Weiss-Livnat International Workshop on Contemporary Antisemitism and Holocaust Distortion

September 8 to 14, 2024
House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin

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Day 1, 8.9.2024 | Arrival and Welcome

Hotel:
Hotel YGGOTEL SPURV, Paderborner Strasse 10, Berlin

Location of the workshop:
House of the Wannsee Conference
Am Großen Wannsee 56-58, Berlin

- Morning — **Arrival of participants in Berlin**
- Afternoon — **Registration and check-in** (possible from 3 PM)
- Evening: 19:00 — **Welcome dinner**

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Day 2, 9.9.2024 | Understanding Contemporary Antisemitism

- 09:30 AM - 10:45 AM **Guided tour at the House of the Wannsee Conference**
- 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM **Welcome and introduction**
  Deborah Hartmann (Director of the House of the Wannsee Conference)
  Lisa Schulz-Yatsiv
- 11:45 AM - 01:30 PM **Keynote address on the current landscape of antisemitism and Holocaust distortion**
  Dr. Marc Neugröschel
- 01:30 PM - 02:30 PM **Lunch break**
- 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM **Panel on manifestations of contemporary antisemitism**
  Dr. Stella Leder (antisemitism in art and culture)
  Florian Kuhne, teacher (antisemitism in schools)
  Dr. Daniel Miehling (antisemitic hate speech and imagery online)
  Samuel Vingron, Hillel Germany (antisemitism at universities)

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- 04:30 PM - 05:45 PM — **Breakout sessions focusing on the different manifestation of antisemitism:** art and culture, universities, schools and social media
- Evening — **Free time**

Day 3, 10.9.2024 | Inspiration - Current Approaches in Combatting Antisemitism and Holocaust Distortion

- 09:30 AM - 11:15 AM — **Create Against Hate: Antisemitism, Holocaust education and empowerment with and on social media**
  Prof. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann
- 11:30 AM - 01:30 PM — **Educational programs of *ConAct*: *"Sichtbar Handeln! Gegen Antisemitismus"***
  Ilira Aliai and Tlalit Kitzoni
- 01:30 PM - 02:15 PM — **Lunch break**

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- 02:15 PM - 04:15 PM — **Educational programs of the *Kreuzberger Initiative gegen Antisemitismus***
  Andrea Schnelzauer
- 04:30 PM - 05:45 PM — **Backend-Frontend: Why is it so critical to read Wikipedia critically**
  Yoav Yaron
- Evening — **Free time**

Day 4, 11.9.2024 | New Initiatives – Defining, Ideation and Prototyping*

- 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM — **Problem statement**
  Reviewing the gathered information and research and defining the challenge
- 11:20 AM - 01:00 PM — **Ideation workshop**
  Creative brainstorming session to generate innovative solutions and initiatives for addressing antisemitism and Holocaust denial among young people
- 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM — **Lunch break**

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- 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

  Ideation 2 + idea selection and refinement
  Creative brainstorming session 2
  Group review and discussion of generated ideas

- 04:30 PM - 05:45 PM

  Prototyping
  Hands-on prototyping session where participants develop tangible representations or prototypes of their selected ideas

- Evening

  Free time

Day 5, 12.9.2024 | New Initiatives – Presentation and Action Planning*

- 09:30 AM - 10:45 AM

  Dealing with the topic of antisemitism at a memorial site?
  Approaches of the Memorial House of the Wannsee Conference

- 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

  Feedback on prototypes
  Peer feedback and iteration process to refine prototypes based on constructive criticism and insights

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- 12:15 PM - 01:30 PM

Pitch preparation
Guidance on crafting compelling pitches for presenting prototypes to the group
Practice sessions for participants to refine their pitches

- 01:30 PM - 02:30 PM

Lunch break

- 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Presentation showcase
Formal presentation session in which each group presents their prototypes and proposed outcomes to the entire workshop
Q&A and feedback from facilitators and fellow participants

