

RESEARCH NETWORK 31

Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism

Conference Programme

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17 sessions · 63 papers · 26–28 August 2026

Wednesday and Thursday: Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Friday: University of Warsaw (UW)

RESEARCH NETWORK COORDINATORS

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Programme Overview

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

TIME	SESSION	SESSION CHAIR
11:00am - 12:30pm	RN31_T01_01 Conceptualising Antisemitism: Theory, the Field and Analytical Frameworks	Elke Rajal University of Passau
	RN31_T01_02 Antigypsyism and Anti-Roma Racism	Markus End Technical University Berlin
2:30pm - 4:00pm	RN31_T02_01 Antisemitism and the (New) Far Right	Alejandro Baer Spanish National Research Council
	RN31_T02_02 Quantifying Discrimination and Integration	Niklas Herrberg Austrian Academy of Sciences
4:30pm - 6:00pm	RN31_T03_01 Israel-Related Antisemitism after October 7	Zbyněk Tarant University of West Bohemia
	RN31_T03_02 Ethnic Identity, Boundaries and Belonging	Christine Achinger University of Warwick

Thursday, 27 August 2026

Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

TIME	SESSION	SESSION CHAIR
11:00am - 12:30pm	RN31_T04_01 The Left, Anti-Zionism and October 7	David Hirsh Goldsmiths, University of London
	RN31_T04_02 Space, Housing and Social Cohesion	Marta Simó Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
1:00pm - 2:00pm	RN31 Business Meeting <i>Room to be announced</i>	Kim Robin Stoller Elke Rajal RN31 Coordinators
2:30pm - 4:00pm	RN31_T05_01 Conspiracy, Gender and Antisemitism	Anna Zawadzka Polish Academy of Sciences
	RN31_T05_02 Antiracism, Indigeneity and Intervention	Sina Arnold Technical University Berlin / Research Institute Social Cohesion
4:30pm - 6:00pm	RN31_T06_01 Cold War and (Post)Colonial Legacies of Antisemitism	Ireneusz Krzeminski Warsaw University
	RN31_T06_02 Antisemitism and Racism: Online, Extremism and Everyday Life	Nikolai Schreiter University of Passau

Friday, 28 August 2026

University of Warsaw (UW)

TIME	SESSION	SESSION CHAIR
11:00am - 12:30pm	RN31_T07_01 Antisemitic Meaning-Making, Holocaust Memory and Education	Kim Robin Stoller International Institute for Education and Research on Antisemitism (IIBSA)
	RN31_T07_02 Antisemitism in Academia and Higher Education	David Hirsh Goldsmiths, University of London
	RN31_T07_03 Race, Work and the History of Racial Knowledge	t.b.a.
2:30pm - 4:00pm	RN31_T08_01 Measuring Antisemitism: Surveys and Attitudes	Ildiko Barna Eotvos Lorand University
	RN31_T08_02 Culture, Heritage and Critical Perspectives on Antisemitism and Racism	Zbyněk Tarant University of West Bohemia

Sessions in Detail

Each presentation is allocated 20 minutes in total: 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. All presentations are in English.

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026

RN31_T01_01

Conceptualising Antisemitism: Theory, the Field and Analytical Frameworks

11:00am - 12:30pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Elke Rajal, University of Passau

1. Is There a Field of Antisemitism Studies?

David Hirsh

Goldsmiths, University of London, United Kingdom

2. The Architecture Of Meaning: Antisemitism As An Interpretive System

Joanne Strasser^{1,2}

1: Gratz College; 2: The London Centre for Contemporary Antisemitism, UK, United States of America

3. Migrants, Muslims, Soviets. Comforting narratives on contemporary antisemitism

Anna Zawadzka

Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

4. Analytical Framework: Analyzing Antisemitism and Israel-Hatred after October 7

Kim Robin Stoller

International Institute for Education and Research on Antisemitism (IIBSA), Germany

RN31_T01_02

Antigypsyism and Anti-Roma Racism

11:00am - 12:30pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Markus End, Technical University Berlin

1. Segmented Acceptance of Interethnic Contact with Roma in the Czech Republic

Laura Fónadová¹, Tomáš Katrňák², Dan Ryšavý³

1: Masaryk University Brno, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Czech Republic (Czechia); 2: Masaryk University Brno, Faculty of Social Studies, Czech Republic (Czechia); 3: Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic (Czechia)

2. Antigypsyism, Exclusion and Diversity in Portugal: preliminary results from the National Study of Roma Communities

Inês Barbosa¹, Manuela Mendes², Pedro Candeias³

1: Institute of Sociology of the University of Porto, Portugal; 2: Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology - ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal; 3: Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology - ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal

