophe: Antisemitism, Racism and Bio-Politics in Post-War Europe

Vera Anstey Room, Old Building, LSE, London, 27-28 November 2025

Thursday, 27 November

2.30pm **Welcome and Introduction**

3.00pm **Panel I: Eugenics**

Mathew Thomson (Warwick)

Eugenics, the Nazi, and the Biopolitics of the British Welfare State

Isabelle Gouarné (CNRS-Université Jules Verne de Picardie)

Was French Eugenics really Race-Blind? Reassessing a Myth of National Historiography

Marius Turda (Oxford Brookes University)

Eugenics and Biopolitics in late 1940s-early 1950s Romania

5.00pm **Coffee break**

5.30pm **Keynote:** Lucy Noakes (University of Essex)

I felt that I was fighting for something worthwhile': Mass Observation, memory and the navigation of change in postwar Britain

7.30pm **Conference Dinner**

Friday, 28 November

9.00am **Panel II: Antisemitism**

Grzegorz Rossoliński-Liebe (FU Berlin)

Holocaust Envy: The Polonization and Ukrainization of Jewish Suffering

Kateřina Králová (Charles University, Prague)

The Ambiguity of Liberation: Jewish Survivors in Postwar Greece

Manuela Consonni (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Antisemitism and the Place of the Jews in Post-Fascist Italy, 1945-1967

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.30 **Panel III: Anti-Gypsyism/Antiziganism**

Becky Taylor (University of East Anglia)

Racism, Antigypsyism and Pushback in the 1960s West Midlands

Celia Donert (University of Cambridge)

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Leo Lucassen (Universiteit Leiden)

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1.30pm **Lunch break**

2.30pm **Panel IV: The NS Successor States:**
Maria Alexopoulou (TU Berlin/Universität Mannheim)
Ausländer in postwar Germany

Carsta Langer (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
Nothing but Continuities? – Racism, Antisemitism, and Antigypsyism in the post-fascist society of the GDR

Brigitte Bailer-Galanda (Universität Wien)
Austria's dealing with different groups of victims of National Socialism: Victim's Myth, politically motivated opportunity thinking, Antisemitism and continuity of National Socialist propaganda.

4.30pm **Coffee break**

5.00pm **Round Table:**
Martin Conway (University of Oxford)
Christina von Hodenberg (GHI London)
David Feldman (Birkbeck)
Till van Rahden (Université de Montréal)
Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (TU Berlin)

7.00pm **End**