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2:00 – 4:00 pm **Zoom Seminar**

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German-Jewish Journalism of the 1930s and early 1940s Reconsidered: Contestation, Transnational Transfers, Global Transit

This presentation offers a new view of the Jewish press during the Nazi period. Almost all previous scholarship of German-Jewish journalism of the 1930s and early 1940s has been limited to dynamics within national boundaries. Yet, the work by German-Jewish journalists – increasingly hamstrung by Nazi harassment and censorship – was increasingly and profoundly shaped by complex cross-border influences and transnational transfers. Mediated and published by journalists, insights from these transfers repeatedly reached the German-Jewish press' initially considerable readership. These processes provided help for many in their struggles against persecution and preparations to emigrate. Still, transnational transfers and their communication in the press also could be fragile, shifting, and open to misreadings that, in turn, compromised prospective refugees' chances at a successful escape.

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