- 04:30 PM - 05:45 PM

Action planning and next steps
Group discussion on actionable steps for implementing the proposed outcomes in real-world settings
Identification of potential collaborators, stakeholders, and resources to support implementation efforts

- Evening

Free time

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Day 6, 13.9.2024 | Field Trip and Reflection

- 09:30 AM - 12:00 PM — **Visit to the New Synagogue - Centrum Judaicum Foundation**
  Guided tour and talk with the Director of the Museum and Institute, Dr. Anja Siegemund
- 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM — **Lunch break** (individual)
- 01:00 PM - 03:30 PM — **Holocaust commemoration in Berlin**
  Guided tour by Tlalit Kitzoni
- 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM — **Reflections**
- 07:30 PM — **Farewell dinner**

Day 7, 14.9.2024 | Departure

**The design thinking sessions to develop new initiatives will be facilitated by Lisa Schulz-Yatsiv

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Experts

Dr. Marc Neugröschel

Marc Neugröschel is a Research Fellow in the ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Program in Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, Discrimination and Human Rights. A sociologist, he earned his PhD and MA from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, where he also worked as an educator at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and as a freelance journalist. Prior to this, he studied at RWTH University in Aachen, Germany, his birthplace and hometown.
His past research dealt with antisemitism among the American far-right, antisemitism on social media, the connections between antisemitism and anti-Americanism and the role of antisemitism and anti-Americanism in the discourse about European and German identity. His current studies focus on antisemitic responses to the Hamas attacks on Israel of 7 October 2023 and the events surrounding it.

Dr. Daniel Miehling

Daniel Miehling (he/him) received his PhD in General Linguistics from the Institute for Language and Communication at the Technical University of Berlin. He studies contemporary antisemitism, online radicalization and extremism on social media using methods of Natural Language Processing and Computational Linguistics. In his dissertation, Miehling analyzed antisemitic discourses on the mainstream platform X (Twitter) and within fringe communities on Telegram between 2019 and 2021. As part of a longitudinal study, he examined the dissemination of misinformation, identified linguistic patterns used by groups and users to propagate hate speech, and traced their political ideologies. Since 2018, Miehling has been a research affiliate at the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism (ISCA) at Indiana University. As an interdisciplinary researcher, Miehling bridges Computational Social Science, Linguistics and Pedagogy. He has advised a major technology company on combating antisemitism and Holocaust distortion online, published several articles, book chapters and annotated datasets for machine learning, and held numerous presentations and workshops on these topics.

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Florian Kuhne

Florian Kuhne has been a history and political science teacher in Berlin for ten years. He engages in a multitude of methods and formats encouraging young people to look beyond their own noses by leaving the classic contexts of learning. For six years, he lead various groups of students at his school, Paula-Fürst-Schule, working on the "big topics" of German history and guilt, the Middle East conflict and Jewish and Palestinian life in Berlin and Israel/Palestine. Together with these groups he travelled to the region several times.
He works in several settings, and often with the Kreuzberger Initiative gegen Antisemitismus and the New Israel Fund, to impact the mindsets and hopefully change the hearts of his students, generating interest in and understanding of "the other(s).”

Dr. Stella Leder

Stella Leder, born in 1982 in Berlin (West), studied Cultural and Literary Studies in Berlin. From 2009 to 2013, she served voluntarily on the board of the foundation "ZURÜCKGEBEN. Stiftung zur Förderung jüdischer Frauen in Kunst und Wissenschaft" (Foundation for the Promotion of Jewish Women in Art and Science). She worked for the Amadeu Antonio Foundation in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Brandenburg on antisemitism, gender, and right-wing extremism, and also worked part-time as a freelance dramaturge. From 2014 to 2018, she led "Lola for Democracy in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern," a feminist project on right-wing extremism. In 2015, she co-founded the Institute for New Social Sculpture, which addresses antisemitism through cultural and artistic means. Her work in recent years includes board games, an exhibition, and comics on the Hachshara movement. Stella Leder is the editor of the anthology "Above Suspicion? Antisemitism in Art and Culture" (Hentrich & Hentrich) and the author of her autobiographical book "My Mother, the Man in the Garden, and the Right-Wingers" (Ullstein), both published in 2021.

