

Projective Antizionism

Antisemitism Against Israel Before and After October 7th

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What has happened that even academics and experts view Islamism as an alternative to Western modernity, the terrorist organization like Hamas, Hezbollah, and Islamic Jihad as "*freedom fighters*" and global jihad and terrorism as "*armed resistance*," so that both anti-Semitism and modernity are dismissed? Why do Antisemitism and blind hatred against Israel become an edict rather than being criticized, despised and rejected? It requires a new understanding of evil to describe and understand the quality and state of Antisemitism and hatred of Israel in our age.

"Projective anti-Zionism," in its complexity and dynamism, is currently the acute form of Antisemitism not only in the West but globally, paving the way for the resurgence of traditional forms of Jew-hatred, as this volume examines in an interdisciplinary, empirical, scientific and methodological manner. From the perspective of "critical theory", this volume compares and evaluates the working definition of Antisemitism (mainly JDA & IHRA) and analyzes why the massacres of October 7th mark a turning point for the self-understanding of Zionism as well as for the mobilizing power of antisemitic Antizionism, which is defined as the norm and leads to a global awakening and an increasingly violent wave of eliminatory-antisemitic Antizionism, instead of evoking empathy and solidarity with Jews and the State of Israel, who have become the true victims of a devastating criminal Terrorpogrom. Remarkable facts and arguments in this book demonstrate why combating Antisemitism without a holistic scientific basis leads to abstract constructs that, otherwise, in "phrase-like wishful thinking and commemorative political considerations and debates," do not result in a rational understanding of it and do not lead to professional and realistic measures against it.

After World War II, Antisemitism also became increasingly unimportant as a reference-point, and a fallacy took hold that considered "Antisemitism" as a product of the Nazi regime, that ended with the downfall of Nazis. As Professor Karin Stoegner emphasizes "such an immense loss of historical understanding and political judgment is accompanied by the hollowing out of concepts, and with it, the memory of the phenomena they encompass is lost." This volume analyzes and explains how "radical deconstruction of concepts, in the sense of dissolving their universal content, exposes the phenomena instead of providing a framework for their understanding and critique. This is evident in the debates surrounding October 7th...". Another result of this persistent malformation is that nowadays Antisemitism reveals itself in the projection of fascism, colonialism, imperialism and patriarchy onto Israel, so that Antisemitism –despite the Holocaust and the terror-pogrom of October 7– masquerades as "a cry of the exploited and oppressed people", receiving recognition and support in favour of Islamism, far-right and global leftist propaganda-apparatus.(pp. 39-201)

With profound interdisciplinary analyzes and successive historical documentation, the current book provides an authentic and comprehensive picture of the emergence of sociocultural and ideological-political Antisemitism and its transformation, as well as various manifestations of antisemitic Antizionism in the present time. The theoretical and empirical facts illuminate how traditional and modern Antisemitism merge and function into an integrative-ideological

replica in the present. The contributions from political sciences, social sciences, and historical sources demonstrate how this pathological process of radicalization and preservation of Antizionism is structured and simultaneously leads to “a heterogeneous international eliminatory-antisemitic-Antizionist alliance” that not only fosters but directly incites, rewards, promotes and legitimizes Jew-hatred, demonization, defamation and the destruction of Israel. –also through propaganda, disinformation campaigns, reinterpretation of facts and revisionism and with it a systemic brainwashing.

One of the central highlight of this book consists in explaining these phenomena, including the question of causality and correlation of intersectional ideological linkages of antisemitic Antizionism as a mass movement, as well as the relevant potential civilizational and sociopolitical dangers. This book and critically and empirically evaluates and reflects its multidimensional damages in the present and future.

