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Title: **“The Ethical Implications And Political Costs Of Misinterpreting And Abusing The Notion ‘Antisemitism’”**

Panel: Philosophy and Ethics

Which are the relations between current real life antisemitism and the ongoing discourse on antisemitism? No doubt there is real antisemitism in the world, even several distinct kinds of real antisemitisms. There is also a loud ongoing discourse on antisemitism. Often this discourse is inflamed, pierced by both hypersensitivity and neglect, accusations and counteraccusations, political exploitation and rejection. This paper focus on how accusations of antisemitism are nowadays sometimes by certain political interests used, or rather abused, as a vehicle for promoting certain political goals. By way of conclusion the ethical implications and political costs for the Jewish people of these kinds of political exploitation of the fear that is associated with real life antisemitism is discussed.