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Title: **“The Interpretation of Second Temple Judaism as “Spätjudentum” in Christian Biblical Scholarship”**

Panel: Judaism, Jewish Studies and Anti-Semitism

The notion of “Spätjudentum” (i.e. “late Judaism”) as a term for Second Temple Judaism (or parts thereof) was pertinent in Christian biblical scholarship from about 1870 to 1970. This paper will reconstruct the rise and the fall of that concept and strives to identify the forces and factors that hindered and still now hinder a historically accurate perception of Second Temple Judaism.