Special Issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* on Holocaust Inversion

CALL FOR PAPERS

Guest Editor: Shai Davidai, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP)

The *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* invites submissions for a special issue devoted to the study of Holocaust inversion—the use of Holocaust language, imagery, and analogies to reverse the historical and moral roles of the Holocaust's victims and perpetrators by portraying Jews, Zionists, or the State of Israel as analogous to Nazis, Nazism, or Nazi Germany.

The growing prominence of Holocaust inversion in contemporary discourse has made understanding the phenomenon increasingly urgent. From claims that "Zionism is Nazism" and depictions of Gaza as a concentration camp to comparisons of the October 7 Massacre to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the appropriation of Holocaust imagery and terminology, Holocaust inversion has become increasingly visible in political movements, public protests, and online discourse.

Yet, despite its prevalence, Holocaust inversion remains insufficiently understood as a distinct subject of scholarly inquiry. Why do people engage in Holocaust inversion? What social, psychological, political, and ideological functions does it serve? What are its historical and ideological origins, and how has it evolved over time? What explains its spread and prominence in contemporary antisemitic discourse? And how does Holocaust inversion shape attitudes toward Jews and Israel and impacts collective memory of the Holocaust?

This special issue seeks to bring together scholars from diverse disciplines to develop a systematic understanding of Holocaust inversion, its origins, mechanisms, manifestations, correlates, and consequences. We welcome theoretical, empirical, historical, and interdisciplinary contributions from fields including psychology, sociology, political science, history, communication and media studies, law, education, philosophy, and related disciplines.

We are particularly interested in scholarship that explains the causes, correlates, and consequences of Holocaust inversion. Contributions that develop testable theoretical frameworks, introduce new empirical evidence, integrate previously disconnected bodies of research, or identify promising directions for future research are especially encouraged.

Special Issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* on Holocaust Inversion

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Conceptualizing Holocaust inversion**, including its definition, boundaries, and relationship to Holocaust denial, distortion, trivialization, and universalization.
- **The history of Holocaust inversion**, including its origins, evolution, and manifestations across different political movements and ideological traditions.
- **The role of Holocaust inversion in contemporary antisemitism.**
- **The causes, correlates, and consequences of Holocaust inversion.**
- **The role of Holocaust inversion in antizionist discourse.**
- **The relationship between Holocaust inversion and genocide inversion.**
- **The normalization of Holocaust inversion in traditional and social media.**
- **The relationship between Holocaust education and Holocaust inversion.**
- **Manifestations of Holocaust inversion across the political spectrum.**
- **Cross-national and cross-cultural variation in Holocaust inversion.**
- **The prevalence of Holocaust inversion in the Muslim world.**
- **The impact of Holocaust inversion on Jewish and Israeli individuals/communities.**

Submission Guidelines

Submission deadline: March 30, 2027.

- Prospective contributors are encouraged to contact the guest editor before submission to discuss potential topics and manuscript ideas. Early inquiries are welcome, particularly from scholars interested in developing new research directions or exploring how their work might contribute to the special issue.
- Submissions must be original work that has not been previously published and is not currently under consideration elsewhere.
- Manuscripts should not exceed 10,000 words, including notes. Longer submissions may be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to prior consultation with the guest editor.
- All submissions will undergo anonymous peer review. Authors must ensure that their manuscripts are anonymized and contain no identifying information.
- Manuscripts must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word attachments to **jca@academicstudiespress.com**.

For questions about the submission process or to discuss a potential contribution, please contact the guest editor, Shai Davidai, at shaidavidai2023@gmail.com.