

ANNUAL REPORT

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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

The most significant undertaking this year has been the preparation of *Facing antisemitism: the struggle for safety and solidarity*, a report commissioned by the Runnymede Trust, the UK's leading anti-racism think tank. Written by David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, with support from Jan Davison, the report dominated the work of the Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism (BISA) from August 2024 to its publication in January 2025.

Two other important new initiatives have also been realised this year. The 'Anti-racism and anti-antisemitism' conference which took place in September 2024, and 'Loot: colonialism, the Holocaust, and the museum', a pathbreaking international symposium, held in collaboration with Birkbeck's Centre for Museum Cultures and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

This work has been carried out alongside BISA's academic work and collaborations, its ongoing engagement with the media, its public policy work, and its programme of regular public lectures and seminars.

Institute staff member Brendan McGeever was in the USA for the year as the Julian and Virginia Cornell Distinguished Visiting Professor at Swarthmore College.

Dov Waxman, Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Professor of Israel Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, was a visitor and Honorary Research Fellow at the Institute from May to December 2025.

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, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Jan Davison, Head of Communications and BISA Manager
- Ben Gidley, Senior Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Eliana Hadjisavvas, Alfred Landecker Lecturer, BISA and School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Brendan McGeever, Senior Lecturer in the Sociology of Racialization and Antisemitism, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Naomi Smith, BISA Events Coordinator (joined 1 November 2023)

BIRKBECK ASSOCIATES

- Daniel Monk, Professor of Law, Birkbeck Law School, Faculty of Business and Law
- Jessica Reinisch, Professor of Modern European History, School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Jan Rueger, Professor of History, School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Irene Bruna Seu, Professor of Psychosocial Studies and Critical Psychology, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Nikolaus Wachsmann, Professor in Modern European History, School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

EXTERNAL RESEARCH FELLOWS AND ASSOCIATES

Honorary Research Fellows

- Louise London, independent scholar
- Diana Popescu, independent scholar
- Yorai Linenberg, independent scholar
- David Ranan, independent scholar
- Dov Waxman, Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Professor of Israel Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (May–December 2025)

Associate Research Fellows

- Ludivine Broch, Lecturer in History, Humanities, University of Westminster
- Bryan Cheyette, Emeritus Professor in Modern 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 encounters, diversity and distance in urban Europe’ (‘Encounters’), 2020–24, led by Ben Gidley, concluded this academic year with a series of dissemination events in Europe and the publication of the final report. The events included a transnational public event in Berlin in November that brought civil society activists together in facilitated dialogue and a public event in Paris in December which featured an Arabic/Jewish music and dance performance. A podcast series, ‘Beyond encounters’, was also produced and hosted on the Max Planck Institute website. This project was funded by the Open Research Area for the Humanities and Social Sciences and UKRI/ESRC.

Ben Gidley led a successful competitive tender for a pan-European, multidisciplinary research project, ‘Liminal waterway countercultures’ (‘LiminalWater’). He is Principal Investigator for the UK team and the whole project, which will run for two years (2025–2027), funded by the Humanities in the European Research Area and UKRI/AHRC. Set against the backdrop of the current crises of diversification/migration and climate change, the project will explore selected waterways that mark Europe’s peripheries or limits and the multilingual countercultures which emerge in these spaces. Outputs will include digital audio-visual resources for each site and a public exhibition.

The Institute made a successful funding application to Rothschild Hanadiv Europe for a postdoctoral research fellow. Joseph Finlay will join BISA in January 2026. His research will investigate the position of Jews in British imperial politics, centred around eight Jewish colonial governors who ruled over a diverse set of territories from the start of the twentieth century until the era of decolonisation.

In partnership with Carleton University in Toronto, BISA made a successful grant application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, for a research project, ‘Hate, conspiracy theories, and the challenge to democracy’. This project brings together community stakeholders, students and scholars to analyse the causes and consequences of conspiracy theories and to develop strategies to mitigate their spread and impact. The project centres around a three-day workshop held in Toronto in October 2025, and the creation of an online repository of resources for teachers, government, community groups and researchers. The resources will address the role of conspiracy theories past and present and the distinct challenges they pose to evidenced-based knowledge and governance.

