ABOUT THE CENTER

The Center for Jewish Studies at UCLA explores the riches of Jewish history, religion, and culture through rigorous academic research, high-quality teaching, and a wide array of scholarly and public programs. Through its first-rate faculty expertise, the Center cultivates a lush garden of Jewish culture that extends from Iran to Italy, from Jerusalem to Los Angeles. Located in the heart of Los Angeles, the Center embodies the flourishing, multi-faceted Jewish culture and history of the city itself.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Parking for Sunday is available for $9 in Lot 2 on the corner of Westholme and Hilgard.
This symposium will explore the image and role of the Jew in French philosophy after the Second World War. The lengthy, difficult, and off-delayed response of France in coming to terms with the War has served as a broad intellectual backdrop against which the Jew surfaces as a key allegorical or symbolic figure. The Symposium will bring together a distinguished group of scholars—philosopher, literary scholars, and historians—to analyze this tendency in post-War French thought. What function does it serve? Does it reflect a disturbing anti-Jewish sensibility that lingers in French intellectual life? Or a desire to work through, even expurgate, that very sensibility? What role does the State of Israel play in this tradition?

10 AM • Opening Remarks:
David N. Myers (UCLA)
Claudia Moatti (USC)
The Honorable David Martinon
(Convoy General of France)

10:30 AM • Session I
Jews, Philosophy and the Jewish Question:
Sartre, Levinas and Derrida
Chair: David N. Myers (UCLA)
Speaker:
Jonathan Judaken (Memphis)
Sartre’s Existential Analysis of
Modern Antisemitism
Respondent:
Annette Aronowicz
(Franklin & Marshall College)

Speaker:
Ethan Kleinberg (Wesleyan)
Not Yet Marrano: Levinas, Derrida
and the Ontology of being Jewish
Respondent:
Eleanor Kaufman (UCLA)

12:30 PM • Lunch Break

1:30 PM • Session II
Naming “the jew”, Lyotard
Chair: Eric Sundquist (UCLA)
Speakers:
Sarah Hammerschlag (Williams)
Will the real “jews” please stand up?
Levinas’s Role in
Lyotard’s Representation of Judaism
Robin Podolsky (Independent Scholar)
The Hyphen That Binds:
Lyotard and “Judeo-Christian” Redux
Respondents:
Lia Brozgal (UCLA)

3:30 PM • Session III
Israel and the Jewish Question: Badiou
Chair: John McCumber (UCLA)
Speakers:
Joseph Litvak (Tufts)
Badiou’s Jewishness
Jonathan Gil Harris
(George Washington University)
Badiou’s Vanishing Jewish Letter
Respondents:
Claudia Moatti (USC)
Kenneth Reinhard (UCLA)