

Course Description Form

Course Number and section: WRLD 428

Course Topic: (online) Antisemitism: Then And Now

Credits: 3.0

Term: 1

Instructor: David Meola

Course Description: (80-100 words):

Antisemitism is known by many as “The Longest Hatred.” But is that accurate? Should different forms of Jew hatred be lumped together into the term “antisemitism”?

This course will look at hatred and enmity towards Jews from the Medieval times to Modern day, and will seek to place this phenomenon within broader racist movements and world history. Interrogate how antisemitism laid the groundwork for the Holocaust, how it persists in both conservative and progressive circles, and how “the Jewish question” has always been more of an “Antisemite question.”

Tentative Reading List:

Books:

Steven Beller, *Antisemitism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

Leonard Dinnerstein, *Antisemitism in America* (New York: Oxford, 1994)

Helmut Walser Smith, *The Butcher's Tale: Murder and Anti-Semitism in a German Town* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2003)

Articles and Books Chapters:

Steven K. Baum and Anita Bromberg, “Antisemitism—Canadian Style,” in Steven K. Baum, ed.

Antisemitism in North America: New World, Old Hate (Leiden: Brill, 2016), 174-189.

James Baldwin, “Negroes Are Anti-Semitic Because They're Anti-White.” *The New Yorker* (9 April, 1967).

WEB duBois, “On Seeing the Warsaw Ghetto.” *Jewish Life* (May, 1952), 14-16

Hannah Arendt, “Reflections on Little Rock.” *Dissent* (Winter, 1995).

Thomas Kaufmann, “Luther and the Jews,” *Antisemitism Studies* 3 (Spring 2019): 46-65

Francois Soyer, “Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and the Conspiracy Theory of Medical Murder in Early Modern Spain and Portugal,” in *Antisemitism and Islamophobia: A Shared Story?* eds. James Renton and Ben Gidley (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 51-75.

Eugene Avrutin, "Pogroms in Russian History," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 14, 3 (Summer 2013): 585-98.

Richard Frankel, "One Crisis Behind: Rethinking Antisemitic Exceptionalism in the United States and Germany," *American Jewish History* 97 (July 2013): 235-258.

Leonard Rogoff, "Is the Jew White? The Racial Place of the Southern Jew," *American Jewish History* 85 (September 1997): 195-230.

Richard Steigmann-Gall, "Star-spangled fascism: American interwar political extremism in comparative perspective," *Social History*

Other:

This is a fully online class for which students are expected to attend live, online discussions and lectures using Zoom and/or other collaborative materials.