

**MAX AND HILDE KOCHMANN SUMMER SCHOOL  
FOR PHD STUDENTS IN MODERN EUROPEAN-JEWISH  
HISTORY AND CULTURE**



**29 JUNE - 2 JULY  
2025**

Organised by the Sussex Weidenfeld Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Sussex  
in cooperation with the Centre for Jewish Studies of the Karl Franz Universität in Graz  
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# Max and Hilde Kochmann Summer School

29.06.2025 | 10:00

**Arts A Room 108**

**10:00–10:10 Welcome**

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Session 1

10:10–12:00 (Chair: Victoria Richardson-Walden)

## **Jews in Space: The Imagined and the Digital**

**Lilja Bernheim** (University of Stirling), *Blossoms of Remembrance: Ecological Memory and the Embodied Experience of the Springtime Holidays on Poland's Kańczuga Plateau*

**Adam Urík** (Comenius University, Bratislava), *Spatial Analysis of the Second Wave of Jewish Deportations from Slovakia (1944–1945)*

**Charlotte Steele-Garg** (University of Bristol), *The memorialisation of French train stations used for Holocaust deportations between 1942 and 1944*

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**Lunch: 12:15–13:30**

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Session 2

13:30–14:50 (Chair: Gerald Lamprecht)

## **The Quest for Justice after the Holocaust**

**Elise Barring Berggren** (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), *In Search of Lost Homes: Post-Holocaust Restitution in Norway 1945–1950s*

**Jana Susanne Müller** (University of Luxembourg), *Restitution and Compensation for Jewish Victims in Post-World War II Luxembourg*

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**10 minute comfort break**

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Session 3

15:00–16:20 (Chair: Katrin Steffen)

## **Memory, Trauma and Art**

**Nina Hirshorn** (Sussex University), *Collective Intimacy: Jewish Stained Glass Art in Context*

**Nurit Raviv** (Bar Ilan University), *Identity in Crisis: Jakob Steinhardt's Self-Portraiture from Trauma Studies Perspective*

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**17:00–18:00 A Walk-through Jewish Brighton**

**18:00 Joint Dinner (Brighton)**

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Session 4

9:20–11:00 (Chair: Kate Marrison)

## **Memory, Historiography and Technology**

**Emmanuelle Moscovitz** (Tel Aviv University and Yad Vashem), *Digital Mapping of Jewish Detainment in French Camps: Insights from the General Chaplaincy's Unique Reports*

**Simon Edwards** (Sussex University), *Contested Past, Digital Futures: Looking Back to the Future of Holocaust Historiographies*

**Hannah Buckley** (Northumbria University), *After the Holocaust: Rebuilding Lives in Postwar England*

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**Coffee Break 11:00–11:30**

Session 5

11:30–12:40 (Chair: Olaf Terpitz)

## **Childhood after the Holocaust**

**Mirah Langer** (University of Vienna), *Between the Drowned and the Saved': The Representation and Role of Children and Grandchildren of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Public Commemorative Practice*

**James Carrigy** (University of Edinburgh), *Cinematic Representations of Jewish Child Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust*

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**Lunch 12:40–14:00**

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Session 6

14:00–15:00 (Chair: Artur Skorek)

## **Jews and Muslims in European Urban Spaces: Mutual Recognition, Social Inclusion and Sense of Belonging**

Forum Discussion

with **Lior Sternfeld, Ben Gidley, Marcela Menachem Zoufalá, Joanna Dyduch and Artur Skorek**

The central theme of the roundtable revolves around the categories of “inclusion” and “intercommunal relations,” focusing specifically on Jewish and Muslim minorities in Europe. Both communities have recently faced significant challenges due to the repercussions of the war in Gaza. In the aftermath of October 7, European Jewish and Muslim communities have experienced a notable increase in antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents. This roundtable will explore the evolving dynamics of Jewish-Muslim relations in Europe, particularly considering these recent developments. Participants will examine how both communities have navigated the challenges posed over the past two years, addressing the impacts of rising antisemitism and Islamophobia, as well as broader social and political transformations across Europe.

