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Title: **"England's Religions and the Study of Anti-Semitism"**

Panel: Medieval History

England's religious history is characterised by the intersection of traditions. It was affected by momentous royal interventions: the introduction of Jews after 1066, heated campaigns against heresy especially after 1405, and the break with Rome in the 1530s. This lecture will explore the effects of such changes upon the narratives of anti-Judaism, and especially that born in England in the mid-twelfth century: the child murder accusation. The uses of, and responses to the story across this history will show the end of some and birth of new attitudes to Jews, both in their presence and in their absence from England – in relation to, and apart from – developments on the continent. Hence this lecture will aim to test beginnings and ends in the course of anti-Judaism.