



**HL-SENTERET**

Center for Studies of the Holocaust and Religious Minorities

Opening Conference,  
Oslo 25th and 26th June

# **Antisemitism and Jewish Life in the 21st Century**

**What are the conditions for being a Jew in 21st Century Europe?**

**How is Jewish life affected by new forms of antisemitism**

**– and what do we mean by “new forms” of antisemitism?**

**This international conference explores the complexities  
of belonging to a Jewish minority in a multicultural society.**

# MONDAY 25TH JUNE

## 09.15 – 17.30

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**09.15:** Welcome and introduction (Cora Alexa Døving and Christhard Hoffmann)

### **09.30 – 11.15: Session 1: Jewish Life in Contemporary Western-Europe**

**Brian Klug:** Being Jewish in a multicultural Europe: new spaces for a minority identity?

**Cora Alexa Døving:** *Jewish* or *Minority-ish*? Spaces for Jewish identity in multicultural Norway

Comment: Tony Kushner

### **11.30- 13.00: Session 2: Definitions and Expressions of Contemporary Antisemitism**

**David Feldman:** What is antisemitism? Definitions and meaning in the 21st century

**Lars Dencik:** Different forms of antisemitism in contemporary Europe

Comment: **Werner Bergmann**

### **13.00- 14.00: Lunch**

### **14.00 – 17.30: Session 3: Representations of Jewishness**

**Johan Åberg:** The portrayal of Jewish rituals in movies and TV series

**Juliane Wetzel:** Presentations of “the Jew” in social media and online commentaries

Comment: **Lars M Andersson**

Panel: The Holocaust - An Everlasting Frame?

Panelists: **Cecilie Stokholm Banke, Alice Pettigrew, Kyrre Kverndokk, Dariusz Stola**

Chair: **Claudia Lenz**

**TUESDAY 26TH JUNE**  
**09.30- 13.00**

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**Antisemitism and Jewish Life in Contemporary Norway:  
short presentations of ongoing research**

**Irene Levin:** The Norwegian Jewish minority – an introduction

**Vibeke Kieding Banik:** An orthodox congregation, a diverse community, a secular society

**Vibeke Moe:** Images of 'the Jew' amongst Norwegian Muslims

**Øivind Kopperud:** Anti-Judaist stereotypes in the Norwegian protestant press

**Lunch**

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This international conference is arranged by the two research projects *Shifting Boundaries. Definitions, Expressions and Consequences of Antisemitism in Contemporary Norway* and *Negotiating Jewish Identity - Jewish Life in 21st Century Norway*, located at Center for Studies of Holocaust and religious Minorities.

The conference is free and open to all, but has limited access. Information about registration is available on the website [www.hlsenteret.no](http://www.hlsenteret.no)



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