

# POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS

THE LONG VIEW ON JEWISH POLITICS

THE KATZ CENTER AT PENN



The political world is changing fast and perspective is at a premium. With a yearlong focus on Jewish politics, Penn's Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies is taking the long view. Researchers from around the globe have come together to study Jewish political ideas and practices across disciplines and cultural contexts. Throughout the semester they will engage with colleagues and broader audiences in a variety of public lectures, panel discussions, and conversations.

Conversation Series

## Lessons from Jewish Interwar Europe

The Gershman Y

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\$10 each or \$15 for the series; free for PennCard holders

Some have compared the present political moment to Germany in 1933. This two-part series will take a deeper look at aspects of Jewish politics in that time, asking what, if anything, truly resonates with the situation today. In both sessions, Katz Center fellows will talk about their areas of expertise with thoughtful interlocutors and invite the audience to join the conversation.



PART I:

### SOFT POWER

REBECCA KOBRIN, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Thursday, February 16 at 12:30 pm

For Jews in the interwar world, the distribution of American dollars was an overtly political act with a strong influence on the shape of Jewish life in Europe. This conversation will be about how Jews use their philanthropic power and its effects, intended and unintended, on the Jewish and non-Jewish political landscape.



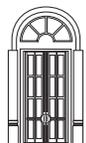
PART II:

### CULTURE WARS

PHILIPP VON WUSSOW, GOETHE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, March 16 at 12:30 pm

The flourishing of intellectual, artistic, and scientific life during the Weimar period was accompanied by a new type of conflict, in which political issues were inextricably linked with claims about culture and religion. Jews and Judaism played a particular role in these "culture wars" on the eve of the Holocaust, and this conversation will explore those dynamics and ask what is different today.



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