

A portrait of Prof. Dina Porat, a woman with short dark hair, smiling and resting her chin on her hand. She is wearing a dark patterned top and a black watch. The background is a blurred bookshelf.

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The Holocaust in political life: Israel and Europe in comparison

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Tue 28 January

The Impact of the Holocaust
on Israel's Foreign Policy

Weds 29 January

The Working Definition of
Antisemitism – Holocaust
related Contents and Debates

Daily Times and Venue:
**6.00pm in A101 Samuel
Alexander Building**

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Tuesday 28 January Lecture 1

The Impact of the Holocaust on Israel's Foreign Policy

This lecture will present the impact of the Holocaust on Israel's prime ministers, from David Ben-Gurion to Benjamin Netanyahu, and a few other decision makers, and the ways it shaped, and is still shaping, their policies. It will start with Meir Dagan, the legendary head of the Mossad, who never authorized an operation before taking a long look at the photo of his grandfather, kneeling before being shot by laughing German soldiers, and will carry on to Netanyahu's photo of an Iranian atomic bomb, which he showed in a UN general assembly. The research question to be addressed is: has the Holocaust and its memory been used as a tool to advance Israeli interests, or did the Holocaust, and its consequences in every area of life, create a deep seated layer of anxiety that is common to all, or at least most, Israeli society and leaders?

Wednesday 29 January Lecture 2

The Working Definition of Antisemitism

The WDA, first adopted in 2005, and since then by many a country and organization, has become a both a kind of a yardstick that demonstrates readiness to struggle against an old hostility and prejudice, and a bone of contention regarding freedom of speech and possible comparisons of today's situations to the Holocaust. The text of the WDA will be read and analysed with the students and audience.

Wednesday 29 January, 2-4pm, Masterclass

Holocaust in Politics

A115 Samuel Alexander Building