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Title: **“Selling Anti-Semitism: Images of Jews in German Retail and Commercial Culture in the 19th and 20th Centuries”**

Panel: Modern History

This paper focuses on several moments in the long history of economic anti-Semitism in Europe. Specifically it looks at responses to the department store in late nineteenth and early twentieth-century Germany, showing how this retail innovation was associated with Jews and combatted with vicious anti-Semitic images and stereotypes. The paper then turns to Nazi attacks on department stores and National Socialist views of the Jew as an economic parasite. It concludes with speculation about representations of Jews in the economy today, in Europe and beyond.