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**32) Feb 07, 2024, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Saale: Ghassan Hage**

The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology where Hage had been working since April 2023, ended his position, pointing at posts Hage shared on social media as the only reason

<https://www.mpg.de/21510445/statement-ghassan-hage>

**31) Feb 2024, HTW University of Applied Sciences Berlin: Vandalisation of Muslim objects in Room of Silence**

Unknown perpetrators vandalised several objects (photos of mosques, blinds and a piece of furniture) in the Room of Silence on Campus Treskowallee

<https://www.htw-berlin.de/hochschule/aktuelles/news/news/raum-der-stille/?tx_news_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=News&tx_news_pi1%5Baction%5D=detail&cHash=a9c465ccb83498538f5bcb091eb920dd>

[Antimuslimisches Motiv „nicht ausgeschlossen“: Unbekannte randalieren in Ruhe- und Gebetsraum an Berliner Hochschule (tagesspiegel.de)](https://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/antimuslimisches-motiv-nicht-ausgeschlossen-unbekannte-randalieren-in-ruhe-und-gebetsraum-an-berliner-hochschule-11178811.html)

**30) Feb 01, 2024, University of Freiburg: Fachschaft Islamwissenschaft**

The University of Freiburg revoked the room for a screening of *Not Just Your Picture – The Story of the Kilani Family* that was organized by the Fachschaft Islamwissenschaft (Islamic Studies). The documentary tells the story of two German-Palestinian siblings whose father was killed by an Israeli airstrike during attacks on Gaza in 2014, and the screening was to be followed by a discussion with Ramsis Kilani, one of the two siblings.

**29) Jan 29, 2023, Folkwang University of the Arts Essen: Laurie Anderson**

US performance artist Laurie Anderson resigned from the Pina Bausch Professorship at Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen after an article of the regional online magazine "Ruhrbarone" stated that Anderson had publicly supported an appeal by Palestinian artists entitled "Letter Against Apartheid" in 2021 and the university questioned her political stance. <https://hyperallergic.com/868602/laurie-anderson-loses-german-professorship-over-pro-palestine-letter/>

**28) Jan 23, 2024, Taqadum al-Khatib, researcher at Princeton University and postdoctoral fellow at the Free University of Berlin**

Al-Khatib was summoned to the Berlin public prosecutor's office for interrogation by Berlin police for a post he had released on X in November 2023 stating that "Surviving a Holocaust doesn't give you the right to enact another."

<https://twitter.com/taqadum/status/1749710187051598150>

**27) Jan 16, 2024, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz: Franziska Fay**

Franziska Fay, Assistant Professor of Political Anthropology at JGU Mainz, was accused of antisemitism after signing the open letter "Childhood Researchers and Students Call for Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza"

<https://x.com/noampetri/status/1741077505522422210?s=46&t=uGkVYBQAEhueQg0Hl3ilbw><https://zeitung.faz.net/faz/rhein-main/2024-01-16/unterschreiben-und-schweigen/982115.html>

**26) Jan 22, 2024, University of Münster: Cine Club**

The University of Münster postponed a screening of the documentary *Roadmap to Apartheid* (2012) after pressure from the Young Forum of the German-Israeli Society Council. They rescheduled the screening to take place on February 5 in the presence of state security of Germany. The students occupied a room in the university to screen the film independently on January 31.

**25) Jan 12, 2024, University Köln: Student of Uni Köln**

A student was banned from the University of Cologne for two days for sharing an Instagram story with the slogan "from the river to the sea." Court overturned the Decision.

**24) Jan 09, 2024, Karlsruhe University of Arts: Adam Broomberg**

Karlsruhe University of Arts bans visiting professor Adam Broomberg from teaching after immense pressure from German government and the right wing press in reaction to Broomberg’s anti-Zionist posts on social media.

**23) Dec 14, 2023, Free University Berlin: Students**  
On the 14th of Dec 2023 at 11.30 AM, a group of Pro-Palestinian students occupied a lecture hall of the Free University Berlin to protest against what they perceived as a one-sided pro-Israeli position of their institution. As the only material consequence of this occupation, two courses had to be moved to other locations. Notwithstanding, the students were asked by the university management to leave the premises by 4pm. Against those who did not comply with the request, the university management organised their eviction with the help of around one hundred police. The university opted to file criminal charges against 30 students on alleged trespassing. These charges could be dropped if the university decides to withdraw them. However, the university is adamant about using police instead of academic forms of conversation around Israel and Palestine.

<https://www.versobooks.com/en-gb/blogs/news/open-letter-on-police-brutality-against-students-and-silencing-of-palestine-solidarity-at-freie-universitat-berlin>

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/presse/informationen/fup/2023/fup_23_300-stellungnahme-aktion-hoersaal/index.html>

**22) Nov 2023, Leibniz Institute for History of Southeast and Eastern Europe at the University of Regensburg: Vincent Bevins**  
The University of Regensburg rescinded its invitation to award-winning journalist & author Vincent Bevins to give the keynote address at an interdisciplinary conference and present his new book, due to pro-Palestine posts on social media.

