

THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

cordially invites you to a lecture by

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Radicalisation of Antisemitism in Europe During and After the First World War.

Presenting a brief overview about the changing features of antisemitism and the activities and attitudes of European antisemites as well as the experiences of Jews during the Great War, the lecture discusses the question whether antisemitism radicalized in Europe during the First World War. It will also be asked, if the subsequent dramatic developments after the war, namely the revolutions and counterrevolutions, must be seen as even more important for this development. The question is, with a nod to Eric Hobsbawm's presentation of the 'short' 20th century, if one can observe the emergence of an extreme antisemitism at the beginning of the Age of Extremes? Provided that this process of radicalisation had taken place, it will be discussed whether this development should be seen as a peculiarity of German history or rather as European phenomenon.

**Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m.
In Gellner Room, Monument Building**



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A reception will follow