



INIRE 2024 Summer School and Conference Program

Never Again? The Return of Antisemitism

Date: May 19-23, 2024

Place: Palermo, Italy

Sunday, 19 May

Location: La Pira Library, Via degli Schioppettieri, 25.

DAY 1	SUMMER SCHOOL	
16:00 – 16:30	Opening Summer School: Introduction and Greetings	
16:30 – 17:30	Keynote opening lecture	Alberto Melloni (Fscire)
17:30 – 18:00	Coffee break	
18:00 – 18:45	Lecture	<i>How to prepare a good conference paper</i> Malachi Hacoen (Duke University)
18:45 – 19:30	Excursion in the Library	
19:30 – 21:00	Social evening + light dinner	

Monday, 20 May

Location: NH Hotel Palermo, Foro Italico Umberto I, 22/B

DAY 2	SUMMER SCHOOL	
9:30 – 21:00	Introductory lectures on antisemitism and other hatreds	
9:30 – 10:30	Lecture	<i>Antisemitism (and related hatreds) as a Historical-cultural Phenomenon</i> Zohar Maor (Bar Ilan University)

10:45 – 11:45	Lecture	<i>“Othering” in Religions</i> Matthew Rowley (Fairfield University)
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 – 13:00	Lecture	<i>Religious Hatreds of and in Islam</i> Imam Abdullah Antepli (Duke University)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14.00 – 15:00	Students work groups: preparing presentations.	
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 17:00	Students’ presentations Panel	<i>Never Again or Never Gone? – Antisemitism in the Post-Nazi GDR Society</i> Thekla Elise Funke (Leipzig University) <i>Recontextualizing Violent Narratives in the Sacred Texts of the Monotheistic Faiths Through Artistic Mediums</i> Spence Herrington (Duke University) <i>Marie Ann Evans (George Eliot): Antisemitic and Philosemitic Images in her Novels</i> Maya Stav (Bar Ilan University)
16:00 – 17:00	INIRE Conference registration (at La pira library)	
17:30 –19:00	EUARE Opening and keynote lecture (at Palazzo Chiaromonte-Steri, Piazza Marina, 60) * Summer School and INIRE participants attending	
19:00 – 21:00	Summer school and INIRE festive dinner	

Tuesday, 21 May

Location: NH Palermo

DAY 1	INIRE CONFERENCE	
8:30 – 9:30	Summer school and INIRE participants are invited to take part in EuARE sessions	
9:00 – 10:00	Preparing discussions for the special session	Summer school groups
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote	Chair: Malachi Hacohen

		Todd Weir (Groningen University): <i>Problems with Worldview: Jews, Secularism and Antisemitism</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:15	INIRE session 1 Antisemitism and Religious Hatred in the Middle Ages	Chair: Angela Cimino (Fscire) <i>The Medieval Origins of Anti-Jewish Narratives: Ritual Murder Tales, Host Desecration Libels and Well Poisoning Accusations.</i> Tzafrir Barzilai (Bar Ilan University) - zoom <i>The Origins of Economic Forms of Antisemitism in medieval Europe</i> Julie Mell (NC State University) <i>Medieval Religious Motifs in Modern Secular Antisemitism</i> Emily Rose (Oxford University)
	Lunch Break	
14:15 – 15:45	Special session	<i>The comeback of religious hatred – what can we do?</i> Rabbi Tomer Corinaldy (Verona), Imam Antepli (Duke University), Matthew Rowley (Fairfield University) Moderator – Zohar Maor (Bar Ilan University and Oxford University)
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 18:15	INIRE session 2 Theological and Philosophical Understanding of Religious Hate	Chair: Antonella Bellantuono (Université Catholique de Lille) <i>A Philosophical Examination of Religious Racism</i> Hanoch Ben Pazi (Bar Ilan University) <i>Text-reading: Conceptions and Contextualization of Antisemitism in Contemporary Jewish Thought</i> Zohar Maor (Bar Ilan University, Oxford University) <i>A Comparative Analysis of Christian and Muslim Antisemitism: Theological and Historical Perspectives</i> Abdullah Antepli (Duke University) <i>What has not worked in the fight against antisemitism in the Church so far?</i> Patrice Chocholski (Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée in Marseille and Université Catholique de Lyon) and Marie-Laure Durand (Institut de Sciences et Théologie des Religions – ISTR, Marseille)
	EUARE Conference registration	(La pira library)
18.45 – 19.45	EUARE Keynote Lecture	

