

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

**„PERCEPTIONS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND
CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM“**

3- 5 JUNE, 2011 IN BERLIN

LOCATION: AMADEU ANTONIO STIFTUNG, LINIENSTR. 139, 10115 BERLIN (U6-ORANIENBURGER TOR)

Many countries have implemented annual Holocaust commemoration events and educational programs on the Holocaust. However, antisemitism is on the rise and in fact often voiced with references to the Holocaust. Jews are accused of exploiting 'the Holocaust' while perpetrating a Holocaust-like genocide against the Palestinians and Jews and Israelis are inappropriately compared to Nazis. Previous research suggests that such tropes are common in Europe and that many Europeans believe that Jews try to take advantage of their status as victims during the Nazi era. However, no cross-country research has been done to estimate similarities and differences of this problem.

This international symposium explores the relation between specific perceptions of the Holocaust and antisemitism, and presents and discusses upcoming research projects on this topic. Several country specific case studies will be presented and discussed in a cross-country perspective: How are Jews and the Holocaust perceived in different countries? What are the notions of the Holocaust and Jews which allow individuals or groups to voice antisemitic resentments with references to the Holocaust? Who is perceived to have perpetrated the Holocaust? How do the relations between antisemitism and the perception of the Holocaust in public and private discourses and at Holocaust commemoration events differ in the countries that were studied?

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FRIDAY, 3 JUNE

LOCATION: CAFÉ ORANGE

19:00	ARRIVAL AND WELCOME INFORMAL DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, 4 JUNE

LOCATION: AMADEU ANTONIO STIFTUNG

09:00-9:30	COFFEE
9:30-10:00	Opening and Introduction. Presentation of Participants Kim Robin Stoller (IIBSA Berlin); Doerte Letzmann (IIBSA London)
10:00-11:30	Case Studies: France: "Perceptions of the Holocaust and Antisemitism Among Students In and Around Paris" Dr. Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun (GSRL/CNRS, Groupe Sociologies, Religions, Laïcité, Paris) Netherlands: "It is antisemitic – no, it isn't. The public debate on antisemitism and the Holocaust in the Netherlands" Prof. Evelien Gans (NIOD, Amsterdam) Spain: "Voids of Sepharad. Memory of the Holocaust and Antisemitism in Spain" Dr. Alejandro Baer (University Complutense Madrid/ University of Bayreuth)
11:45-12:15	"Trajectories of Holocaust Perception/Shifts in Antisemitism" Prof. Philip Spencer (Kingston University, London)
12:15-12:45	COFFEE
12:45-14:15	Case Studies: Austria: "Post-Holocaust Discourse in the Debates on the Financial Crisis in Austria" Dr. Karin Stoegner (University of Vienna/ Central European University of Budapest) Germany: "Perceptions of the Holocaust and Antisemitism. Holocaust Commemoration Events and Private Discourses" Kim Robin Stoller (IIBSA Berlin/ University of Bayreuth) Poland/Germany: "Perceptions of Holocaust in Polish and German Vernacular Memory. Reflections on an International Research Project" Lars Breuer (IIBSA Berlin/ KWI Essen)
14:15-15:45	LUNCH
15:45-16:45	Case Studies: Europe: "Perceptions of the Holocaust and Antisemitism Among Young Muslims in Europe" Günther Jikeli Iran: "Islamist Variants of Holocaust Denial and the Usage of the Term 'Holocaust'" Dr. Wahied Wahdat-Hagh (European Foundation for Democracy, Berlin)

SATURDAY, 4 JUNE (AFTERNOON)

LOCATION: AMADEU ANTONIO STIFTUNG

16:45-17:15	COFFEE
17:15-19:00	<p>Presentation and Discussion of Upcoming Research Projects</p> <p>Research Project: "Memory of the Holocaust, Perception of Jewish Culture Heritage and Antisemitism. A qualitative comparative study in Morocco, Spain, Germany, France and Great Britain" Kim Robin Stoller (IIBSA Berlin)</p> <p>Research Project: "Remembering Jews in Europe. Contemporary Antisemitism and Perceptions of the Holocaust" Doerte Letzmann (IIBSA London, Royal Holloway University of London)</p>
19:30-	DINNER

(SUNDAY, 5 JUNE)

LOCATION: AMADEU ANTONIO STIFTUNG

10:00-12:30	BUSINESS MEETING (FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH PROJECT)