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## **The Myth of Judeo-Bolshevism to be Explored at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Dr. Paul Hanebrink, associate professor of History and Jewish Studies at Rutgers University, will speak on Thursday, March 7 at noon in the H-wing Auditorium at Ramapo College of New Jersey about his recently published book, *A Specter Haunting Europe: The Myth of Judeo-Bolshevism* (Harvard University Press, 2018). The program will be presented under the auspices of the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and is free and open to the public.

For much of the twentieth century, Europe was haunted by the myth Judeo-Bolshevism, that Communism was a Jewish plot to destroy the nations of Europe. Although a contrived paranoid fantasy that took hold during the Russian Revolution, it spread across Europe becoming a potent political weapon of fascists, Nazis, conservative Christians, and other Europeans terrified by Communism. Under the Third Reich, the myth of Judeo-Bolshevism underpinned the Holocaust. Hanebrink argues that the Cold War saw a continuation of the myth that persists on both sides of the Atlantic until today.

Hanebrink has been at Rutgers since 2001. He is the author of *In Defense of Christian Hungary: Religion, Nationalism, and Antisemitism, 1890–1944* (Cornell University Press, 2006). He received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago in 2000.

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