

Seeing Antisemitism Through Law: High Promises or Indeterminacies?

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Exhibiting ambiguities: "Revenge. History and Fantasy"

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The DFG funded project Seeing Antisemitism Through Law aims to unpack how law confronts antisemitism in Europe and beyond. Led by Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn and Dr. Reut Paz, the research team embarks on a comparative analysis of law combatting antisemitism in Europe and beyond. In particular we aim to provide insights into the extent to which court rulings are (in-) adequate to address antisemitism in Germany, Poland, France and in the United Kingdom. It is in this context that we organize the Abraham Bar Menachem (ABM*) talks on various aspects of our research.

*Dr. Abraham Bar Menachem (b. 1912 Giessen-Wieseck, d. 2017 Netanya, Israel) studied law and completed his doctoral thesis in 1933 at the then Ludwigs-University Giessen. The rise of National Socialism prevented him from taking the bar exam. In 1938 Bar Menachem and his wife escaped to Palestine, where he worked as a lawyer and later was elected Mayor of the Israeli city of Netanya. Throughout his life Bar Menachem tirelessly contributed to the reconciliation between the Jewish people and Germany. It is a great honour to name our series of talks in his memory, with his family's kind permission.

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