

International Conference  
April 14-15, 2021 - Webinar



# JEWISH DISSIDENTS *in the Eastern Bloc*

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April 14

09.00-09.30 EDT/14.00-14.30 BST/15.00-15.30 MESZ/CEST

Welcome: Stefanie Schüler-Springorum  
(Selma Stern Center)

Keynote: Thomas Krüger (German Federal  
Agency for Civic Education)

09.30-10.30 EDT/14.30-15.30 BST/15.30-16.30 MESZ/CEST

PANEL I

Chair: Norman Salusa (Selma Stern Center)

Sander Gilman (Emory): **Opposition/  
Dissident/Collaborator/Victim/'Magic  
Jew'? Jurek Becker in the GDR**

Anna Shternshis (Toronto): **How (not)  
to Say Gulag in Yiddish: Soviet Yiddish  
Intellectuals and the early Days of  
Thaw**

10.30-11.00 EDT/15.30-16.00 BST/16.30-17.00 MESZ/CEST

BREAK

11.00-12.00 EDT/16.00-17.00 BST/17.00-18.00 MESZ/CEST

PANEL II

Chair: Stephen Parker (Cardiff/Manchester)

Mario Keßler (Leibniz Center for Con-  
temporary History): **Alfred Kantorowicz  
between East and West**

Janek Gryta (Bristol): **Navigating the  
Communist Reality of Poland. Regional  
Jewish Leaders and the Memory of the  
Holocaust in the 1950s and 1960s**



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April 15

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PANEL III

Chair: Katja Stürzenhofecker (Manchester)

Ion Popa (Manchester): **Jewish Dissidence  
in Romania: Definition, Chronology and  
Particularities**

Susan Suleiman (Harvard): **Forms of  
Intellectual Dissidence in Communist  
Hungary**

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READING

Chair: Vera Tolz-Zilitinkevic (Manchester)  
Maxim D. Shrayer (Boston): **The Refusenik  
Legacy: A Reading and A Discussion**

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CONCLUDING COMMENTS

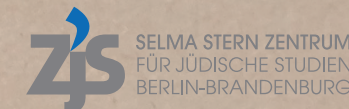
Chair: Irmela von der Lühe (Selma  
Stern Center)

Cathy Gelbin (Manchester): **What is  
Jewish Dissidence?**

**Followed by roundtable discussion with  
public Q&A**

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