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**"ANTISEMITISM" CONFERENCE**

## ***Fascists for Israel***

Zionist government invites prominent representatives of the global right to conference in Jerusalem



The "fight against antisemitism" could hardly be more shabbily instrumentalized: Next week, the Israeli government is hosting the "International Conference on Combating Antisemitism" in Jerusalem, and the guest list reads like a who's who of the global far right. In addition to Benjamin Netanyahu, the guests include Jordan Bardella, the leader of the far-right Rassemblement National (RN) from France; Argentina's President Javier Milei; EU representatives from the Spanish Vox party, the Sweden Democrats, and the Hungarian Fidesz party; as well as other international voices from the sometimes far right, from the media, culture, politics, and military. The thematic announcements also suggest that this is not about hatred and violence against Jewish life on the part of the globally networked neo-Nazis, but rather that the left is being targeted: "How Progressivism Fell Captive to Antisemitism," is the title of one panel.

The fact that the fight against Palestinians and geopolitics are also ostensibly at stake is already made clear by the first item on the program, where participants can choose between two "tours": either they embark on "a remarkable journey" to the north of the occupied West Bank to "gain a comprehensive understanding of the region's strategic importance." Or they travel to the Israeli communities around Gaza to, among other things, gain "an insight into the devastation." At the main event the following day, Diaspora Minister Amichai Chikli will give the opening speech. In May 2023, Chikli, whose official title also includes the "fight against anti-Semitism," defended Elon Musk for his anti-Semitic tweets against US billionaire George Soros. This is followed by Benjamin Netanyahu's keynote speech, and in several speeches and panels, three other Israeli ministers will also have the opportunity to immunize their cabinets from criticism.

Some German guests will not be attending after all. "Germany's anti-Semitism czar cancels participation in Israel's conference on 'combating anti-Semitism' due to right-wing extremist guests from Europe," ran the headline in the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*, referring to [Felix Klein, the German government's "anti-Semitism commissioner"](#). Klein "knew nothing about the other participants when he accepted the invitation," his office told *Haaretz*. With his recent statements expressing a positive attitude toward US President Trump's plans to completely ethnically cleanse the Gaza Strip, Klein would certainly have been well received at the conference.

The announcement that former CDU federal chairman Armin Laschet would be a speaker was quietly removed from the conference website. [Right-wing lobbyist Volker Beck](#) canceled his participation via X. "If we join forces with right-wing extremist forces, we discredit our common cause," the chairman of the "German-Israeli Society" explained his move. It is questionable whether Beck, who categorically sides with "right-wing extremist forces" in Israel, recognizes the irony in his tweet.

French philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy, who was scheduled to deliver the keynote speech at the conference's opening dinner, is also staying home due to the participation of RN chairman Bardella. Lévy made no secret of the fact that this was about Israel, not anti-Semitism: "I will have many opportunities in the coming weeks and months to show my solidarity with Israel, as I have done since October," he announced to Israeli President Isaac Herzog, according to *Le Monde*. He said he wanted and would show solidarity with the right-wing extremists in the Netanyahu government, but not when other right-wing extremists are present.

Given the host, guests, and topics discussed, the suspicion is obvious: The conference is not about combating anti-Semitism, but about defending a regime accused of apartheid, genocide,

and the most serious war crimes. Anyone speaking at this conference is making themselves a political instrument of this regime. It should go without saying: anti-Semitism cannot be combated by joining forces with reactionary forces, but only with consistent anti-fascism.