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Title: “**Antisemitism in Turkey: A New Phenomena or More of the Same?**”

Panel: Islam and Anti-Semitism

The 1992 celebrations of the quincentennial arrival of the Sephardis to the Ottoman lands, or what we call today the Republic of Turkey, emphasized very strongly one thing: that Turkey was a country free of antisemitism, a country which could be shown as an example of tolerance towards its Jewish population. Ten years later, in November 2002, the Islamist Justice and Development Party won the general elections and the charismatic, strong fisted and authoritarian leader Erdogan's era started. Since then the international media started circulating news of wide spread antisemitism in Turkey, a development which for many appeared to be a new phenomena.

This paper will make a short summary of antisemitism in Turkey since the establishment of the Turkish Republic in 1923 and will analyse whether antisemitism under the Erdogan regime has dramatically increased or whether it is a déjà vu phenomena.