

ASSESSING CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM: PATTERNS AND DYNAMICS OF A CIVILIZATIONAL THREAT

November 6th, 2024

Adelson Building, School of Entrepreneurship, Reichman University, Ha'Universita st. 8, Herzliya

Event organized by **Dr. Matthias J. Becker** (Decoding Antisemitism, PDRD Fellow at Reichman University) and **Prof. Assaf Moghadam** (Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at Reichman University)

The conference will provide an in-depth analysis of the resurgence of antisemitism in today's world. Over the course of one day, we will explore the significant and unprecedented developments in antisemitic discourse and actions since October 7, 2023. The events of last year, followed by a wave of antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiments, have highlighted the moral and political urgency of addressing this threat—particularly through research.

Our event will explore both online and offline manifestations of antisemitism and encourage meaningful dialogue between professionals and the public. We invited researchers from diverse backgrounds, legal experts, and policymakers to present their latest insights into antisemitism across political, social, and legal contexts. Special attention will be given to the role of social media and how we can critically examine its influence in shaping these troubling trends.

Through focused presentations and discussions, we aim to develop actionable strategies and practical recommendations for combating antisemitism, while fostering long-term collaborative efforts in both research and political-legal frameworks.

The event is hosted by the Program on Democratic Resilience & Development (PDRD) at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy at Reichman University, in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Conference Schedule

9:30 AM **Doors Open**

10:00 AM **Introduction**

Presented by **Dr. Matthias J. Becker** (DA, Reichman University), **Prof. Assaf Moghadam** (Reichman University)

10:10 AM **Welcome Address**

Featuring **Prof. Uriel Reichman**, **Michael Rimmel** (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Israel), and **Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt** (U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism)

10:45 AM **Panel Discussion with Policymakers**

Featuring inputs from **Michal Cotler-Wunsh** (Israel's Special Envoy for Combating Antisemitism) and Adv. **Yael Vias Gvirsman** (October 7 – Justice Without Borders)

Moderated by **Prof. Assaf Moghadam**

11:15 AM **Research Panels**

Antisemitism in Online Contexts

Presentations by **Prof. Helena Mihaljevic** (HTW Berlin) & Dr. Matthias J. Becker, **Prof. Oren Tsur** (Ben Gurion University), and **Dr. Ariel Koch** (Reichman University and ICT)

Moderated by **Shiran Mlamdovsky Somech** (GenAI for Good)

12:45 PM **Lunch Break**

1:30 PM **Antisemitism in Offline Contexts**

Presentations by **Prof. Izabella Tabarovsky** (Wilson Center), **Prof. Ron Hassner** (UC Berkeley), and **Niklas Herrberg** (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf)

Moderated by **Philip Etingen** (TechTikkun)

3:00 PM **Keynote Input**

Presented by **Steffen Seibert** (German Ambassador to Israel)

3:30 PM **Antisemitism in Offline Contexts Legal Dimensions of Antisemitism**

Presentations by **Yfat Barak-Cheney** (World Jewish Congress), **Prof. Rosa Freedman** (School of Law, University of Reading), and **Dr. Reut Yael Paz** (Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen)

Moderated by: **Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak** (Reichman University)

5:00 PM **End of Conference**

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