

The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society
1st Manfred Lahnstein Lecture

" Exceptional Jews': Jewish interactions with Germany's New Right"

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The lecture will be followed by a response by

Prof. Moshe Zimmermann (Hebrew University)

There have been few but prominent Jews that supported the venture of a New Right emerging in the 1960s Federal Republic of Germany. New Right activists usually avoided explicit anti-Jewish attacks, but were harshly opposing Germany's attempts to cope with the Nazi Past. Jewish voices were to a lesser extent a propaganda instrument underlining New Right's distance to traditional, 'Hitlerist' right-wing positions. Right-wing Jews followed their own agenda. They were inspired by ideas of conservatism merged each with concepts of Jewish identity. But were they truly welcomed, mainly functionalized or covertly despised by



New Right intellectuals? The lecture will investigate the relationship between right-wing Jewish individuals and the New Right and shed light on the conflicts that arose between Jewish and non-Jewish members of this joint network. What attracted far-right Jews to contribute to a still extremist network of antiliberal and nationalistic thinkers?

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