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Faculty Seminar

Legacy of Blood: Jews, Pogroms, and Ritual Murder in the Lands of the Soviets

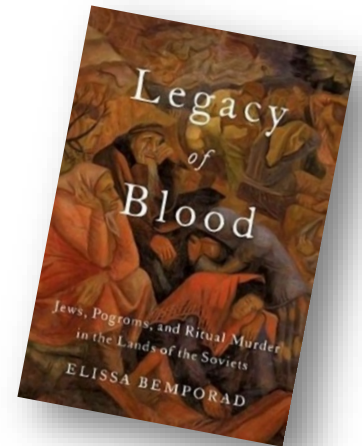
Elissa Bemporad

Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

10:30 AM

Elissa Bemporad will discuss her award-winning new book, *Legacy of Blood: Jews, Pogroms, and Ritual Murder in the Lands of the Soviets*, which explores the afterlife of the two most extreme manifestations of tsarist antisemitism - pogroms and blood libels. The book analyzes the role of the genocidal violence unleashed during the pogroms of the civil war in shaping the relationship among Jews, central and local authorities, and their neighbors. Bemporad traces the persistence and permutation of the blood libel in the Soviet Union and reassesses the interplay between official and popular antisemitism in the USSR from 1917 to the early 1960s.



Elissa Bemporad is the Jerry and William Ungar Chair in East European Jewish History and the Holocaust and associate professor of history at Queens College and the Graduate Center of CUNY. She is the author of *Becoming Soviet Jews: The Bolshevik Experiment in Minsk* (2013); and coeditor of *Women and Genocide: Survivors, Victims, Perpetrators*, with Joyce W. Warren (2018); and *Pogroms: A Documentary History of Anti-Jewish Violence* (with Gene Avrutin, forthcoming).

Respondents: Paola Tartakoff, Jewish Studies and History, and Paul Hanebrink, History and Jewish Studies.

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Lunch will be provided.**

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