PUBLICATIONS

Reports

Two reports have been published this year:

- David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, *Facing antisemitism: the struggle for safety and solidarity*, Runnymede Trust, January 2025
- Ben Gidley et al., *Muslim-Jewish encounters, diversity and distance in urban Europe: religion, culture and social model*, November 2024 (final research report)

Facing antisemitism was commissioned by the Runnymede Trust, the UK’s leading independent race equality think tank. The report demonstrates that antisemitism continues to be a stain on British society and goes on to show that current responses to tackling the problem are not working. It calls for a new approach to both thinking about and combating antisemitism: one that is based on building alliances between Jewish people and other racialised minorities and employs a 360-degree anti-racism. The report will equip think tanks, civil society organisations, academics, politicians, the media and the broader public to discuss issues around antisemitism from an anti-racist perspective. It was launched in January 2025 with a public event held in partnership with the Runnymede Trust. Reception of the report has been broadly positive. It is too soon to ascertain whether it will impact on policymaking. Media coverage is considered below.

Research

Essays

Ben Gidley has published two articles arising from the 'Encounters' research project, one in *Ethnicities* entitled, 'Off and on stage interactions: Muslim–Jewish encounter in urban Europe' (November 2024) and the other, entitled 'Eating (with) the other: Jewish–Muslim gastronomic encounters', in a special issue of the *European Journal of Cultural Studies* devoted to the project (January 2025).

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

David Feldman has delivered talks/contributed to a number of events convened by institutions in the USA: speaking on 'Definitions of antisemitism' at the City University of New York, on 'Jews and the left' at Columbia University, on 'Antisemitism and anti-racism' at Rice University, and at a workshop on antisemitism studies at New York University. In June, at the invitation of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, David Feldman delivered the keynote lecture, entitled, 'On weaponisation: writing the history of antisemitism in the time of Trump and Netanyahu', at a conference on antisemitism and conspiracy theories.

Ben Gidley has given papers on his 'Muslim-Jewish encounters' project in Paris and Berlin. He was invited to speak on anti-antisemitism and anti-racism at a conference organised by Lund University and on Islamophobia and antisemitism by Ruhr University Bochum. He represented BISA in a webinar that considered the findings and recommendations of the *Facing antisemitism* report.

Brendan McGeever has given several seminars and lectures on his current research project, which examines how the term 'pogrom' has featured in memory and politics from the early twentieth century to the present day, enveloping both Black and Jewish histories. These include Swarthmore College, where he delivered the Cornell Professor Annual Lecture; State University of New York (Cortland); the University of Pennsylvania; the Russian History Seminar; and Birkbeck, University of London.

Eliana Hadjisavvas has presented her research on Jews and Britain's colonial detention camps at conferences in Germany and Cyprus. She represented BISA at a two-day workshop held in Serbia, convened by the Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway, University of London, to explore the viability of setting up a research network focusing on the history of the Holocaust in South-Eastern Europe. Eliana is a co-convenor of the Institute of Historical Research 'Jewish history' seminar series.

Research

ACADEMIC EVENTS

BISA has mounted two pathbreaking events this year: 'Anti-racism and anti-antisemitism', held in September 2024, and 'Loot: colonialism, the Holocaust, and the museum' held in February 2025.

The 'Anti-racism and anti-antisemitism' conference, conceived in collaboration with the advocacy group Diaspora Alliance, brought together perspectives from social sciences, history and advocacy to explore opportunities for building a coherent and encompassing anti-racist politics and examined how to overcome the problems that stand in its way.

The conference was attended by over 120 delegates drawn from advocacy and religious groups, the media, and academia. Gary Younge, University of Manchester, award-winning author and broadcaster, delivered the keynote entitled 'Colouring between the lines: what the experiences of Black Germans in Nazi Germany tell us about systems of racial oppression in general and antisemitism in particular'. Other speakers included Shabna Begum, Runnymede Trust; Ben Gidley, Birkbeck, University of London; Naaz Rashid, University of Sussex; Becky Taylor, University of East Anglia; and Nira Yuval-Davis, University of East London. The conference received financial support from the Centre for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin.

'Thank you BISA for organising the conference. It was a great gathering and a chance to hear of important work and meet new and interesting people.' – Carrie Supple, community activist

The international symposium 'Loot', co-convened by BISA and the Centre for Museum Cultures at Birkbeck in collaboration with the V&A, brought together an invited group of 55 leading museum professionals and academics to compare issues of repair and restitution in post-Holocaust and post-colonial contexts. A public lecture given by Michael Rothberg, University of California, Los Angeles, preceded the conference. The symposium was made possible through support from BISA, the V&A Research Institute and the David Berg Foundation.