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### **Group Picture and Walk 15:30–16:00**

Session 7

15:30-17:00

Visit to the KEEP <http://www.thekeep.info>

The Keep, Woollards Way, Brighton BN1 9BP, UK

### **Jewish Sources in Brighton Archives**

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#### **Optional individual consulting sessions**

#### **Free evening**

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Session 8

9:20–11:00 (Chair: Joanna Dyduch)

### From Zionism to the State of Israel

**Nathanel Stawski** (Cambridge University), *From Reluctant to Radical Revolutionaries: The Conservative Foundations of the Zionist Revolution*

**Maya Kreiner** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow (DI)), *The 'X' Mandate: Debating Citizenship and British Nationality in Mandatory Palestine*

**Timea Crofony** (Charles University Prague), *The Intimate State of Israel: Politics of Desire, Secular Israeli Jews, and the Challenges of Ethnography*

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### Coffee Break 11:00–11:30

Session 9

11:30–12:50 (Chair: Gerald Lamprecht)

### Sex and the Holocaust

**Rotem Taitler** (Tel Aviv University), *Leveraging Digital Tools in Archival Research to Uncover Aspects of Sexual and Sexualized Violence in the Nazi Concentration Camps*

**Lewis Champion** (Royal Holloway London), *The Persecution of Homosexual Men in Nazi Concentration Camps*

### Lunch 12:50–14:00

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Session 10

14:00–15:20 (Chair: Katrin Steffen)

### Jews from India to the Maghreb

**Sayan Lodh** (Presidency University, Kolkata), *The Emergence of 'New' Jews in Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Tamil Nadu (20th and 21st Centuries): A Historical Study*

**Yasmine Slimani** (Bern University), *Cultural Hybridity and Jewish Memory: A Comparative Analysis of Indian and Maghrebin Jewish Literatures*

Session 11

**Brighton and Hove Jewish Community (BNJC) 29-31 New Church Road,  
Hove, BN3 1AD**

**The Peter Summerfield Public Lecture  
(17:00–18:30)**

***Fatal Attraction: Understanding the Israel-Iran Relationship*  
Lior Sternfeld (Penn State University)**

Few know that Iran was the second Muslim country to recognise Israel after 1949, initiating three decades of close partnership that included Israeli support for the Shah's regime. The 1979 Iranian Revolution dramatically altered this alliance, officially severing diplomatic ties on February 1, 1979. Yet, paradoxically, behind the fierce rhetoric, covert collaboration continued during the brutal eight-year Iran-Iraq war. Since then, these nations have existed in a precarious state of mutual hostility and dangerous brinkmanship. This lecture examines the complex dynamics between these countries and their societies, with special attention to the significant developments and escalating tensions of the past 18 months. Join us for an expert analysis of one of geopolitics' most consequential and misunderstood relationships.

**Lior Sternfeld** is Professor of History and Jewish Studies at Penn State University. He is a social historian of the modern Middle East, specialising in the histories of Jewish communities and other minorities in the region. His first book, *Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth-Century Iran* (Stanford University Press, 2018), explores the integration of Jewish communities into Iran's nation-building projects, set against the backdrop of Iranian nationalism, Zionism, and constitutionalism. Currently, he is working on two book projects: *The Origins of Third Worldism in the Middle East* and a study of the Iranian-Jewish diaspora in the U.S. and Israel.

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The public lecture will be followed by a reception

All welcome

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Session 12

8:40–10:00 (Chair: Marcela Menachem Zoufalá)

### Identity and Social Relations

**Ayana Sassoon** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem),

*Food, Identity and Social Relations among Jews in Germany and the Netherlands during the Holocaust*

**Jakub Katulski** (University of National Education Commission in Kraków),

*Perception of Israel and Jewish national identity among the Polish Jewish diaspora after 1991*

### Coffee Break 10:00–10:30

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Session 13

10:30–11:50 (Chair: Gideon Reuveni)

### Survival and Resistance during the Holocaust

**Micaela E. Procopio** (Gratz College), *“Being Pregnant Meant Death”:*

*The Paradox of Pregnancy exploring Clandestine Abortions as Resistance during the Holocaust*

**Eva Hückmann** (University of Potsdam), *The Poetics of Forced Migration into the Soviet Union during World War Two*

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Session 14

12:00–12:30

### Feedback and evaluation

### Conference Ends