

The Bucerius Institute for Research of
Contemporary German History and Society

Research Seminar

*Radical Assimilation: Constantin Brunner,
Walther Rathenau, and the German-Jewish answer to
Antisemitism.*

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Constantin Brunner's understanding of Judaism is characterized by negativity, primarily by the criticism of antisemitism on the one hand and Zionism on the other. He counters both with the very strong demand for emancipation and assimilation. Brunner requires this with the most radical consequence, as far as hardly any Jewish intellectuals of his time - with the exception perhaps of his friend Walter Rathenau. The lecture analyzes Brunner's radical postulate of assimilation in his theological, political and philosophical reasoning in the context of the controversial contemporary discourse on assimilation.

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