3. Ruptures of Solidarity: Antigypsyism, Racialised Protection, and Roma Transnational Mobilization After 2022

Elżbieta Mirga-Wójtowicz, Tetiana Storozhko

University of Warsaw Poland

4. Producing the "Problem": Police Knowledge and Antigypsyism in Lithuania

Agnieška Avin-Ileri

Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences, Institute of Sociology, Lithuania

Antisemitism and the (New) Far Right

2:30pm - 4:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Alejandro Baer, Spanish National Research Council

1. “They/them” vs. „Us“: Antisemitism and Transphobia in the Contemporary American Far Right

Sina Arnold

Technical University Berlin / Research Institute Social Cohesion, Germany

2. The Post-Migrant Far Right: The Case of Germany

Matheus Hagedorn

Katholische Hochschule NRW, Center for Antisemitism and Racism Studies, Germany

3. Conspiracist Far-Right Media Making Sense of the Middle East Conflict: A Comparison of the German Compact Magazine and the Austrian ‘Alternative TV Station’ AUF1 after October 7

Nikolai Schreiter

University of Passau, Germany

Quantifying Discrimination and Integration

2:30pm - 4:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Niklas Herrberg, Austrian Academy of Sciences

1. The Integration Paradox Unpacked: How Position In The Job Hierarchy And Immigrant Generation Shapes Perceptions Of Ethnic Discrimination

Marjan Nadim, Julia Orupabo

Institute for Social Research, Norway

2. Deconstructing "Imported Antisemitism": An Empirical Analysis of Ideological and Religious Determinants of Antisemitism among Muslims in Germany

Jannik Fischer¹, Cemal Öztürk²

1: University of Hamburg, Germany; 2: University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

3. Attitudes Toward the Acculturation of Immigrants – Attitudinal Disparities Among Majority and Minority Adolescents

Anna Berthold

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Germany

4. Beyond Labels: How Categorization Affects the Statistical Identification of Racism and Discrimination

Leonie Fuchs, Kien Tran

DeZIM, Germany

Israel-Related Antisemitism after October 7

4:30pm - 6:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Zbyněk Tarant, University of West Bohemia

1. Tracing Israel Discourse in Western Media: A Comparative Analysis of Press Coverage Since October 7, 2023

Moritz Golombek, Jonas Hessenauer

Tikvah Institut, Germany

2. The Impact of October the 7th Attacks on Jewish-Arab Relations in Israeli Higher Education: A Before-After Analysis

Lior Yohanani¹, Lars Leszczensky², Uri Shwed³, Yossi Shavit¹

1: Tel Aviv University, Israel; 2: Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany; 3: Ben Gurion University, Israel

3. “Then the Most Beautiful Songs Are Becoming Meaningless” – the Boycott of Israel as a Promise for Authenticity

Elias Berner, Niklas Herrberg

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

Ethnic Identity, Boundaries and Belonging

4:30pm - 6:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Christine Achinger, University of Warwick

1. Religious Affiliation as an Ethnic Boundary: Second-Generation Armenians in Post-1990 Poland

Lidia Shahbazyan

Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland

2. Is Mono-Ethnicity of Polish Society Over? Changes in Declarations of National and Ethnic Identity and Home Language In The 2011 and 2021 Population Censuses in Poland

Sławomir Łodziński

Warsaw University, Poland

3. Between Passing and Exile: Wartime Russian Migration to Imperial Peripheries

Mariana Peixoto Irby

University of Warsaw, Poland

RN31_T04_01

The Left, Anti-Zionism and October 7

11:00am - 12:30pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: David Hirsh, Goldsmiths, University of London

- 1. Marea Rosa and 7 October: Antisemitic Continuities in the Latin American Left in the 21st Century**
Sebastian Draxl
University of Vienna, Austria
- 2. Anti-Zionism as a Left-Populist Field of Mobilisation After October 7: The Case of Germany's Die Linke**
Marc Seul^{1,2}
1: Initiative for Interdisciplinary Antisemitism Research (IIA), Trier University, Germany; 2: University of Passau, Germany
- 3. From Human Rights Concerns to Territorial Maximalism - Tracing the Shift of Pro-Palestine Protests in the Czech Republic between 2023 and 2026.**
Zbyněk Tarant
University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic (Czechia)
- 4. Antisemitism As Protest-Logic: A Socio-Psychological Analysis Of Anti-Israeli Feminist Mobilizations In Berlin**
Debora Justin Eller
University of Bonn, Germany

RN31_T04_02

Space, Housing and Social Cohesion

11:00am - 12:30pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Marta Simó, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