In two stimulating, scientifically based interviews at the beginning of the book, Professors Stephan Grigat and Karin Stoegner provide the framework and the guideline of the book (in addition to explanations and definitions), which are further perfectionized by following essays by experts who examine the sociocultural, political and geopolitical constellations both in historical context and the development of antisemitic and antizionist paradigms along with their impact on the current global processes and transformations. Methodically they define and translate the sadistic and murderous calls for the destruction and annihilation of Israel and its citizens. The term "Projective Antizionism" is excellently explained and presented by chronological and elaborated documentation, as well as numerous factual examples and evidences. The one-sided "contextualization of Antisemitism" in the sense of the Western *Identity-Crisis* and *Western-Nihilistic* manipulation of terms and reinterpretation of facts, which seeks to justify misanthropy, misogyny and the genocidal Antizionism and Antisemitism of Hamas within various political spectra, is also explicated from a new interdisciplinary perspective in this book. The backgrounds and processes of Israel hatred and Antisemitism, which have emerged in new formations and a range of variants as a principal trend and how they ignite the radicalization of the political-identity-crisis in the Islamist & global left Spectra as well as the far-right milieus, are another highlight of this book. In addition, it explains the destructive role that the press, media and especially social media like TikTok, Instagram and other ones play in accelerating this regressive and anti-modern course. (pp. 127–223)

The scientifically based contributions and arguments presented here also clarify why the prevailing Antizionism and Antisemitism in Arab and Islamic societies are not a consequence but a result of the "founding of Israel(1948)" and explains why the Israeli Declaration of Independence should be understood as a result of traditional and sheer ideological Islamic (and European) Antisemitism. Furthermore this book explains the background of how and why the projections against Israel serve to instrumentalize Antizionism for the geopolitical reproduction of traditional Antisemitism in our time.

The essays of the book contribute to a deeper understanding of the past and present dynamics regarding Israel-hatred and explain how the various manifestations of Antisemitism and Antizionism before and after 1945 interact through both ideological definitions and identity-critical crises over generations before they crystallize into projection tendencies against Jews and the State of Israel, thus forming a "central integrative ideological model" in the present, where “Jews and State of Israel” are defined and fought as outposts and representatives of a Western “colonial project” and as the main symbols of oppressive despotic Western

hegemonic imperialism. The diverse articles of the book also derive and show that transgenerational perception and guilt-defense have become an antagonism toward liberal Western values today, which is identified with Jews, fought against them and projected onto Israel. Here, alongside "guilt-defensive Antisemitism" the widespread historical ignorance is also revealed, as the founding of the State of Israel was also an anti-colonial act, because the colonial power Great Britain was thereby pushed out of the region. The denial of the continuity of Antisemitism, which among other things questions and doubts the "singularity of the Holocaust" is scientifically refuted and countered with documentation and strong arguments (pp. 105–127).

As another central point, it must be mentioned that Prof. Stephan Grigat, with reference to Adorno and approaches of "Critical Theory Approach" very courageously, confidently and objectively points to realistic and indispensable countermeasures in the fight against Antisemitism and Antizionism, namely "education for maturity" and "repression (sanction & Penalty)". He fascinatingly argues why "sanctioning" in the sense of Critical Theory must be an essential component in the fight against the excessive global antisemitic and antzionist mobilization (which comes from the neo-Nazi Milieu, the international Islamophile left and from the political center and is currently particularly strong in Islamist influenced environments) if the explanation and clarification of crisis phenomena of modern society and global conflicts can not be solely treated based on enlightenment and self-reflection! Grigat emphasizes: "...one must be aware that repression (i.e penalty) must occur at the state, institutional and intergovernmental levels because ultimately both Antisemitism and racism lead to mass murder"(p. 25). His brilliant line of thought is also compatible with findings of modern social and educational psychology and is also scientifically and empirically substantiated.

