



Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre

Religion and Jewish Identity in Contemporary Russia

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Dahrendorf Room

Convenor: Mitsuharu Akao (St Antony's College, Oxford)

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13:00-14:40 Session 1: ***From Survival to Reconstruction: Reviewing Chabad's Involvement in Russian Jewish Affairs***

Chair: Peter Oppenheimer (Christ Church College, Oxford)

- "Russia as the Land of the 'Exile of Exiles': The Survival of Russian Jewry in the Geotheological Imagination of Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidism"
Mitsuharu Akao (St Antony's College, Oxford)
- "The Relationship between the Chabad Movement and the Russian Jewish Congress, 1996-2012"
Semyon Charny (Moscow Bureau of for Human Rights)

14:40-15:00 Tea Break

15:00-16:40 Session 2: ***Dialectical Interaction between Religion and Jewish Identity in Contemporary Russia***

Chair: Elena Katz (School of Geography and the Environment, Oxford)

- "From Ethnicity to Religiosity? Multiple Religion of Jewish Youth in Contemporary Russia"
Elena Nosenko-Stein (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
- "Is Jewishness without Judaism Viable? The Case of the Former Soviet Union"
Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan)

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