'Thank you for the stimulating and well-convened lecture and symposium, it really brought together a phenomenal selection of speakers and participants.' – Sarah Done, Director, Restitution, Christies

'It was a real pleasure to be at your workshop. I learned a lot, and in some respects, I even changed my perspective – is there any more you might want from an academic event?' – Constantin Goschler, Ruhr-University Bochum

The third and final international conference in the series 'Entangled and disentangled others', for which BISA is a co-convenor, was held in Cambridge in June 2026. The series has explored the complex relationships between Holocaust memory, contemporary racism, antisemitism and colonialism. The project, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), is a collaboration between BISA, 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 Institute has continued to convene its programme of online seminars. Six have been held this year, given by UK and US scholars, covering a wide range of topics: Germany's Antisemitism Commissioners, the history of Zionism in the United States, UK anti-discrimination law, antisemitism and sadism, anti-antisemitism, and how the term 'pogrom' intersects Black and Jewish histories.

'I really appreciated the Sutcliffe [anti-antisemitism] meeting the other day and thought his analysis was very insightful. These conferences are extremely useful. I am grateful for the work that you do.'
– Valentina Pisanty, University of Bergamo

'That was a great session [antisemitism and sadism], and I learned so much.'
– Vic Seidler, Goldsmiths, University of London

4. Teaching

The short course, 'Facing antisemitism: politics, culture, history' has been delivered as a one-day workshop to the Jewish advocacy group Na'amod and in a shortened half-day iteration to Reduced Listening, a media production company. Feedback on the course continues to be excellent.

David Feldman taught the MA module, 'Antisemitism, Holocaust, colonialism, gender: connecting the conversations', delivered by BISA in collaboration with Central European University, SOAS and University of the Witwatersrand. The course was taken by 35 students from Birkbeck and partner institutions.

Ben Gidley co-taught (with Imogen Lambert) the core first-year BA Psychosocial module 'Hate' and the core final-year BA Psychosocial module, 'Racism and antisemitism'. Each module was taken by around 25 students.

While at Strathmore College, Brendan McGeever taught two BA history modules, 'Antisemitism: theory, politics, history' and 'The nationality question in Russia, 1917 to the present: nation-building, empire, and decolonization', which contained substantive sessions on antisemitism.

Eliana Hadjisavvas has contributed to the teaching of the BA module 'The modern world' and three MA modules: 'The modern Mediterranean: from colonial sea to environmental crisis?', 'The historian's craft' and 'A continent on the move: migration in Europe'.

5. Policy Engagement

INTERNATIONAL

For the past year David Feldman has been involved in the Global Islamophobia and Antisemitism Initiative, coordinated by New Ground Research in partnership with the Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies, Granada. The first public outcome from this work is the Granada Declaration of Shared Principles on Combatting Islamophobia and Antisemitism. The Granada Declaration was launched on 17 June at the United Nations on the International Day for Countering Hate Speech.

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

BISA gave advice to the Diaspora Alliance as it made representations to the UK government regarding freedom of speech and equal rights in relation to the Department of Education's public procurement tender 'Tackling antisemitism in education'.

The Runnymede Trust sought David Feldman's input on the drafting of its positioning paper, 'Islamophobia: working towards a definition that works'.

Paul Waugh MP (Labour, Rochdale) cited David Feldman/BISA's research in the Holocaust Memorial debate held in Parliament in January, quoting directly the point that antisemitism is not the preserve of a minority of antisemites but 'a widely diffused reservoir of stereotypes and narratives about Jews ... that has accumulated over centuries and has become a part of our common culture'.

David Feldman met Abitsam Mohamed MP (Labour, Sheffield Central) and Sheffield City councillors to discuss definitions of antisemitism and how they might be applied in practice. He also advised the British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies on issues around antisemitism in social media posts.

