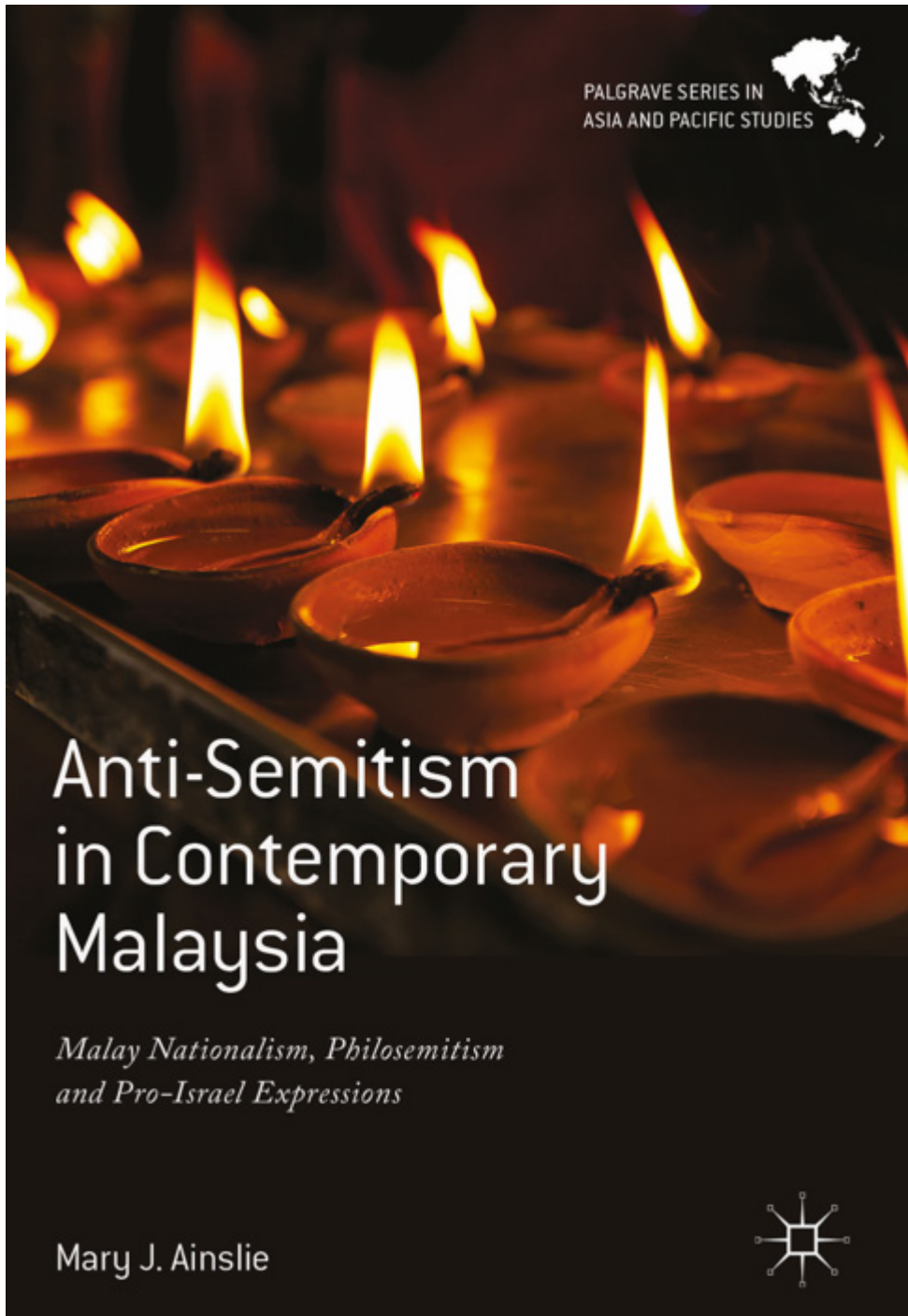




Challenging Antisemitism in Contemporary Malaysia:

Countering Malay nationalist forces through pro-Israel expressions



The Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies presents a virtual lecture with

Dr. Mary Jane Ainslie,
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Malaysia is known for its overwhelming anti-Israel and antisemitic discourses, despite the complete absence of any Jewish presence in this country. Such rampant anti-Judaism and anti-zionism is often openly endorsed by authorities.

Existing research suggests that antisemitism in Southeast Asia is connected to internal forms of racism, in Malaysia this involves the persecution of the large urban-based Chinese and Indian populations.

Professor Ainslie will illustrate, through empirical research conducted in Malaysia, how challenging anti-Semitism and pushing for dialogue with Israel has become a means by which the substantial non-Malay, non-Islamic and/or politically radical citizens can critique authorities and assert their desire for a liberal and heterogenic Malaysia.



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