<https://twitter.com/Vinncent/status/1729519815293858088>   
<https://leibniz-ios.de/veranstaltungen/detail/the-unfinished-decade>

**21) Nov 2023, Potsdam University: Emily Jacir**  
University of Potsdam canceled a talk by Palestinian-American artist Emily Jacir at Museum Hamburger Bahnhof due to her social media activity

<https://today.lorientlejour.com/article/1358301/artists-supporting-palestine-risk-it-all.html>

**20) Nov 2023, Berlin Social Science Center: Prof. Dr. John Keane**

Australian political scientist John Keane reported on X Nov 29th that he will resign from his position at the Berlin Social Science Center after 25 years, being accused in a letter by the president of the Center of supporting Hamas because of one of his tweets.

<https://twitter.com/jkeaneSDN/status/1729740315504812094>

**19) Nov 3, 2023, Arson attack on Institute for Islamic Theology, Berlin**

<https://www.islamiq.de/2023/11/03/brandanschlag-auf-institut-fuer-islamische-theologie/>

**18)Nov 3, 2023 Islamophobic graffiti sprayed at the University of Duisburg-Essen**

<https://www.waz.de/staedte/essen/islamfeindliche-graffiti-an-der-uni-duisburg-essen-gesprueht-id239937724.html>

**17) Nov 02, 2023, University of Kassel: Group of Students**

President of the University of Kassel abruptly ends memorial ceremony held on campus for a student killed in Gaza

[President of the University of Kassel Abruptly Ends Memorial Ceremony Held on Campus for a Student Killed in Gaza \*Deutsche Übersetzung… | Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/p/C0mCC99tFi7/?img_index=1)

[Statement on the memorial service for Yousef Shaban (11/2023) (uni-kassel.de)](https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/en/aktuelles/aus-der-hochschule/stellungnahmen-der-hochschule/stellungnahme-zur-gedenkfeier-fuer-yousef-shaban-11-2023)

**16) Oct 17, 2023, Universität Münster**: **Group Palästina Antikolonial**

The University of Münster cancels a lecture hall reservation for the event 'Travelogue Palestine – Why a left-wing perspective is important'.

**15) Oct 22, 2023, Charité Berlin: Muslim Students of Charité**

Charité management found out about the cooperation between the Muslim Students group and the NGO Islamic Relief on October 22. On October 26, the group was dissolved by the Charité students' superordinate association, and the working group's website has been unavailable ever since.

**14) Oct 26, 2023, Asta der Universität Kassel: Saitun Initiative**

Asta of Uni Kassel cancels the screening of the film *Gaza Fights for Freedom*, organized by the Initiative Saitun.

**BEFORE OCT 7 2023:**

**13) 2023, Uni Erfurt: Open letter on academic freedom and BDS in Germany – Mondoweiss > (Cancellation Brenda Bhandar)**

<https://mondoweiss.net/2023/03/open-letter-on-academic-freedom-and-bds-in-germany/>

**12) 2019, Berlin: Almost-cancellation of the lecture by Susan Slyomovics at the FU, 2019**

<https://www.tagesspiegel.de/wissen/wie-weit-darf-redefreiheit-auf-dem-campus-gehen-6320968.html>

<https://www.salonkolumnisten.com/eine-moralische-katastrophe/>

**11) 2017, FU-Berlin: Study subject Israel hatred - Salon columnists (on the canceled event by Lila Sharif, FU, 2017 )**

<https://www.salonkolumnisten.com/fu-berlin-studienfach-israelhass/>

**10) 2017, Accusations of antisemitism against lecturer Eleonora Roldán Mendívil**

<https://www.klassegegenklasse.org/fu-berlin-spricht-dozentin-von-antisemitismus-vorwurfen-frei/>

**9) June 2023, Beirut: Calls for the resignation of the director of the Orient Institute of the Max Weber Foundation**

Josef Schuster and Volker Beck demand that the renowned historian Jens Hanssen should not be appointed director of the Orient Institute of the Max Weber Foundation in Beirut because he has supported the BDS campaign in the past. Nevertheless, the foundation is holding on to him.

**8) Nov 2022, Jena: Moshe Zuckermann/lecture cancelled twice**

The SDAJ branch KO had invited the German-Israeli historian and sociologist Moshe Zuckermann, professor emeritus at Tel Aviv University, to give a lecture on "Occupation and Resistance - What does Palestine have to do with us?" in Jena. Two different student council project rooms cancelled the event following criticism from "anti-deutsch" groups that Zuckermann was spreading anti-Semitic ideas with his use of the term "apartheid" for the occupied territories. Katharina König-Preuss (Left Party), member of the Thuringian state parliament, commented that the cancellation was "a good thing".