6. Public Engagement

BISA PUBLIC EVENTS

The Institute held five public lectures this year. Omer Bartov, Brown University, addressed the question 'Israel: what went wrong?' Derek Penslar, Harvard University, spoke on the international dimensions of the 1948 War in Palestine. Maurice Samuels, Yale University, examined the Dreyfus Affair and Jewish identity. Michael Rothberg, University of California, Los Angeles, gave the public lecture held at the V&A on the eve of the 'Loot' symposium, exploring what it means to live with histories of colonial and Nazi violence and questions of remembrance and responsibility. Rebecca Clifford, Durham University, delivered the Holocaust Memorial lecture which BISA hosts in partnership with the Institute for Historical Research.

The Facing antisemitism report was launched in January 2025 with a public event held in partnership with the Runnymede Trust, attended by 160 people. David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever presented the report's findings and Maya Goodfellow, City, University of London, and Rachel Shabi, journalist and author, acted as respondents. Shabna Begum, Runnymede Trust, chaired the event.

'I wanted to write you a quick note to say how much I've appreciated and professionally benefited from watching many of BISA's recent seminars and lectures on YouTube ... Many thanks for all you and your team's efforts in programming and sharing these events.'

– Charley Katan, Diaspora Alliance, Europe

'Thanks for continuing to put on such timely events on these important topics.'

– Navid Pourghazi, Blackstone Chambers

David Feldman has given two public lectures this year, delivering the Holocaust Memorial Day lecture for the University of Cambridge and a public lecture entitled 'In the shadow of war' at the Norwegian Centre for Holocaust and Minority Studies in collaboration with the University of Oslo.

7. The Institute in the Media

OPINION PIECES

Five opinion pieces have been published in the last year.

David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever co-authored an article, 'The truth in Diane Abbot's ill-judged remarks about racism', *Prospect Magazine* (July 2025), in which they argued that the juxtaposition of anti-Black racism and antisemitism crystallises the challenge of developing an anti-racist politics that is consistent, universal and sensitive to the experience of different minorities. In another co-authored article, 'Against political purity: a reply to Eli Machover', published in *Vashti* (July 2025), they responded to Machover's critique of the *Facing antisemitism* report, examining how Jewish politics is in flux and why Jewish people and Jewish organisations should build the widest possible anti-racist coalition.

David Feldman wrote about 'The history of prejudice' in *The Ideas Letter* (September 2024) and 'Antisemitism, racism and anti-racism' in *History Workshop* (October 2024). He argued that the struggle against antisemitism and the struggle against racism have at times appeared inextricably connected but that today it is the disconnections that are most visible – illustrated by the responses to 7 October 2023 and its aftermath. Any political reunion of anti-antisemitism and anti-racism will have to recognise these disconnections and bridge them.

Brendan McGeever published an article entitled 'Was the violence in Amsterdam an anti-Jewish pogrom?' in *Byline Times* (November 2024). This piece argued that describing the violence as a 'pogrom' is misleading and politically dangerous and explained why it also does a disservice to Jewish history. The article was translated into Italian and reproduced in full in the online news site *East Journal*.

INTERVIEWS

David Feldman was interviewed by Radio 4's *Antisocial* programme for its show on 'Racism and prejudice' (July 2025), speaking specifically about the changing relationship and connections between campaigners against racism and those against antisemitism. He was also invited onto the Australian Broadcast Corporation's flagship news programme, *The Radio National Hour*, to speak, in an extended interview, about Australia's proposed antisemitism strategy, definitions of antisemitism and antisemitism in the UK (July 2025).

Ben Gidley appeared on the Voice of Islam *Breakfast Show* to discuss Elon Musk's tweets on grooming gangs and the broader context of high-profile abuse cases (January 2025).

SOCIAL MEDIA

An intervention by Brendan McGeever posted on X in November 2024, warning against describing the violence in Amsterdam between Israeli and Dutch football fans as a pogrom against Jews, received 2.3 million views. The thread was cited and reproduced in numerous international media outlets, including in Austria, Australia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey. The Italian magazine *Internazionale* reproduced the thread in full under the headline 'What is a pogrom?' and *Haaretz* quoted the thread extensively. The Dutch daily newspaper *de Volkskrant* cited Brendan's argument in an interview with the Israeli ambassador to the Netherlands: 'At 3.00am the attacks were already being called a pogrom by Danny Danon, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. There are prominent historians, such as Brendan McGeever, who find it misleading to call the attacks that.'