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Samuel Vingron

Rabbi Samuel Vingron grew up in Berlin where he attended a Jewish elementary and Jewish high school. He then moved to Heidelberg to study to become a teacher of history and Jewish religion. Subsequently, Rabbi Vingron enrolled in the rabbinic program of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) in New York City. After five years of rabbinical studies in New York, Potsdam and Jerusalem, Rabbi Vingron completed his education with a rabbinic degree and an MA in Jewish Thought from JTS. Rabbi Vingron now lives in his hometown Berlin where he works as Director of Community Outreach for the local Hillel. In addition, he is working on a PhD on the 19th Century German Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. Rabbi Vingron is also a member of the academic research project Emancipation Rabbinica which examines the usage of rabbinic sources in early modern debates on emancipation and antisemitism.

Prof. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann

Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann is a lecturer at the DAAD Center for German Studies and the Department of Communication and Journalism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His interest is in German postwar social, cultural and film history with a special focus on commemorating the Holocaust and on culture and society in the GDR. His fields of research, teaching and publication are German (Film) History; Memory Culture and Cinematic Remembrance of the Holocaust; Israeli-German Cultural Relations and the Preservation of Audio-Visual Cultural Heritage. He is a member of the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Action, “Visual History of the Holocaust: Rethinking Curation in the Digital Age.” Most recently he published the report “Shoah Commemoration and Education on TikTok” (Berlin 2024) with Tom Divon. The book “TikTok Activism: Political Protest with Short Videos,” written together with Britta Hartmann and Jonathan Guggenberger, will be published in October.

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Experts

Yoav Yaron

Yoav Yaron is a content creator and digital humanities researcher, specializing in educational materials for the humanities. He serves as the Managing Editor of The Journal of Holocaust Research at the University of Haifa and he also works as Content Curator for Israel's Center of Educational Technology (CET), developing historical resources, learning tools, and interactive media for students and teachers in the humanities. He holds an MA from the Weiss-Livnat International Program in Holocaust Studies at the University of Haifa.

Expert Organizations

House of the Wannsee Conference - a memorial and educational site

In today's Memorial and Educational Site, fifteen high-ranking representatives of the SS, the NSDAP and various Reich ministries discuss their cooperation in the planned deportation and murder of the European Jews on January 20, 1942.
In addition to its exhibitions, the Memorial and Educational Site offers a wide range of educational programs to learn about the history of the persecution and murder of the European Jews, the history of National Socialism, its prehistory and its consequences.

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ConAct

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange is a nationwide working service and information center for exchange projects between German and Israeli youths, located in the sector of non-formal education. Since 2001 ConAct administers the funding of German-Israeli youth exchange, supports exchange programs between young people and offers qualified trainings for professionals in the field of German-Israeli youth work.

Kreuzberg Initiative Against Antisemitism – KIgA e. V.

Founded in 2003, the Kreuzberg Initiative Against Antisemitism (KIgA e.V.) offers solutions and training approaches in the field of political education for Germany's multicultural society on topics such as antisemitism, anti-Muslim racism, the Middle East conflict and the prevention of radicalisation. KIgA is initiator and leading member of the European Network Countering Antisemitism through Education (ENCATE) and organizes international and national conferences. KIgA e. V. also provides social impulses in the Jewish-Muslim dialogue and through cultural programs, such as the touring exhibition "L'Chaim – Auf das Leben! Discover the diversity of Jewish life". Through its further education and counselling center, KIgA, in cooperation with the Berlin Senate, provides a central contact point for schools and offers school workshops, seminars, teacher training, and the development of long-term concepts for the prevention of antisemitism.