

Presenter: Gideon Falter, Campaign Against Antisemitism

Title: **“Using Litigation To Raise The Criminal, Professional And Reputational Cost Of Expressing Antisemitism In Britain”**

Panel: Jurisprudence

How can Jewish communities use the law to put antisemites on the defensive? That is the question that faced a Jewish charity in Britain, leading to an innovative, inexpensive and effective campaign of private litigation.

Antisemitism has adapted in the 21st Century, mutating both to strengthen its ideology and to evade society's immune response to deleterious doctrines: reason and opprobrium. Antisemitism has once again become simultaneously highly noxious and accepted, a phenomenon made possible by the diminishing social cost of antisemitism and lackadaisical enforcement of laws and rules against antisemitism by governments and regulators.

In Britain, Campaign Against Antisemitism has mobilised some of the country's most respected legal minds to bring private legal action both against law enforcement authorities and individual antisemites. The effect is that the state is beginning to enforce the law against antisemitism more rigorously, and antisemites are fearful of the ruinous criminal, professional and reputational consequences of their actions.

Gideon Falter, Chairman of Campaign Against Antisemitism, will discuss how it has been possible, at a negligible cost, to force slow, unaccountable law enforcement authorities and regulators into action against their will using *pro bono* lawyers and grassroots infrastructure, and how prominent antisemites can be driven from public discourse through judicial review of decisions not to prosecute, private prosecutions, regulatory complaints and action for defamation.