

International Conference on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial

Dublin, 18-19 November 2010

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2010

18.00 **Welcome reception, Department of Foreign Affairs – address by Minister**

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2010

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.30 Opening of conference and welcome, HETI and Minister

09.30-11.00 SESSION 1: MODES AND MEDIUMS

09.30-09.50 **Paper 1: *Antisemitism, Catholic traditionalists and the Vatican***
Mark Weitzman, Simon Wiesenthal Center, New York

09.50-10.10 **Paper 2: *Holocaust denial and inversion***
Prof Robert Wistrich, Head of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

10.10-11.00 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Prof Alan Kramer, Department of History, Trinity College Dublin

11.00-11.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 -13.00 SESSION 2: OLD AND NEW FORMS OF ANTISEMITISM

11.30-11.50 **Paper 3: *An 'indelible stigma'? Christianity and antisemitism***
Dr Christian Wiese, Martin Buber Professor in Jewish Philosophy, University of Frankfurt

11.50-12.10 **Paper 4: *Antisemitism in Iran and Holocaust denial***
Prof Meir Litvak, Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University

12.10-13.00 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Dr Zuleika Rodgers, Herzog Centre, Trinity College Dublin

13.00-14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00-15.30 SESSION 3: EVALUATING ANTISEMITISM

14.00-14.20 **Paper 5: *Nazi propaganda for the Arab world during World War II and its aftereffects***
Prof Jeffrey Herf, Department of History, University of Maryland

14.20-14.40 **Paper 6: *The resurgence of antisemitism – an alternative perspective***
Dr Tony Kushner, Marcus Sieff Professor of the History of Jewish/non Jewish relations, Parkes Institute, University of Southampton

14.40-15.30 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Prof Anthony McElligott, Department of History, University of Limerick

15.30-16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.00-17.50 SESSION 4: MYTH AND HISTORY

16.00-16.20 **Paper 7: *Different forms of denial, old and new forms of hatred of the Jews***
Dr Elhanan Yakira, Schulman Professor of Philosophy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

16.20-16.40 **Paper 8: *Antisemitism in contemporary Germany***
Dr Werner Bergmann, Professor at the Centre for Research on Antisemitism, Berlin

16.40-17.00 **Paper 9: *Jews, engagement in the nation-state and some sources of political antisemitism***
Prof Pierre Birnbaum, University of Paris

17.00-17.50 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Dr Stephan Malinowski, School of History & Archives, University College Dublin

18.15-19.15 **DINNER – Commons on campus, Trinity College Dublin**

19.30-21.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND PUBLIC LECTURE**
Emmet Theatre, Trinity College Dublin

A Lethal Obsession: antisemitism from antiquity to global jihad

Prof Robert Wistrich, Head of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

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FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2010

09.00-10.50 SESSION 5: LEGAL AND ETHICAL DIMENSIONS

09.00-09.20 **Paper 10: *Holocaust denial and freedom of speech***

Dr Deborah Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies, Emory University

09.20-09.40 **Paper 11: *Stealing the Holocaust from the Jews? – The Holocaust as a metaphor in public discourse***

Dr Esther Webman, Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism, & Dayan Center for Middle East and African Study, Tel Aviv University

09.40-10.00 **Paper 12: *Soft denial in different political and social areas on the web***

Dr Juliane Wetzels, Centre for Research on Antisemitism, Berlin

10.00-10.50 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Prof Robert Gerwarth, School of History & Archives, University College Dublin

10.50-11.10 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.10 -13.00 SESSION 6: IMPACTS

11.10-11.30 **Paper 12: *Holocaust scholarship in the wake of Holocaust denial***

Dr Robert Jan van Pelt, Professor of Cultural History, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

11.30-11.50 **Paper 13: *Islamist frustrated expressions of grievance, or Islamization of antisemitism?***

Prof Dr Bassam Tibi, Professor Emeritus for International Relations, University of Goettingen

11.50-12.10 **Paper 14: *Contemporary forms of denial***

Dr Stanley Cohen, Professor Emeritus, London School of Economics

12.10-13.00 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Prof Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland, USA

13.00-14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00-16.00 SESSION 7: PANEL DISCUSSION

14.00-16.00 **Discussion** Chair/commentator: Prof Anthony McElligott, University of Limerick
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16.00-16.30 **Official closing and farewell, HETI and Department of Foreign Affairs**

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