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**The Conference will be broadcasted
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This invitation, along with an identification card, grants entrance to the Mount Scopus campus on the days of the conference.

For permission to enter the parking lot please contact the Center by 16 February 2003.

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The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism is an interdisciplinary research center founded in 1982. The Center is dedicated to an independent, non-political approach to the accumulation and dissemination of knowledge necessary for understanding the phenomenon of antisemitism. The Center supports research on antisemitism throughout the ages, focusing on relations between Jews and non-Jews, particularly in situations of tension and crisis.

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Prof. Robert Wistrich

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Tuesday, 18 February 2003

19:00 Reception

Opening Session

At the Litwinski Senate Building

Chair:

Dalia Ofer

Hebrew University

Greetings:

Menachem Magidor

President of the Hebrew University

Opening Remarks:

Yitzhak Navon

Former President of Israel

Keynote address:

Global Antisemitism and Totalitarian Ideologies

Robert Wistrich

Director of the Vidal Sassoon

International Center

for the Study of Antisemitism

Wednesday, 19 February 2003

Historical Perspectives

At the Maiersdorf Faculty Club

9:00-11:15

Session
1

Greetings:

Gabriel Motzkin (Hebrew University)
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Old and New Anti-Jewish Stereotypes in Western Europe and the United States

Chair:

Robert Wistrich (Sassoon Center)

Breaking the Taboo:
Antisemitism and the German Media
Gilad Margalit (Haifa University)

Antisemitic Motifs in the
Swedish Debate on Israel
Henrik Bachner (Lund University)

Bi-focal Vision: Israel and the Intifada
in the British Secular and Religious Press
Margaret Brearley (Archbishops' Council and London
Jewish Cultural Centre)

Anti-Jewish Waves in France
and the Jewish Response
Simcha Epstein (Sassoon Center)

A View from the United States
Gulie Ne'eman Arad (Ben-Gurion University)

11:15-11:30  **Coffee Break**

**11:30-12:30 Old and New Anti-Jewish
Stereotypes in Eastern Europe**

Chair:

Jonathan Frankel (Hebrew University)

Dealing with Prejudice and
Antisemitism in the Romanian Press

Leon Volovici (Sassoon Center)

Roma and Jews in the Polish Press:
Selective Stereotypes

Konstanty Gebert (*Midrasz* monthly)

Discussant:

Yitzhak Brudny (Hebrew University)

12:30-13:30  Lunch Break

**13:30-15:00 Judeophobia in France:
Then and Now**

Chair and Respondent:

Noah Klieger (*Yedioth Ahronot*)

Session
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The Secularization of Christian Antisemitism
since the Nineteenth Century

Father Patrick Desbois

(Comité épiscopal des évêques de France
pour les relations avec le Judaïsme)

Two Years of French Media:
The Highbrow Construction of Prejudice

Daniel Dayan

(CNRS)

Israel in the French Media: A Personal View

Jacques Tarnero

(CNRS)

15:00-15:15  Coffee Break

15:15-17:15

Session
3

Antisemitism and Prejudice in Multimedia Today

Chair:

Menachem Blondheim (Hebrew University)

Ethnic and Other Stereotyping
in American Entertainment Television

David Marc (Syracuse University)

Websites of Hate: Overview and Update

Sara Grosvald (Sassoon Center)

The Internet: A New Tool to Transmit Hatreds

Mike Dahan

We Have Ways of Making You Believe:
The Eichmann Trial

Hillel Tryster (Hebrew University)

Projections of the Holocaust:
A Filmmaker's Perspective

Alan Rosenthal (Hebrew University)

Evening Session at the JERUSALEM CINÉMATHÈQUE

18:30 **Opening remarks:** Robert Wistrich
Jacques Tarnero

Premiere Screening in Israel ***Decryptage***

(French, English subtitles)

Directors: *Jacques Tarnero* & *Philippe Bensoussan*

20:30 **Panel Discussion:**
**The New Antisemitism in the Media:
European and Israeli Perspectives**

Chair: Gideon Shimoni (Hebrew University)

Melanie Phillips (*Daily Mail*)

Fiamma Nirenstein (*La Stampa* and *Panorama*)

Eliahu Salpeter (*Ha'aretz*)

David Witzthum (Israel Television, Channel 1)

Yitzhak Noi (*Kol Israel* Radio)

Thursday, 20 February 2003

Media Representations in the Middle East

At the Maiersdorf Faculty Club

9:00-11:15

Session
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Images of the Arab-Israeli Conflict Chair and Respondent:

Bernard Lewis (Princeton University)

What is Arab Antisemitism?

Menahem Milson (Hebrew University and MEMRI)

Arab Intellectuals Reconsider Antisemitism:
Three Recent Public Cases

Yigal Carmon (MEMRI)

Reflections of the “Other” during
the Second Intifada

Mohammad Dajani (Al-Quds University)

Gadi Wolfsfeld (Hebrew University)

Distant Suffering: The Coverage of Local Conflicts
by Global Media

Tamar Liebes (Hebrew University)

11:15-11:45  **Coffee Break**

11:45-13:30

Session
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Terrorism and Antisemitism in the Global Media

Chair:

Amnon Cohen (Hebrew University)

How David Became Goliath:
Demonization of Israel in the West

Judith N. Elizur (Hebrew University)

Radical Islam and the Modern Media

Steven Emerson

(The Investigative Project, Washington, D.C.)

An Islamic Combination:
Anti-Westernism and Anti-Judaism

Reuven Paz (The Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya)

American Media Coverage of Global and
Palestinian Terror

Eytan Gilboa (Bar Ilan University)

Discussant:

Yaron Ezrahi (Hebrew University)

13:30-15:00



Lunch Break

15:00-16:00

Session
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Between Palestinians and Israelis: The Church and the Media

Chair and Respondent:

Doron Mendels (Hebrew University)

Jews as the New Anti-Christ:
The Church of the Nativity Affair

Dina Porat (Tel Aviv University)

Anti-Zionism in the “Electronic Church”
of Palestinian Christianity

Gershon Nerel (Yad Hashmonah, Jerusalem)

16:00-17:45

Session

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Old / New Anti-Jewish Stereotypes in the Arab World

Chair and Respondent:

Yohanan Friedmann

Current Palestinian Perceptions of Jews

Danny Rubenstein (*Ha'aretz*)

“Rider without a Horse” on Egyptian TV:

The Protocols as Vox Populi

Rivka Yadlin (Hebrew University)

Arab Perceptions of the Holocaust

Meir Litvak (Tel Aviv University)

Mutual Images: Israeli and Palestinian
History Textbooks

Elie Podeh (Hebrew University)

Delegitimizing the Jewish State:
Historical Origins and Political Consequences

Dan Schueftan (Haifa University)

Friday, 21 February 2003

Confronting Antisemitism and Prejudice in the Media: New Strategies

At the Maiersdorf Faculty Club

9:30-11:00 **Confronting Antisemitism and
Prejudice in the Media:
New Strategies**

Session
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Chair:

Robert Wistrich
(Director of the Sassoon Center)

Mass Media and Jews in America

Kenneth Jacobson

(Associate National Director, Anti-Defamation League)

Human Rights and New Anti-Jewishness

Irwin Cotler

(Member of Canadian Parliament, McGill University)

11:00-11:15  **Coffee Break**

11:15-12:30

Antisemitism: Past and Future

Yehuda Bauer

(Hebrew University and Yad Vashem)