

Presenter: Adv. Brooke Goldstein, The Lawfare Project New York

Title: **“Lawfare: The Use of Law to Promote Terror and Silence Free Speech”**

Panel: Jurisprudence

Brooke Goldstein will discuss the phenomenon of lawfare: the use of the law as a weapon of war to undermine Western democracy and national security. Specifically, she will give examples of how Western legal systems are being manipulated to further the goals of Islamist terrorism. Ms. Goldstein will discuss theories of free speech, and why safeguarding our rights to speak openly and freely about issues of national security is paramount. Ms. Goldstein will also discuss ways in which we can use the legal system to affect positive change.

Goldstein will discuss her recommendations on how to combat antisemitism. She will provide an overview on promoting Zionism as the civil rights movement of the Jewish people, with an emphasis on how anti-semitism is often disguised as "anti-Zionism" and how to combat that false narrative as bigoted.

Goldstein will discuss how we must strive for the just application of international and national civil and human rights law to defeat bigoted hatred targeting Jews, the need for a pro-Israel legal fund, and the utility of the legal and legislative systems to hold perpetrators of unlawful hate and discrimination accountable.