The Institute in the Media

COMMENTARY

David Feldman contributed a piece on ‘Jews and the left’ to a wider blog entitled ‘October 7 as a turning point in Jewish history’ published by the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (October 2024).

Briefings with journalists over the course of the year have resulted in coverage in a range of outlets. David Feldman has been quoted in the weekly political podcast, *Pod Save the UK* (on the band Bob Dylan’s chant targeting Israel’s armed forces and why it was not antisemitic); Bloomberg (on how antisemitism has changed over time); BBC News (on Holocaust memorialisation); the *Guardian* (on the reservoir of Jewish stereotypes); and the Canadian magazine *The Walrus* (on antisemitism as a reservoir of stereotypes and definitions of antisemitism). Ben Gidley has been quoted in the Courthouse News Service (on Europe’s attitude towards Israel since it broke the ceasefire in January).

Coverage of the Facing antisemitism Report

The report was published by Runnymede Trust in January 2025. As a policy report, presenting complex and nuanced arguments, it is of limited appeal to the mainstream media. However, it did receive considered attention from some titles.

Prospect Magazine devoted a whole, and broadly positive, article to the report with the headline ‘This is how we fight antisemitism’, encapsulating the challenges in the standfirst: ‘Jews and other minorities must unite against racism, but this will require cynicism – and a strong stomach’. *Haaretz*, citing the report’s key findings and recommendations, carried a similarly strongly worded header, “‘Competitive victimhood’: Britain is combating antisemitism the wrong way, academic experts argue’. It continued, ‘The report advises British policymakers to treat antisemitism like any other form of racism, rather than as a unique issue. The authors argue that focusing heavily on antisemitism while neglecting Islamophobia or structural racism creates a perception of a “hierarchy of racism”.’ The Jewish left-wing journal *Vashti* carried an in-depth interview with the report’s authors alongside a critique of it. Joseph Finlay, who will be joining BISA as a postdoctoral researcher next year, also provided a critical commentary on the report in an article in *Vashti* dealing with antisemitism.

8. Appendices

APPENDIX I

Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism: Activities 1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025

| CORE TEAM |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Feldman, Director of BISA and Professor of History, School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences • Jan Davison, Head of Communications and BISA Manager • Ben Gidley, Reader in Sociology and Psychosocial Studies, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences • Brendan McGeever, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. For the academic year 2024–2025, Brendan is Julian and Virginia Cornell Distinguished Visiting Professor at Swarthmore College • Eliana Hadjisavvas, Alfred Landecker Lecturer Fellow, BISA and School of Historical Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences • Naomi Smith, BISA Events Coordinator |
| RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS |
| <p>David Feldman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Facing antisemitism: the struggle for safety and solidarity</i>, Runnymede Trust, January 2025 (with Brendan McGeever and Ben Gidley) <p>Ben Gidley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Eating (with) the other: Jewish–Muslim gastronomic encounters’, <i>European Journal of Cultural Studies</i>, 28/1 (2025) • <i>Facing antisemitism: the struggle for safety and solidarity</i>, Runnymede Trust, January 2025 (with Brendan McGeever and David Feldman) • ‘Off and on-stage interactions: Muslim–Jewish encounter in urban Europe’, <i>Ethnicities</i>, 25/2 (November 2024): 235–254 |
| RESEARCH: LECTURES / CONFERENCE PAPERS DELIVERED BY BIRKBECK INSTITUTE STAFF |
| <p>David Feldman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘On weaponisation: writing the history of antisemitism in the time of Trump and Netanyahu’, Antisemitism and Conspiracy Theories, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, June 2025 • ‘Anti-racism and anti-antisemitism’, Conference on Anti-Antisemitism and Philosemitism, Rice University, January 2025 • Workshop on Antisemitism Studies and Centers, NYU Center for the Study of Antisemitism, January 2025 • ‘Antisemitism and conflict’, Associateship of King’s College Conversation programme, November 2024 • ‘Jews and the left’, Framing October 7, webinar, Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University, October 2024 • ‘Definitions of antisemitism: a roundtable discussion’, conversation on the IHRA, JDA and Nexus definitions, webinar, Centre for Jewish Studies, City University of New York, September 2024 |

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RESEARCH: LECTURES / CONFERENCE PAPERS DELIVERED BY BIRKBECK INSTITUTE STAFF

