

Navigating a Political Minefield? Researching Muslim-Jewish Encounters

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Researching everyday Muslim and Jewish lives is politically sensitive. In Germany, public comments on Jewish issues and Muslim-Jewish relations are made under the watchful eyes of an audience determined to attack any sign of antisemitism. By contrast, research on Muslim issues and Jewish-Muslim relations in France is politically risky as researchers have been accused of Islamist sympathies.

How do such realities impact on research? How can researchers navigate such a political minefield, and does such sensitivity to the political

nature of the subject come into conflict with doing rigorous academic research?

At this In Dialogue event, Dekel Peretz and Sami Everett, both involved in a current project of this institute on "Muslim-Jewish encounter, diversity & distance in urban Europe" discuss their experiences alongside Nonna Mayer, Professor of Sociology at Sciences Po Paris and renown expert of extreme right and racist movements, and Riem Spielhaus, Professor of Islamic Studies in Göttingen and much-cited expert on Muslim life in Germany.

