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Abstract

The book examines historically the formation and evolution of the perception/concept of modern anti-Semitism. It examines correspondent political practices at an institutional and social level, from the middle of the 19th century and during the 20th century in Europe and in Greece, as well as the political and social consequences of the phenomenon. The first chapter studies the phenomenon of religious anti-Semitism. It spans the years from the 3rd century CE and until the 15th century CE. It follows the process of marginalization of the religiously "different" Jew, the prevalence of the Christianity, the formation of the institution of the Church, as well as the reactions of the Jewish communities. From the second chapter up to the eleventh, the phenomenon is examined in modernity: Its transformation from religious to modern - political anti-Semitism with the racial dimension, in France with the Dreyfus case and in Germany with the movement of Wilhelm Marr. Moreover, the rise of anti-Semitism in Russia and the October Revolution. The

connection between anti-Semitism and anti-Bolshevism, anti-Semitism in Greece during the Interwar period, the Greek National League (Ethniki Enosis Ellados, or EEE) and the arson of the Campbell neighborhood (Jewish) in Thessaloniki. The Zionist movement, the formation of the Jewish national idea, in Europe and the Zionist movement of the Jews in Greece with the special case of Thessaloniki. In addition, Germany in the interwar period and the social and political causes of the rise of anti-Semitism there that led to the Nazis' "redemptive" anti-Semitism and genocide. In the last chapter, the phenomenon is examined in post war years and until today, in Europe, in Greece and in the Muslim world. The history of anti-Semitism contributes to understand both the past and the present and to gradually rid ourselves of the prejudices, certainties and illusions of nationalism. It helps us to decode the mechanisms of legitimization and massification of racist practices and perceptions in general, especially in our era of multiple crises.

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