

In this talk, I presented my new book *Subalterne Positionierungen: Der deutsche Zionismus im Feld des Nationalismus in Deutschland, 1890-1933*, which investigates the relationship between German Zionism and German nationalism. German Zionism represented only a small part of the world Zionist movement, but was nevertheless one of the organizational and intellectual centers of the movement. It was characterized by a particularly pronounced tension between an affinity to the ideology of German nationalism, including its radical and even völkisch versions, and an inclination towards exceptionally moderate national politics. For many German Zionists, the critique of nationalism was a central element of their political conviction. Paradoxically, however, this critique was often put forward in the name of nationalism. In my book I try to make sense of this paradox by looking at the relationship between German Zionism and German nationalism as a process of positioning. In this process, the Zionists participated in the ideological and political field of German nationalism but assumed a specifically subaltern position in this field from which the adaptation of ideas of German nationalism acquired an equally specific intention. The talk outlined the methodological approach of the book and exemplified its arguments with regard to the German Zionists' confrontation with anti-Semitism during the Weimar Republic.

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