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Title: **“The Phantasm of the Jew in French Philosophy: From Jean-Paul Sartre to Alain Badiou”**

Panel: Sociology and Social Sciences

“Between Sartre and the Jew in person, the Jew as idea, the phantasm of the Jew intervened.” With this diagnosis, Benny Lévy, in his essay “Sartre et Judéité” from 1986, points to a distinction that underlies some of the most intense philosophical debates concerning Jews and Judaism in the decades since Sartre’s *Réflexions sur la question juive* until today. My talk will reconstruct the development of the form, function and fate of this “phantasm” from Sartre’s contentious designation of the Jew as nothing but a construction of the anti-Semite to its openly antagonistic inflection in Alain Badiou’s call for the disappearance of the “SIT-Jew,” the Jew who derives his identity “from the triad Israel, Shoah and Tradition.”