

April 20, 2026 at UC Irvine

All events in Humanities Instructional Building 135

UC Irvine Humanities Center UC Irvine Center for Jewish Studies

10:00AM SEMINAR

A WORK IN PROGRESS  
by Prof. J. Kameron Carter from UC Irvine  
Materials circulated in advance

10:45AM BREAK

11:00AM PANEL ONE

LITERARY

Moderated by Prof. Julia Reinhard Lupton

Na'amit Sturm Nagel UC Irvine  
'Just Look Jewish':  
Esther Kahn and the  
Escape from Jewish  
Particularity  
Ezra Lebovitz Pennsylvania  
Under Review: Criticism  
of Anglophone Literature  
In Zikh  
Michael Berlin Washington and Lee  
Last Jews: Paul Celan,  
Muriel Rukeyser, and the  
limits of Exemplarity  
Ben Seigle Illinois Chicago  
Middlemarch's Jewish  
Question and Empire  
in the Long Twentieth  
Century

12:30PM LUNCH (PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS)

1:30PM PANEL 2

POLITICAL

Moderated by Prof. Liron Mor

Jonah Henkle UC Irvine  
What Would Lenin Say?  
Revisiting the Second  
International on the  
National Question  
Colin Drumm Mimbres  
Hegel's Myth, Marx's Jew  
Daniela Tolchinsky Hebrew University  
On 1967 and the Zionism  
of American Judaism  
Rachel Florman Harvard Divinity School  
To 'Be' A Jew: Butler  
on Relationality and  
Diaspora Identity

2:50PM BREAK

3:00PM PANEL THREE

PHILOSOPHICAL-THEOLOGICAL  
Moderated by Prof. Margaux Fitoussi

Avital Schkolnick Duke  
Precarious Empathy in  
Black and Jewish Thought  
at Times of Gaza's  
Destruction  
Lucas Scott Wright Texas A&M  
Against History:  
Infrapolitics contra  
Metapolitics with  
Rosenzweig  
Olivia Gilbert Yale  
On the Use and Abuse  
of Names: Identity and  
Historical Difference in  
19th-century Onomastics  
and Wissenschaft des  
Judentums"  
Jeff Aqua UCLA  
After the Cut:  
Circumcision, Violence,  
and Prosthetic Origin

4:30PM BREAK

5:00PM KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

JUDAISM AND MINORITY  
POLITICS: HOMEOPATHY OR  
APOTROPAEON?  
by Prof. Sarah Hammerschlag from UChicago

6:30PM DINNER

# Revisiting the Jewish Question

UC Irvine Comparative Literature UC Irvine Critical Theory

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