Ben Gidley

- 'Anti-antisemitism and anti-racism: the intellectual roots of the parting of the ways', Beyond Polarization and Instrumentalization: Antisemitism and Other Racisms, Lund University, Sweden, April 2025
- 'Facing antisemitism: the struggle for safety and solidarity', 'Racism and antisemitism in the hostile environment' webinar, Social Scientists Against the Hostile Environment, March 2025
- 'Jewish-Muslim encounters in European cities, before and after October 7', Sciences Po, Paris, December 2024
- 'Antisemitism and conflict', Associateship of King's College Conversation programme, November 2024
- 'Jewish-Muslim encounters in urban Europe: under pressure', Berlin, November 2024
- With Yulia Egorova, 'Islamophobia and antisemitism in Europe: divergences and interactions', UA Ruhr Action Days against Antisemitism and Racism, Ruhr University Bochum, November 2024

Brendan McGeever

- 'Pogroms, politics and memory: rethinking anti-Jewish violence from the Harlem Renaissance to October 7th', Birkbeck, University of London and Swarthmore College, May 2025
- 'Jewish suffering through Black revolutionary eyes: rethinking the pogrom category from the Harlem Renaissance to October 7th', Russian History Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, April 2025
- 'Rethinking anti-Jewish violence from the Harlem Renaissance to October 7th', Cornell Professor Annual Lecture, Swarthmore College, March 2025
- 'The Black Atlantic, the Russian Revolution, and the Jewish question', State University of New York, Cortland, February 2024
- 'The pogrom, Jewish memory and the racialisation of the Muslim "other" in contemporary Europe', Department of Sociology and Anthropology Lunchtime Seminar, Swarthmore College, December 2024

Eliana Hadjisavvas

- HRI/RHUL Partnership Network meeting (UK and South-Eastern Europe), Belgrade, Serbia, June 2025
- 'Britain's colonial detention camps', paper delivered at Landecker symposium, University of Heidelberg, Germany, May 2025
- 'Legacies of war and violence', Society History of War Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus, November 2024.

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RESEARCH: BISA ACADEMIC EVENTS

Conferences and symposia

- 'Entangled otherings', June 2025: two-day international conference in collaboration with Cambridge Interfaith Programme, University of Cambridge; the Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin; the Department of German Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington; and Sciences Po, Paris; funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 'Loot: colonialism, the Holocaust, and the museum'; symposium jointly convened by the V&A and Birkbeck, University of London, February 2025
- 'Anti-racism and anti-antisemitism': academic conference, partially funded by the Centre for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin), September 2024

Seminar Series: Antisemitism Now

- 'Pogroms, politics and memory: rethinking anti-Jewish violence from the Harlem Renaissance to October 7th', Brendan McGeever, Birkbeck, University of London and Swarthmore College, May 2025
- 'The politics of redemptive anti-antisemitism', Adam Sutcliffe, King's College London, March 2025
- 'Antisemitism, Israel and the limits of anti-discrimination law', Matthew Bolton, Queen Mary University of London, February 2025
- "'Aliya" and antisemitism: US Zionism in the world, 1948 to the present', Douglas Rossinow, Metro State University, St Paul, Minnesota, December 2024
- 'Antisemitism, sexuality, and sadism', Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College, November 2024
- 'Making Jews visible: Germany's antisemitism commissioners', Irit Dekel, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2024

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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'

Ben Gidley

- BA module 'Racism and antisemitism' (co-taught with Imogen Lambert)
- BA module 'Hate' (co-taught with Imogen Lambert)
- Public non-accredited course 'Facing antisemitism: politics, culture, history'

Brendan McGeever

- BA module 'Antisemitism: theory, politics, history' (History Department, Swarthmore College)
- BA module 'The nationality question in Russia, 1917 to the present: nation-building, empire, and decolonization' (History Department, Swarthmore College)

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'
- MA module 'A continent on the move: migration in Europe'

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TEACHING: RESEARCH SUPERVISION

David Feldman

- PhD awarded: Joseph Radcliffe, 'Black seamen in British ports c. 1900–40', AHRC CHASE studentship

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), ESRC-UBEL studentship
- Evan Sedgwick-Jell: 'Depression and the political: mental health, system antagonism and social transformation' (co-supervisor with Prof. 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 Prof. Stephen Frosh)
- Alzira Minikeeva: 'Ethnic minority experiences of discrimination: a case study of the Volga Tatars in the Russian Federation'

