

# **The Politics of Anti-Semitism in Contemporary France and Europe**

*New York University Center for European and Mediterranean Studies*

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There has been a small boom in research and publications on the topic of Anti-Semitism in France and Europe since this topic first dominated headlines in 2000–2002. The aim of this conference was to provide a sober, scholarly assessment of these issues, as they stand at mid-decade. The panelists, from France, Germany, the US and Israel, offered their analyses of contemporary identity politics, the prevalence of Anti-Semitic opinion and incidents, and the policy implications for a Europe increasingly challenged by problems of diversity and multiculturalism.

9:00– 9:15AM

Welcome

Martin Schain, New York University

Jonathan Laurence, Boston College/Brookings Institution

9:15–11:15AM

Panel 1:

Setting the Context: The Sanctuary of the Republic

Chair: Edward Berenson, New York University

Nathan Glazer, Harvard University: A new variety of Anti-Semitism?

Alec Hargreaves, Florida State University: Identity Politics and Ethnicity in Contemporary France.

Ariane Chebel d'Appollonia, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po: We can't be Anti-Semitic, we are all French: history, legacy and sustainability of the French model of integration?

11:30–1:30

Panel 2: Is it on the rise? Anti-Semitism in Opinion and Deed

Michael Werz , Hessen Universities Consortium/German Marshall Fund:  
All the Same? On Anti-Semitism and Anti-Americanism in the new Germany

Sylvain Brouard & Vincent Tiberj, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po: Anti-Semitism in an ethnically diverse France: questioning and explaining the specificities of African-French, Turkish-French and Maghrebian-French

Guillaume Roux, Université de Grenoble: Declining anti-Semitism in public opinion, rising violence? The evolution of ethnic prejudice in France and Western Europe

2:45–4:45PM

Panel 3: Of 'Israélites and Israéliens': Policy Implications for France and Europe

Chair: Renée Poznanski, BenGurionUniversity/New York University

Lily Gardner Feldman, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies,/JohnsHopkinsUniversity: The Role of Anti-Semitism in German-Israeli Relations.

Raanan Eliaz, Israeli National Security Council: The Fight Against Anti-Semitism and European Middle-East Policy: An Israeli Perspective.

Jean-Marc Dreyfus, Centre Marc Bloch/Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po: Anti-Semitism v. Sharon. The great Fear of French Jews, 2000–2005