



Invitation

Wednesday, 17 February 2010, 6 pm

The Founding Myths of Turkish Antisemitism

Lecture by Rifat Bali

Until recently the Republic of Turkey presented itself as a country where no tradition of antisemitism existed. Turkey intended to depict itself in sharp contrast to other Muslim Middle Eastern countries as a place where Jewish citizens (a miniscule minority) had lived for centuries in peace. Lately, however, there have been reports expressing fears of a growing current of antisemitism in Turkey. Rifat Bali will analyze the historical and current situation in Turkey concerning antisemitism presenting the prevailing ideologies and their historical roots.

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The discussion will be moderated by Prof. Marc Baer (ZMO).