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PUBLIC POLICY ENGAGEMENT

International

- Global Islamophobia and Antisemitism Initiative: David Feldman participated in the roundtable hosted by New Ground Research in partnership with Euro Arab Foundation; the first outcome from this work is the Granada Declaration of Shared Principles on Combatting Islamophobia and Antisemitism launched at the United Nations on 17 June 2025
- SA Jewish Report: David Feldman advised on whether a series of posters were antisemitic, June 2025
- Diaspora Alliance: David Feldman is on the international advisory board, ongoing

United Kingdom

- Runnymede Trust: David Feldman gave input to the Trust on its draft paper, 'Islamophobia: working towards a definition that works', June 2025
- British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies: David Feldman advised on issues around antisemitism in social media posts, March 2025
- Paul Waugh MP (Labour, Rochdale): cited David Feldman's/BISA's research in the Holocaust Memorial debate held in Parliament, January 2025
- Abitsam Mohamed MP (Labour, Sheffield Central) and Sheffield City councillors: David Feldman advised on definitions of antisemitism and how they may be practically applied, October 2024
- 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

- 'The Dreyfus affair, antisemitism, and the transformation of Jewish identity', Maurice Samuels, Yale University, March 2025
- 'Restitution, repair and the memory wars', Birkbeck in partnership with the V&A Research Institute, Michael Rothberg, University of California, Los Angeles, February 2025
- 'The making of child Holocaust survivors', Holocaust Memorial Day lecture in collaboration with the Institute of Historical Research, Rebecca Clifford, Durham University, January 2025
- 'Facing antisemitism: the struggle for safety and solidarity', report launch in partnership with the Runnymede Trust, David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism; Maya Goodfellow, City, University of London; Rachel Shabi, journalist and author; Shabna Begum, Runnymede Trust (chair), January 2025
- 'Israel: what went wrong?', Omer Bartov, Brown University, January 2025
- 'The 1948 Palestine war: from the local to the global', Derek Penslar, Harvard University, October 2024

Other public engagement

David Feldman

- 'Definitions of antisemitism', Conference of Liberal Rabbis and Cantors, July 2025
- 'In the shadow of war', public lecture and discussion, Norwegian Centre for Holocaust and Minority Studies in Collaboration with the University of Oslo, March 2025
- 'From Warsaw to Auschwitz: how and why Holocaust memory has changed since the 1950s', Holocaust Memorial Day Lecture for the University of Cambridge, January 2025

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MEDIA

Opinion pieces

- David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, 'The truth in Diane Abbot's ill-judged remarks about racism', *Prospect Magazine*, 29 July 2025
- David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever, 'Against political purity: a reply to Eli Machover', *Vashti*, 11 July 2025
- Brendan McGeever, 'Was the violence in Amsterdam an anti-Jewish pogrom?', *Byline Times*, 13 November 2024
- David Feldman, 'Antisemitism, racism and anti-racism', History Workshop (online), 8 October 2024 (reproduced from *The Ideas Letter*, September 2024)
- David Feldman, 'A history of prejudice', *The Ideas Letter*, 19 September 2024

Commentary

- David Feldman, 'Jews and the left', a contribution to a wider blog entitled 'October 7 as turning point in Jewish history', the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, October 2024

Interviews

Broadcast

- BBC Radio 4, *Antisocial*, 'Racism and prejudice', 25 July 2025: David Feldman interviewed about the changing relationship between campaigners against racism and those against antisemitism
- Australian Broadcast Corporation, *The Radio National Hour*, 15 July 2025: David Feldman interviewed on Australia's proposed antisemitism strategy, definitions of antisemitism and antisemitism in the UK
- Voice of Islam, *Breakfast Show*, 27 January 2025: Ben Gidley interviewed on Elon Musk's tweets on grooming gangs and the broader context of high-profile abuse cases