This book also analyzes the prevailing dominant victim-perpetrator-reversal especially after the October 7th massacre and provides facts and strong arguments that elucidate the thinking and interpretative errors underlying the pandemic spread of "***Israel Derangement Syndrome.***" The essays primarily scrutinize the political-identity-shift on a timeline and illustrate that this mental state not only represents a regressive development against the ideals of "modernity" –such as progression and emancipation, equality of citizens– but also speaks to a paranoid-schizophrenic world that is willing to ignore all facts and any belief in justice and morality only to create a bizarre pseudoreality in favour of global jihad and Islamic terrorism, neo-Nazi revisionism and the romantically-utopian thinking of the global left spectrum, which find themselves in a supposed struggle against imperialism, colonialism and social injustice. In this scenario they need to project, vilify and defame the State of Israel and Jews as ideologically-imaginary enemies. This pattern is subsequently manifested in various forms of projective Antisemitism and necessity of annihilation of Zionism and Israel and serves as an ideological bridge that unites the far-right, Islamic extremists and the global left. Another climax of the book is an essay that deals with the recurring pattern of Atisemitism and hatred of Israel in the United Nations within a historical context. The author objectively and scientifically demonstrates how the UN has been infiltrated over decades by subversive reactionary elements and systematically transformed into a melting pot and meeting point for revisionism of facts, a means for the dissemination and justification of Antisemitism as well as a propaganda tool for Israel-hatred. The scandalous international double-standards of the UN – particularly the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) – along with various NGOs and their disgraceful trajectory, that manifest in forms of multiple Antisemitic UN resolutions– are outlined and accurately analyzed in a timeline by mentioning concrete documents and well-

founded academic monographs. To this end, it is argued objectively how bias and partisanship have become the prerequisites for a rapid career for antisemites in these institutions, aiming to target Israel with every conceivable perfidious method and excuse.

This course of action against Israel by the United Nations and deliberately putting Israel on the pillory confirms the same diagnosis, namely that "there is institutional discrimination and demonization of Israel at the United Nations, which is far more than just the sum of Anti-Israel resolutions by a quasi-automatic Anti-Israel majority among the member states." This book demonstrates how the UN has deliberately gone off the rails in this blatant manner and why "the UN is primarily claimed to demonize and delegitimize the Jewish state, politically isolate it and criminalize its right to self-defence" (pp. 227–259).

With the collection of evidences and data, the book also addresses the role of states and regimes (the Islamic regime of Iran as the main player and largest global Antisemitic-antizionist actor), who define annihilation of Israel and the eradication of Zionism from the face of the earth as an essential state-doctrine and religious-political mission. Such Regimes can mainly propagate and practice such vicious ideas continuously due to prevalent international appeasement-policies. The historical constellations and revival of Islamic Antisemitism before and during National Socialism are a substantial contribution to an expansion of knowledge by this book, since they illustrate the reactivation of Islamic Antisemitism in the Middle East and its impact on Islamic & Arab societies and Middle East culture after combining with European Antizionism and religious Antisemitism.(Chapter 2, pp. 105–127 & Chapter 4, pp. 307–345 & pp. 413–483).

This interdisciplinary book is a colossal scientific book and is dedicated to the research and illustration of definition, epistemological, empirical and methodological foundations and challenges on the subject of Antisemitism, antisemitic Antizionism, society and social critique and is an exquisite, holistic and scientific-based manuscript that must be introduced and taught as specialist literature in universities and scientific institutions. It was written by distinguished experts who have long experience and professional knowledge in the field of composed themes. The interdisciplinary analyses from the perspective of critical theory-oriented-antisemitism-critique lay a more extensive and profound source for a comprehensive rational insight and in parallel offer proposals, drafts and recommendations for an adequate way of dealing with the antisemitism-pandemic. It presents pragmatic approaches to the intervention and prevention of real risks and dangers that threaten to set back the values of progressive liberalism and the Enlightenment by centuries more than ever before. The analyses and guidelines listed here are indispensable and essential for various scientific disciplines, in particular for journalists, political, social and cultural actors. Originally written in the German language and expected to be continued with another volume, this book deserves far more attention on international scientific, political and diplomatic platforms and needs to be urgently translated into other languages – especially English.

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