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## LETTER OF INVITATION

We look forward to your participation in this seminar.

Thank you. والسلام

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- **Zionist Ideology,  
Nationalism and  
Settler-colonialism**

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*"An irrepressible conflict has arisen between two national communities within the narrow bounds of one small country. There is no common ground between them. Their national aspirations are incompatible. The Arabs desire to revive the traditions of the Arab golden age. The Jews desire to show what they can achieve when returned to the land in which the Jewish nation was born. Neither of the two national ideals permits a combination in the service of a single State. [...]"*

*Partition seems to offer at least a chance of ultimate peace. We can see none in any other plan."*

*Royal Commission, 1937*

- Introduction
- Zionism, Jewish nationalism
  - → origins & early figures
  - → trends in Zionism
- Zionism as settler-colonialism
  - → settler colonialism a system of domination
  - → application on the ground
- Changing paradigms

# Zionism

- Zionism = Jewish Nationalism
- → emerged late 19th Century in Central and Eastern Europe
- → Reaction to the Haskalah + provide a solution to the Jewish Problem
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# Early figures of Zionism

- Moses Hess (1812-1875)
- → German philosopher, socialist but progressively abandons the class struggle paradigm in favour of nationalism
- → wrote *Rome and Jerusalem* 30 years before Herzl's *Der Judenstaat*
- → inspired by the *Risorgimento* → belief in national awakening of Jews
- → influential, one of the fathers of political Zionism



The race struggle is the primal one, and the class struggle secondary. The last dominating race is the German.

~ Moses Hess

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- Leon Pinsker (1821-1891)
- → medical doctor, Poland, founder of *Hovevei Zion* (1881),
- → Author of *Auto-Emancipation* (1882) → salvation only possible through the establishment of a Jewish Sovereignty in Palestine or else somewhere in North America
- → eventually Palestine (land purchase etc.)
- → influential ; political Zionism ; KKL
- → their grassroots organisation the Council of Odessa - dissolved by the Bolsheviks

Archiv der Theistischen Organisation.

„Autoemancipation!“

Mahnruf an seine Stammesgenossen

einem russischen Juden.

Berlin NW,  
Commissions-Verlag von W. Isenhardt (A. Schatz).  
1882.



- Bernard Lazare (1865-1903)
- → writer, journalist, Jewish atheist, self proclaimed anarchist
- → contacts with socialist sphere but also Zionist precursors such as Hovevei Zion
- → wrote about anti-semitism
- → influenced by the Dreyfus case in France (Theodor Herzl, 1860-1904) and commissioned by the brother of the accused

L'antisémitisme, Son histoire  
et ses causes

Bernard Lazare



# Trends in Zionism

- **Spiritual/Religious Zionism**

- → The main figures for this trend are Leon Pinsker and Ahad Ha'am – one of the people – goal : revive Judaism and establish a spiritual and cultural centre for the development of Judaism and enlighten Jewish communities and other populations all around the world
- → Hibbat Zion/Hovevei Zion
- → inspired Practical Zionism (practical ways to make Zionist goal happen)

- **Territorialist Zionism**

- → establish a State for the Jews – but Palestine is not a focal point, this state could be anywhere Uganda, Argentina or Palestine. Zionist Congress of 1905 rejected the Uganda Plan –
- → The Balfour Declaration made it obsolete and the movement dissolved in 1925
- → Figure : Israel Zangwill

- **Political Zionism**

- → founded by Theodor Herzl (although past attempts and inspirations)
- → *Der Judenstaat, Altneuland*
- → Jewish sovereignty in a territory for the Jews
- → Necessity to gain international support through political activities
- → Investments in Palestine
- Political Zionism would become the major Zionist trend after the Basle Congress
- → Labour Zionism (settling in Palestine main way to achieve Zionist goals, not only international support) Moses Hess, Ber Berochov, Ben Gurion, Golda Meir
- → Revisionist Zionism (Vladimir Jabotinsky, Jewish Legion, Fascism, Maximalism)

# The Basel Programme, 1897

*"Zionism aims at establishing for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine. For the attainment of this purpose, the Congress considers the following means serviceable:*

- 1. The promotion of the settlement of Jewish agriculturists, artisans, and tradesmen in Palestine.*
- 2. The federation of all Jews into local or general groups, according to the laws of the various countries.*
- 3. The strengthening of the Jewish feeling and consciousness.*
- 4. Preparatory steps for the attainment of those governmental grants which are necessary to the achievement of the Zionist purpose"*

# Settler-Colonialism

- “Settler colonialism is an ongoing system of power that perpetuates the genocide and repression of indigenous people and cultures. Essentially hegemonic in scope, settler colonialism normalised the continuous settler occupation, exploiting lands and resources to which indigenous peoples genealogical relationships. Settler colonialism includes interlocking forms of oppression, including racism, white supremacy, heteropatriarchy and capitalism. [...]”
- cf. [oxfordbibliographies.com](https://oxfordbibliographies.com)

For Lorenzo Veracini, “Colonialism and Settler-colonialism are not merely different, they are in some ways antithetical formations”.

- « Settler colonialism is inherently  
eliminatorily but not invariably  
genocidal »

- Settler colonialism usually in Anglophone World with some exception
- U.S
- Australia
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- Algeria
- Palestine etc.

- Features of settler colonialism common to all settler colonies:
  - → Pioneer myth
  - → Settler sovereignty
  - → Logic of elimination (Transfer expected disappearance – demographic decline + segregation)
  - → Distinction between indigenous and settlers (superiority: racial/cultural or civilisational/values etc.) eg: legal codes
  - → dehumanisation of the native → victim becomes perpetrator