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Gross Center Virtual Event: Scholar to Discuss Women in British Fascism and Antisemitism

MAHWAH, N.J. – On Friday, October 23 at 2 p.m., Julie V. Gottlieb, Ph.D., professor of Modern History at the University of Sheffield (U.K.), will discuss *British Fascist Women, the Anti-War Campaign and Antisemitism*. The event will include a conversation with Ellen Ross, Professor Emerita of History and Women's Studies at Ramapo College, who has written extensively about British Women's History. The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies is sponsoring the event that will be delivered remotely via WebEx, and Gross Center Director Michael A. Riff will serve as moderator for the event. All wishing to participate may register at:

<https://ramapo.webex.com/ramapo/onstage/g.php?MTID=ece6cc4806c86ab6b5c367dfb27cfa65a>

In the 1930s, Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists (BUF), despite never having more than 50,000 members and never having one of their number elected to Parliament, sucked a great deal of oxygen out of the British political atmosphere. Within the BUF, women played a significant role, accounting for 25 percent of its membership and 28 percent of its meeting's attendees. What is more, they served in all of its activities, including as black shirts and in the paramilitary Women's Defence Corps. After 1938, women were also front and center as the BUF transformed itself into an anti-war movement that sought to blame Jews for pushing the UK and the other western democracies towards war with Nazi Germany, from 1938 portraying themselves peace lovers who only wanted to stop the "Jews' War."

This is precisely the terrain that Julie Gottlieb has studied over the years, from her book-length studies, *Feminine Fascism: Women in Britain's Fascist Movement, 1923–1945* and *'Guilty Women', Foreign Policy and Appeasement in Interwar Britain* to several subsequent articles in leading scholarly journals.

A specialist in the modern British history, Gottlieb completed a Joint B.A. in English and History at McGill University (Montreal) before going to Britain, where she completed an M.Phil. and a Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge. After completing her studies at Cambridge, she was a lecturer at the University of Manchester and at Bristol University, before starting at Sheffield in September 2003, where today she is professor of Modern History.

For information about this event, please contact holgen@ramapo.edu or call 201-684-7409.

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Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to master's degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.