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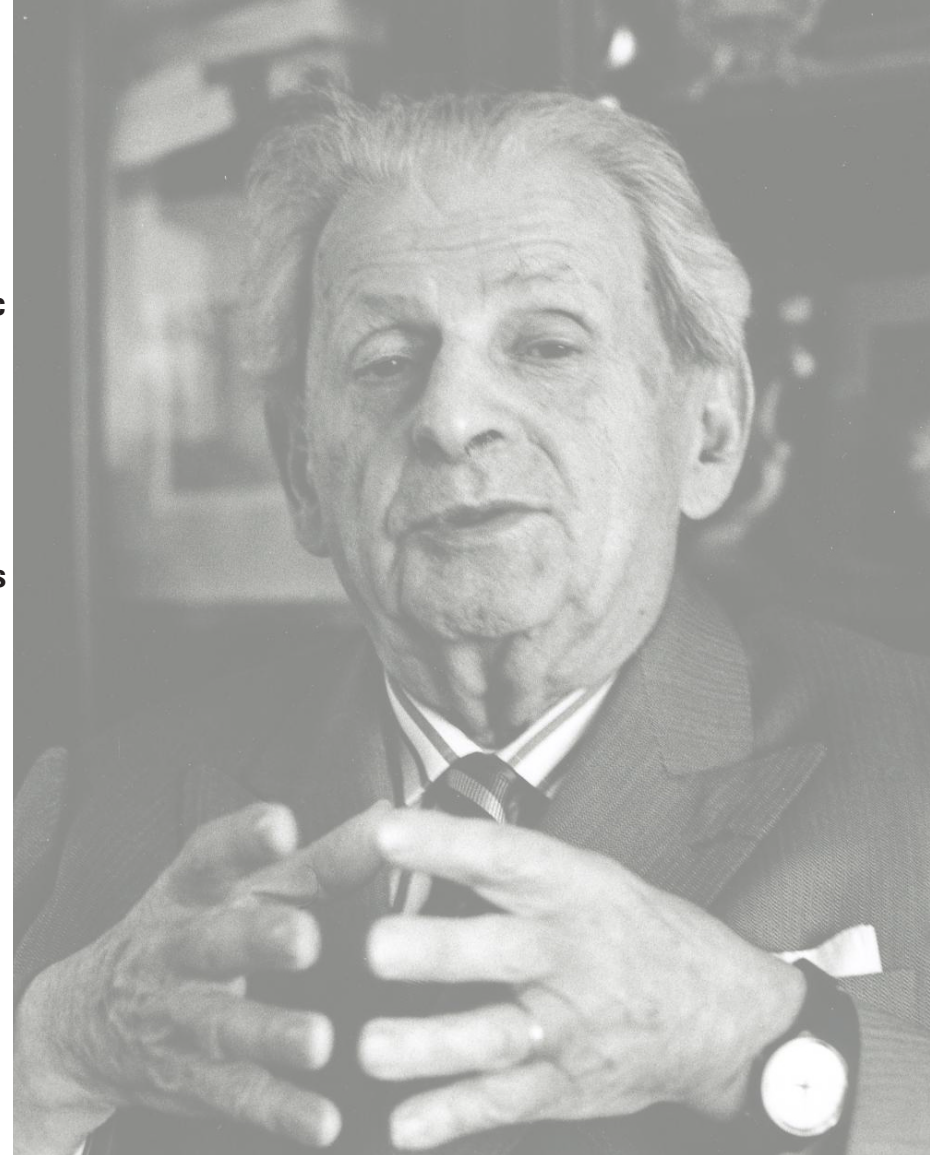
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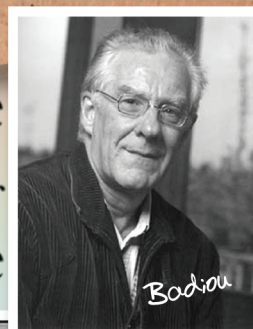
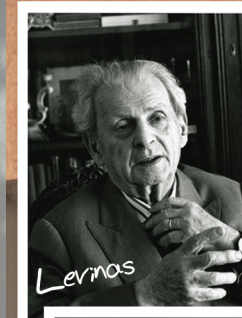
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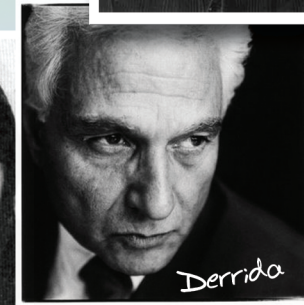
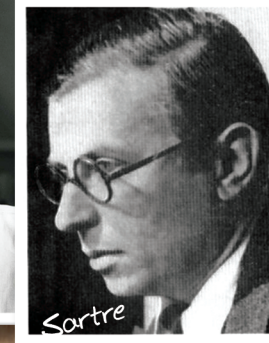
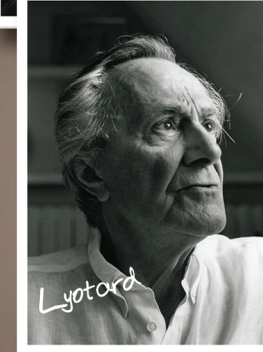
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THE "JEWISH QUESTION" IN FRENCH PHILOSOPHY AFTER THE HOLOCAUST



Sartre
Réflexions sur
la question juive



December 7, 2008 • 314 Royce Hall

A Symposium sponsored by the

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This symposium will explore the image and role of the Jew in French philosophy after the Second World War. The lengthy, difficult, and off-delayed response of France in coming to terms with the War has served as a broad intellectual backdrop against which the Jew surfaces as a key allegorical or symbolic figure. The Symposium will bring together a distinguished group of scholars—philosopher, literary scholars, and historians—to analyze this tendency in post-War French thought. What function does it serve? Does it reflect a disturbing anti-Jewish sensibility that lingers in French intellectual life? Or a desire to work through, even expurgate, that very sensibility? What role does the State of Israel play in this tradition?

10 AM • Opening Remarks:

David N. Myers (UCLA)
Claudia Moatti (USC)
The Honorable David Martinon
(Consul General of France)

10:30 AM • Session I

*Jews, Philosophy and the Jewish Question:
Sartre, Levinas and Derrida*

Chair: David N. Myers (UCLA)

Speaker:

Jonathan Judaken (Memphis)
*Sartre's Existential Analysis of
Modern Antisemitism*

Respondent:

Annette Aronowicz
(Franklin & Marshall College)

Speaker:

Ethan Kleinberg (Wesleyan)
*Not Yet Marrano: Levinas, Derrida
and the Ontology of being Jewish*

Respondent:

Eleanor Kaufman (UCLA)

12:30 PM • Lunch Break

1:30 PM • Session II

Naming "the jew": Lyotard

Chair: Eric Sundquist (UCLA)

Speakers:

Sarah Hammerschlag (Williams)
*Will the real "jews" please stand up?
Levinas's Role in
Lyotard's Representation of Judaism*
Robin Podolsky (Independent Scholar)
*The Hyphen That Binds:
Lyotard and "Judeo-Christian" Redux*

Respondents:

Lia Brozgal (UCLA)

3:30 PM • Session III

Israel and the Jewish Question: Badiou

Chair: John McCumber (UCLA)

Speakers:

Joseph Litvak (Tufts)
Badiou's Jewishness
Jonathan Gil Harris
(George Washington University)
Badiou's Vanishing Jewish Letter

Respondents:

Claudia Moatti (USC)
Kenneth Reinhard (UCLA)

Jean-Paul Sartre • Emmanuel Levinas • Jacques Derrida • Jean-Francois Lyotard • Alain Badiou