- 1. Structural Racism in the Mediterranean Housing System: Youth, Migration, and Collective Action in Barcelona**
Mireia Pont Soler
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- 2. Ethnographing Racialised Populations in Situations of Socio-housing Vulnerability**
Agostina Nieves¹, Maia Souza², Maria Manuela Mendes², Ines Barbosa³, Sandra Pinheiro²
1: ICS University of Lisbon; 2: ISCTE University of Lisbon; 3: University of Porto
- 3. Post-Mining Landscapes and Uneven Environmental Justice**
Daniel Škobla¹, Richard Filčák²
1: Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic; 2: Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic
- 4. Challenging Concentration Myths: Ethnic Diversity, Social Cohesion and Dialogic Practices**
Ana Burgues-Freitas¹, Lena de Botton², Roger Campdepados³
1: University of Granada, Spain; 2: Universitat de Barcelona, Spain; 3: Universitat de Girona, Spain

RN31 Business Meeting

1:00pm - 2:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW) · Room to be announced

Chaired by the Research Network Coordinators: Kim Robin Stoller, Elke Rajal

Conspiracy, Gender and Antisemitism

2:30pm - 4:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Anna Zawadzka, Polish Academy of Sciences

1. **Antisemitism and Misogyny: Constructions of the 'Jew' and Femininity Within the Discourse of Masculinity Influencers in the Manosphere.**

Thomas Stavrinou

University of Passau, Germany

2. **Intersections And Paths To Hate: How Conspiracy Worldviews And Ideologies Of Inequality Drive Authoritarian Radicalization**

Stefanie Mayer¹, Karin Liebhart¹, Philipp Pflegerl²

1: Institute of Conflict Research (IKF), Austria; 2: University of Innsbruck/Department of Applied Sociology of Law and Criminology (IRKS), Austria

3. **Islamist Propaganda between Change and Persistence: Intersections of Antisemitism, Misogyny, and Militarised Masculinity in ISIS's Dabiq and Rumiyah**

Georg Tiroch¹, Lars Wiegold²

1: Universität Augsburg; 2: PRIF – Leibniz-Institut für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung

Antiracism, Indigeneity and Intervention

2:30pm - 4:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Sina Arnold, Technical University Berlin / Research Institute Social Cohesion

1. **Anti-racism Practice: Interventions, Effectiveness and Possible Backlash**

Jehonathan Ben

Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain

2. **Extending Boundaries, Pan Ethnic Categorization and Antiracism**

Brett St Louis

University of Manchester, United Kingdom

3. **Comparing Ethical Guidelines For Research Involving the Sámi People in Cross-Nordic Context**

Mari Annika Viinikainen

Lapin yliopisto, Finland

4. **How Ancestral Bonding Heals Contemporary Antisemitism: Findings of a Community Pilot Study**

Chaya Abrams, Sandra Mann, Gitit Kaufman

University of Colorado-Denver, United States of America

Cold War and (Post)Colonial Legacies of Antisemitism

4:30pm - 6:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Ireneusz Krzeminski, Warsaw University

1. **The Political Turn: Cold War Legacies and Contemporary Antisemitism in Argentina**

Marcos Fabián Mosenson

Ostfold University College, Norway

2. **The Return of the "Cursed Soldiers" – Antisemitism and Anticommunism in Poland**

Katarzyna Chmielewska

Polish Academy of Science, Poland

3. **Bandung, Havana and October 7th: The Universalization of Antizionism on the Left**

Christoph Joppich

University of Passau, Germany

4. **Antisemitic Epistemicide**

Marc Neugröschel

London Center for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism

Antisemitism and Racism: Online, Extremism and Everyday Life

4:30pm - 6:00pm · Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

Session Chair: Nikolai Schreiter, University of Passau

1. Divergent Framings: Persona-Dependent LLM Responses on Antisemitism-Adjacent Issues

Ildiko Barna, Marton Gosztonyi, Renata Nemeth, Haseeb Raza

Eotvos Lorand University, Research Center for Computational Social Science, Hungary

2. Between Dog Whistles and Open Hostility: Measuring Explicit and Implicit Antisemitism in Online Discourse

Wyn Brodersen

The Institute for Democracy and Civil Society, Germany

3. Negotiating Concealable Stigmatized Identity in a Hostile Environment: The experience of Israelis in Catalonia amid Heightened Anti-Israel Mobilization

Marta Simó, Avi Astor

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

4. On the Relationship between Racism and Antisemitism in Germany: A Qualitative Study of the “National Socialist Underground”

Charlie Kaufhold

International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, Germany

RN31_T07_01

Antisemitic Meaning-Making, Holocaust Memory and Education

11:00am - 12:30pm · University of Warsaw (UW)