	(at Palazzo Chiaromonte-Steri, Piazza Marina, 60) * INIRE participants attending	
	Summer School: Reading session part 1	Christianity and the religious other – Rocío Cortés Rodríguez (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)
20:15 – 21:45	Public evening on antisemitism (at Archivio Storico Comunale, Via Maqueda, 157) Speaking: Alberto Melloni (head of Fscire), Imam Prof. Abdullah Antepli (Vice-President, Duke University), Prof. Asher Maoz (Peres Academic Center), Moderator: Dr. Zohar Maor (Bar Ilan University)	

Wednesday, 22 May

Location: NH Hotel Palermo

DAY 2	INIRE CONFERENCE	
9:00 – 10:15	INIRE session 3 Interreligious Theology Against Religious Hatred	Chair: Patrice Chocholski (Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée in Marseille and Université Catholique de Lyon) <i>Challenge of Dialogue Amid Conquest: John of Segovia, Nicholas of Cusa, and the Dilemmas of Interreligious Understanding in mid-15th Century Europe</i> Peter Casarella (Duke University) <i>Apophaticism: A Bridge for Interreligious Dialogue in Combatting Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Xenophobia</i> Rocío Cortés Rodríguez (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 – 12:00	INIRE session 4 The History Religious Hatred	Chair: Todd Weir (Groningen University) <i>Protestantism and Judaism: The First 150 Years</i> Matthew Rowley (Fairfield University) <i>Antisemitism(s) – Local to Global, Religious to Secular</i> Malachi Hacoen, Duke University
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	

<p>13:00 – 14:45</p>	<p>INIRE session 6 The Appropriation of Antisemitism in various Realms</p>	<p>Chair: Chiara Solazzo (Fscire) <i>The Appropriation and Subversion of Antisemitism in Modern and Contemporary Art</i> Iris Gilad (Duke University) - zoom <i>Racist Antisemitism and return to Judaism in Contemporary South Europe: The Inquisition's Heritage</i> Tomer Corinaldi (Rabbi of Verona, Yad ben Zvi Intitute) <i>Religious Anti-types and Jewish Readmission to England</i> Polly Ha (Duke University) – zoom</p>
<p>14:45 – 15:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>15:00 – 16:45</p>	<p>INIRE session 5 Contemporary Challenges of Inter-religious Conflict</p>	<p>Chair: Jocelyne Cesari (University of Birmingham UK and Georgetown University) <i>Christian attitudes towards the Jews and Churches' Policies towards Israel: Continuity and Change in the Wake of October 7</i> Yaakov Ariel (UNC, Chapel Hill) - zoom <i>Religious Minorities in various Western European contexts and the impact of October 7</i> Adelaide Madera (University of Messina) <i>Al-Aqsa Mosques: Who owns it? Antisemitism, Violence and Bloodshed in a Disputed Sacred Space</i> Mubarak Tukur (Umaru Musa Yar'adua University, Nigeria)</p>
<p>16:45 – 17:15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>17:15 – 18:15</p>	<p>Special Session: Honouring the publication of <i>The Bloomsbury Handbook of Religion and Heritage in Contemporary Europe</i></p>	<p>The book is the outcome of a 2019 conference in Groningen University in which INIRE took part. Speakers: Todd Weir (Groningen University) – editor Malachi Hacoen (Duke University), Zohar Maor (Bar Ilan and Oxford University), Hilda Nissimi (Bar Ilan University, zoom) – Contributors Chair: Carolyn Robinson-Sanzenbacher (Southampton University, zoom)</p>
<p>18:30 – 19:30</p>	<p>INIRE annual meeting</p>	
<p>20:30 –</p>	<p>Gala Dinner at the Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa – individual registration</p>	

Thursday 23 May

Location: La Pira Library, Via degli Schioppettieri, 25.

SUMMER SCHOOL	
8:30 – 9:30	*Summer school students are invited to take part in EuARE sessions
10:00 – 13:30	Excursion – City Center and Jewish Ghetto La Pira Library
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 –15:30	Reading Session 2: Islam Sheikh Ghassan Manasra (Director of the Abrahamic Reunion) – zoom
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
16:00– 17.30	<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Students’ presentations Panels:</p> </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p><i>Akbar’s Ibadat Khana: A syncretic framework for dialogue</i> Syed Habeeb Tehseen (Duke and UNC Universities)</p> <p><i>The Jewish Manual Cookery Book as a Response to Nineteenth Century Antisemitism in Britain</i> Fanny Yonish (Bar Ilan University) – zoom</p> <p>Absence of Antisemitism and Visions of Pluralistic Existence in the Indian Context: Shah Wali Allah’s Philosophy of History Muhammad Usama (Duke University)</p> </div> </div>
Summer school conclusion and feedback	