

Phantoms of the Past Haunting the Present? Anti-Semitism on the Rise

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Zoom Registration Link:

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Conversation between **Prof. Dr. Alfred Bodenheimer**, Director of the Jewish Studies Center at the University of Basel, and **Prof. Dr. Amy-Diana Colin**, President of the City for the Cultures of Peace and faculty member in the Department of German, University of Pittsburgh. With the participation of **Prof. Dr. John Lyon**, Chair of the Department of German, University of Pittsburgh.

The conversation will focus on strategies of combatting anti-Semitism; different sources of contemporary anti-Semitism; its manifestations in and consequences for contemporary societies.

Event organized in conjunction with Prof. Dr. Amy-Diana Colin's German Studies seminars at the University of Pittsburgh and with Professor Alfred Bodenheimer's Jewish Studies seminars at the Universities of Basel and Zürich.

Participation of students from the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Basel, and the University of Zurich.

Co-sponsors: the German Embassy; the University of Pittsburgh: its Department of German, its Jewish Studies Program, and its EU Center; as well as the City for the Cultures of Peace.

Alfred Bodenheimer (Dr. Phil., Basel), Full Professor for Jewish Literature and the History of Jewish Religion at the University of Basel and Director of its Jewish Studies Center and Program since 2004. He held research and/or teaching positions at the Hebrew University, the Bar-Ilan University, Lucerne University, and the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien in Heidelberg. He also served as Dean of the Theologische Fakultät at the University of Basel. His publications include: *Ungebrochen gebrochen. Über jüdische Narrative und Traditionsbildung* (2012); *Haut ab! Die Juden in der Beschneidungsdebatte* (2012). In addition to his scientific activities, he is an author of crime novels about the Swiss Rabbi Gabriel Klein.

Amy-Diana Colin (PhD, Yale), President of the international research organization City for the Cultures of Peace, holds a tenured professorship in German at the University of Pittsburgh since 1989. She held teaching and/or research appointments at Yale, Univ. of Washington (Seattle), Cornell, Harvard, Cambridge, Tübingen, FU-Berlin, MMZ-Center at the University of Potsdam, and Paris 7- Denis Diderot. Her publications include: Paul Celan: *Holograms of Darkness* (1991), the co-edited anthology *Versunkene Dichtung der Bukowina* (1994), the co-authored and co-edited volumes *Paul Celan - Edith Silbermann* (2010) and *Edith Silbermann: Czernowitz - Stadt der Dichter* (2015).



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