

The Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies presents a virtual lecture with Dani Kranz

# Jews and the New Antisemitism in Germany:

## Empowerment, Symbolic Politics, and Jews as Actors



*Dani Kranz, Photo Credit Kfir Harbi*

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**Monday, March 7, 7 pm EST**

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Media reports are rife about the new antisemitism in Germany. Antisemitism in Germany today is framed as an unwanted consequence of immigration from Arab/Muslim majority countries. Certainly, some immigrants from these countries hold negative, antisemitic and antizionist attitudes. However, Germans who are not from immigrant backgrounds hold these attitudes too. How does this antisemitism relate to Jews in Germany? We will sketch out a short history of Jews in Germany post-1945, explain the notion of symbolic politics around things Jewish, and foreground Jews as actors with their own agenda and agency. How has the German Jewish population grown through immigration from the former Soviet Union and Israel? These Jews, alongside German born and raised Jews, have been making Germany their home: new, diverse, and self-confident. Jewish life in Germany that has not been seen since the 1930s. This lecture asks simple, but complex questions to unravel what is going on in Germany. What data is available, collected for what purpose, and who are they key actors?



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