Session Chair: Kim Robin Stoller, International Institute for Education and Research on Antisemitism (IIBSA)

- 1. Symbolic Inversions and Multidirectional Memory: Reframing Holocaust Commemoration in Spain after October 7th"**
Alejandro Baer¹, Marta Simó²
1: Spanish National Research Council, CSIC, Spain; 2: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 2. Longing For The Unrecognisable: Antisemitism As An Ideology In The Context Of Remembrance And Working Through The Past After Auschwitz**
Pina Heinen
Jüdische Volkshochschule Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 3. "The Innocent Child" as an Antisemitic Cipher: Connecting Narratives between "Corona Protests" and University "Pro-Palestine Solidarity"**
Carl Dewald¹, Cordula Trunk²
1: Europa-Universität Flensburg, Germany; 2: Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck, Austria
- 4. Antisemitic Meaning-Making in Times of Crisis and the Shifting Boundaries of the Sayable: German COVID Protest Actors' Responses to 7 October and the War in Gaza**
Elke Rajal
University of Passau, Germany

RN31_T07_02

Antisemitism in Academia and Higher Education

11:00am - 12:30pm · University of Warsaw (UW)

Session Chair: David Hirsh, Goldsmiths, University of London

- 1. Making Informal Academic Exclusion Visible: A Case Study from the Israel-Hamas War**
Anna Smoliarova
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- 2. Cultural Exclusion as a Contemporary Form of Israel-Related Antisemitism**
Kate Finkelshtein¹, Anna Smoliarova², Vera Gailis³
1: Bar Ilan University, Israel, PhD student; 2: Hebrew University, Israel, researcher; 3: Independent researcher and artist
- 3. Beyond Incidents: Antisemitism in German Higher Education after 7 October 2023**
Sophie Brüss
Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- 4. Israel/Palestine in the discourse of Native American Studies**
Salome Richter
Trier University, Germany (Initiative Interdisziplinäre Antisemitismusforschung)

Race, Work and the History of Racial Knowledge

11:00am - 12:30pm · University of Warsaw (UW)

Session Chair: t.b.a.

- 1. Adaptation Through Defense, Defense Through Adaptation – On the Damaged Subjectivity of Migrant Workers and the Reproduction of Racism**
Yannic Wexenberger^{1,2}
1: University of Vienna; 2: University of Passau
- 2. Life Courses of Physicians with Turkish or Post-Soviet Migrant Backgrounds in the German Healthcare System: First Insights from a Mixed-Methods Study**
Natalia Bekassow
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany
- 3. Racism through Ages and Regimes. Polish Anthropology, Racist and Antisemitic Traditions, and Polish Public Imaginary**
Claudia Snochowska Gonzalez
Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Measuring Antisemitism: Surveys and Attitudes

2:30pm - 4:00pm · University of Warsaw (UW)

Session Chair: Ildiko Barna, Eotvos Lorand University

- 1. «Impossible To Answer»? Antisemitism And Social Desirability Bias In Norway: Evidence From Four Population Surveys (2011-2024)**
Vibeke Moe Bjørnbekk¹, Johannes Due Enstad²
1: Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies; 2: Institute for Social Research
- 2. Contested Sources of Antisemitic Attitudes in Austria: Religion, Far-Right Voting, and Authoritarian Dispositions**
Niklas Herrberg
Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria
- 3. Same Same but Different – An Experimental Study about the Different Explanatory Mechanisms of Antisemitism and Anti-Black Racism in Germany**
Carina Schulz, Heiko Beyer
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany
- 4. Waving or unstable anti-Semitism and the Public Hate.**
Ireneusz Krzeminski
Warsaw University, Poland

Culture, Heritage and Critical Perspectives on Antisemitism and Racism

2:30pm - 4:00pm · University of Warsaw (UW)

Session Chair: Zbyněk Tarant, University of West Bohemia

- 1. The Continued Importance of Music in English and Swedish-language Far-Right Spaces Online**
Sam de Boise
Örebro university, Sweden
- 2. Universalism And Difference - New Debates And Their Significance For The Struggle Against Antisemitism And Racism**
Christine Achinger
University of Warwick, UK
- 3. ‚Gypsy‘ Child Thieves And ‚Jew‘-like Conspirators: Antigypsyist And Antisemitic Tropes In Contemporary German Children’s Films**
Markus End
Center for Research on Antisemitism, TU Berlin, Germany
- 4. Antisemitism, Cultural Heritage, and the Destabilisation of Democracy After 7 October**
Omar Mohammed, Margareta Wetchy
The George Washington University, France