Comment

- *Pod Save the UK*, '[Moral] panic on the streets of Glastonbury', 3 July; item on the controversy around the band Bob Vylan's chant targeting Israel's armed forces: David Feldman quoted on why the chant was not antisemitic
- *Courthouse News Service*, Cain Burdeau, 'In Europe, condemnation grows over Israel's assault on Gaza', 20 May 2025: Ben Gidley quoted on the shift in attitude in Europe towards Israel since January 2025, and Western and Israeli political thought on the Israel/Palestine conflict
- *The Walrus*, John Lorinc, 'What counts as antisemitism? The debate that is dividing communities', 19 March 2025: David Feldman quoted on antisemitism as a reservoir of stereotypes and narratives, and the IHRA working definition of antisemitism
- BBC News, Alan Little, 'The difficult question about Auschwitz that remains unanswered', 27 January 2025: David Feldman quoted on Holocaust memorialisation
- *Guardian*, Rachel Shabi, 'Kneejerk response then overcorrection: what the aftermath of the Amsterdam violence should teach us', 16 November 2024: David Feldman cited on antisemitism as a reservoir of stereotypes and narratives
- Bloomberg, Cagan Koc and Sarah Jacob, 'Amsterdam riots spotlight struggle to define antisemitism', 16 November 2024: David Feldman quoted on how understanding of antisemitism has changed over time

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MEDIA

Coverage of the Facing antisemitism report (published 20 January 2025)

- *Vashti*, Matthew Gordon, 'The state of anti-antisemitism', 23 May 2025: David Feldman, Ben Gidley and Brendan McGeever interviewed on the report, antisemitism as a reservoir of racist stereotypes and narratives about Jewish people, and the relationship between Zionism and antisemitism
- Social Workers Union, 'Holocaust Memorial Day 2025: for a better future', 27 January 2025: References publication of report, noting 'the persistence of antisemitism and the difficulty of addressing it against an increasingly politicised background' and the need to 'build anti-racist solidarities that can offer safety for us all'
- *Vashti*, Joseph Finlay, 'Beyond antisemitism', 22 January 2025: Covers the report in a larger critique on current approaches to understanding and combating antisemitism
- *Haaretz*, Judy Maltz, "'Competitive victimhood': Britain is combating antisemitism the wrong way, academic experts argue", 20 January 2025: Full article devoted to the report
- *Prospect Magazine*, Keith Kahn-Harris, 'This is how we fight antisemitism', 20 January 2025: Full article devoted to the report.

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APPENDIX II

Selected Publications of Research Fellows and Associates

Bryan Cheyette

Essays

- 'The longest war', *Jewish Renaissance* (Summer, 2025), 46–48
- 'The extension of print culture and the mainstreaming of political antisemitism', *Patterns of Prejudice*, 58/1 (October 2024): 89–106
- 'Israel Zangwill: past, present and future', *European Judaism*, 57/2 (September 2024): 4–19

Book chapter

- 'Frantz Fanon: psychiatry, antisemitism and colonialism' in *The Routledge international handbook of psychoanalysis and Jewish studies*, ed Stephen Frosh and Devorah Baum (Routledge, 2025), 354–369

Commentary

- 'Massacre and Jewish resistance', *Times Literary Supplement* (28 February 2025, print)
- 'Soviet-born', *Times Literary Supplement* (7 February 2025, print)

Other

- 'Israel Zangwill and his legacies', *European Judaism*, 57/2 (September 2024) – guest editor

Stephen Frosh

Books

- *The Routledge international handbook of psychoanalysis and Jewish studies* (Routledge, 2025) (co-edited with Devorah Baum) 1–18.

Essays

- '(In)security', *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 106/1 (March 2025): 184-190
- 'On academic freedom, provisional whiteness and antisemitism', *Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society*, 30 (February 2025): 81-95
- 'Redeeming marriage? Bittersweet intimacy and the dialectics of liberation among Haredi Jews in London', *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 31/1 (February 2025): 100-117 (with Ruth Sheldon and Marita Vyrgioti)

Marcel Stoetzler

Essays

- 'The antisemitism of producers: Hitler and the "rhetoric of bourgeois revolution"', *Critical Historical Studies*, 11/2 (2024): 257–296

Book chapters

- 'Intersektional' in *Schlüsselbegriffe gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalts. Ein kritisches Vokabular*, ed Anna Pollmann and Christopher Möllmann (Wallstein Verlag, 2025), 346–362

Marcel Stoetzler

Essays

- 'Hauptstadt des Holocausts', *Zeit Geschichte*, 1 (2025): 36-41
- 'Auschwitz im System der SS-Konzentrationslager', *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, 75 (January 2025): 1–5