Statements by the organizers: https://www.izea.uni-halle.de/fileadmin/content/Veranstaltungen/2020/Vortragsreihe\_IZEA\_Stellungnahme\_2\_11\_2020.pdf  
https://kommunistische.org/stellungnahmen/zionisten-hetzen-gegen-veranstaltung-der-ko/

**7) Feb 2022, Berlin: Irina X/teaching position withdrawn by HU because of eight-year-old tweets**   
A lecturer in social sciences has had her teaching position revoked by Humboldt-Universität Berlin after students complained about tweets from 2014. The tweets included pictures of a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Rome. She had also shared articles from the "Electronic Intifada" platform. An initial review at the end of 2021 found that the lecturer had the right to make private statements on social media. Following public comments by Volker Beck (DIG), among others, who announced that he would report the lecturer for allegedly equating the Nakba with the Holocaust, the university re-examined the case and terminated the teaching assignment.  
https://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/humboldt-uni-in-berlin-beendet-lehrauftrag-mit-dozentin-4311520.html

**6) November 2021, Frankfurt/Main: Jasbir Puar/demand for disinvitation**   
The philosopher Jasbir Puar from Rutgers University was invited by students of the Städelschule to give a lecture as part of an international lecture series. Puar supports an academic BDS call in the USA and has also dealt with the use of force by the Israeli army in the occupied territories in her work. In the run-up to the event, the "Association of Jewish Students in Hesse" is calling for the lecture to be canceled and is supported in this by Uwe Becker, the anti-Semitism commissioner of the state of Hesse. The lecture is not held in public. In February 2022, Angela Dorn, Minister for Science and the Arts (Green Party), answers a "small parliamentary inquiry" from the AfD parliamentary group on the matter, asking how invitations such as Jasbir Puar's can be prevented in future.  
https://www.fr.de/frankfurt/frankfurt-staedelschule-wegen-vortrag-in-der-kritik-91128244.html

**5) July 2021, Münster: Natasha A. Kelly/examination of convictions (Gesinnungsprüfung)**   
At the University of Münster, her alma mater, sociologist Dr. Natasha A. Kelly is to give an empowerment workshop in July on the experiences of racism among Black people in Germany. The university's student council sends her a list of questions about her stance on Israel/Palestine beforehand and expects an explanation as to why she signed a solidarity letter from the organization "Palestine Speaks" in May. In protest against these "inquisitorial" questions, Kelly cancels the event herself.  
https://www.juedische-stimme.de/3874

**4) October 2020, Berlin: School for Unlearning Zionism/Funding for art project cancelled**   
A group of Jewish art students in Berlin organized a series of events critical of nationalism at the Weißensee School of Arts. In response, a pro-government Israeli newspaper scandalizes the project. Volker Beck, former member of the Bundestag for Alliance 90/The Greens, posted that "an anti-Zionism spectacle is being financed with taxpayers' money" and alerted the responsible ministry. The Israeli embassy sees "a delegitimization of Israel and anti-Semitism" at work. Another accusation is that the project is close to the BDS movement because some of the Israeli project participants had expressed support in the past.

The Ministry of Research hastened to explain that the anti-BDS resolution is taken very seriously and that there is no financial support for the project. The Weißensee School of Arts also affirms that it adheres to the anti-BDS resolution, removes the website of the event series and the art installation "School for Unlearning Zionism" and cancels the funding.  
https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2020-12-10/ty-article-magazine/.highlight/in-germany-a-witch-hunt-rages-against-israel-critics-many-have-had-enough/0000017f-db0d-df0f-a17f-df4fa21b0000

**3) Summer 2020, Berlin: Event with Israelis as an incident of anti-Semitism at the UdK**   
A lecture series at the University of the Arts Berlin entitled "Voices from the Middle East" was criticized and disrupted by pro-Israeli organizations. Berlin's anti-Semitism commissioner Samuel Salzborn described the events, which featured a film by Israeli Dani Gal and a discussion with a Palestinian member of the Activestills collective, as an "anti-Semitic incident" and intervened with the university to ensure that such anti-Israeli positions no longer had any place.

**2) April 2017, Mainz: Faisal Garba/event cancelled** The event by South African sociologist Faisal Garba at the University of Mainz on "the workers' and students' movement in South Africa" is cancelled at the last minute by the university management because he is accused of supporting BDS in an anonymous complaint.

https://diefreiheitsliebe.de/politik/uni-mainz-warum-wird-eine-veranstaltung-mit-einem-schwarzen-referenten-verboten/

**1) Jan 2017, Hamburg: Farid Esack/panel discussion cancelled**

In the winter semester 2016/17, the Academy of World Religions at the University of Hamburg invited the renowned South African theologian Farid Esack as a guest professor. Following interventions by the Israeli embassy and several politicians from the CDU and AfD, a panel discussion with him on the topic of religious freedom in the Kaisersaal of the town hall was cancelled. The reason: Esack actively supports the BDS movement. At the insistence of the then Science Senator Katharina Fegebank, an internal investigation is subsequently initiated. The advisory board of the responsible Academy of World Religions classifies Esack's invitation as a mistake due to his stance on Israel.

https://taz.de/Muslimischer-Theologe-an-Hamburger-Uni/!5378116/