



Research Grant

Antisemitism after October 7th and the War in Gaza

Following the attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7th, and the subsequent war in Gaza, Jewish organizations and the press are reporting a significant increase in the scope and volume of antisemitic incidents against Jewish individuals and communities worldwide. Others argue that the rise in antisemitic incidents shows continuities with responses in past conflicts between Israel and the Palestinians, and that some accusations of antisemitism have the effect - whether intentionally or not - of stifling criticisms of Israel's war on Gaza. The reports on increased antisemitic incidents, coupled with allegations of the instrumentalization of antisemitism to silence criticism towards Israel, seems to highlight the conceptual ambiguity surrounding the phenomenon itself.

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and The Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism at Tel Aviv University will provide a platform for scholars from various disciplines to analyze current events within broader historical, sociological, cultural, and political contexts. We will award scholars a \$3,000 research grant to support their ongoing research on antisemitism in the aftermath of October 7th. We are interested in research that revisits the history, politics, and meanings of antisemitism, within the context of Israel/Palestine and beyond. Our emphasis is on whether current events challenge existing understanding of antisemitism, and whether long-held beliefs, conceptualizations, and methodologies require re-examination. Additionally, we welcome research exploring different approaches to confronting antisemitism, policies to address it, and its possible instrumentalization since October 7th and the war in Gaza.

We invite PhD candidates, postdoctoral fellows, and early career scholars to submit a CV and research proposal of up to two pages to researchantisemitism@vanleer.org.il, by **January 15, 2025**.

Accepted applicants will be expected to participate and present their research at an international conference on the same topic, to be held in Jerusalem in the summer of 2025.