public lecture

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Kyiv, Voloska Street 8/5, Building 5, basement

All guests are requested to be seated by 6:00 pm

REVOLUTIONARY AND EVOLUTIONARY TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY JEWISH HISTORY

Contemporary Jewish history has been rich in both revolutionary events and more gradual but no less significant evolutionary processes. This talk will look from this perspective at several points in Jewish history, including the growth of Hasidism and the sharp opposition it provoked, secularization and assimilation, the emergence of Orthodoxy and non-Orthodox movements in Europe and North America, Zionism as well as the crystallization of a Jewish nationality in the Soviet Union and the State of Israel. An important and often neglected aspect of this history is the fate of Jews in the lands of Islam in the context of imperial expansion and colonialism.

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