

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

09.00-10.00 EDT/14.00-15.00 BST/15.00-16.00 MESZ/CEST
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**

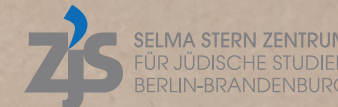
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CONCLUDING COMMENTS

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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