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# Enemies of the State?

## The Racial Other in Postwar German Nation Building & Anti-Antisemitism

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Lecture with

**Hannah Tzuberi & Patricia Piberger**

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Patricia Piberger & Hannah Tzuberi examine how the state's incorporation of the figure of the Jew undermines exactly those flagships of the liberal-democratic state that were previously evoked as guarantors of Germany's rehabilitation and new non-Nazi character. By centering the figure of 'the Jew' as *the* key figure of German national identity formation, Piberger & Tzuberi ask how its defence facilitates the dismantling of democratic rights and the production of Palestinians as the racial other.

**Hannah Tzuberi** is a scholar of contemporary Jewry with a special focus on Germany and Europe. Her work zooms into the interdependency of the figure of 'the Jew' and post-war nation-building.

**Patricia Piberger** is a cultural anthropologist & political scientist working on the intersection of antisemitism and racism. She was a research assistant at the National Discrimination and Racism Monitor (NaDiRa) at DeZIM and currently works at the Center for Research on Antisemitism (ZfA, TU Berlin)