

ANTISEMITISM ON THE RISE: THE 1930S AND TODAY. Edited by Ari Kohen and Gerald J. Steinacher. Contemporary Holocaust Studies. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2021. Pp. vii + 247. Paperback, \$35.00.

This is a valuable and stimulating collection of nine essays from scholars and educators who presented their research at the *Sommerhuaser Symposium on Holocaust Education* at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in April 2019. Edited by political scientist Ari Kohen and historian Gerald J. Steinacher, it hopes to convey the group's collective scholarly insights to those outside of academia. The first section of the volume considers the 1920s and 1930s in Europe and the United States and the rise of antisemitism following World War I. The second section analyzes several contemporary forms of antisemitism across Europe and the Near East (e.g., anti-Zionism, Boycott Divest, and Sanction [BDS] movement). The book concludes with methods and strategies to best educate students and the wider public about antisemitism. A noteworthy feature of this collection, as well as a unique aspect of the *Sommerhuaser Symposium* itself, lies in the group's deliberate efforts to devise optimal strategies for educating and combatting antisemitism.

In "The Role of Antisemitism in Holocaust Education," Scott B. Littky underscores the importance of continuously drawing connections between both past and present realities of antisemitism as a means of contextualizing our contemporary period and efforts to fight antisemitism today. This anthology offers a distinctive exploration of antisemitism—departing from the usual approaches found in anthologies dedicated to this subject—such as Leonard Greenspoon's chapter, "Use and Abuse of the Bible: German Christian Antisemitism in the 1930s and 1940s." Through this lens, readers are able to gain a nuanced understanding, drawing parallels between historical accounts of antisemitism and modern relevance. This is the perfect text for teachers and students, either to be used in its entirety or by selecting key chapters that fit best with particular course content. Additionally, this book would be fruitful to anyone outside of the academy wishing to learn about antisemitism and its relevance today.

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ÖSTERREICHS SKISPORT IM NATIONALSOZIALISMUS: ANPASSUNG—VERFOLGUNG—KOLLABORATION. By Andreas Praher. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2022. Pp. xv + 462. Paperback, \$27.99.

In his pioneering work, Andreas Praher dares a critical take on a hushed-up period in the history of skiing in Austria. He chose a fruitful methodological approach to the topic, located at the crossroads between the history of sports and contemporary history, which enables him to visualize the manifestation of social upheavals in seemingly unpolitical skiing. Based on a vast source corpus, Praher analyzes Austrian ski sports during the

years of National Socialism in its pre- and posthistory. This—not only in a temporal sense—broad approach allows him to convincingly argue that sports in Austria were already politically coopted long before the "annexation" in 1938 and also to shed light on the questions of how and why official Austrian skiing organizations could successfully fend off any critical examination of their role during National Socialist rule after the liberation in 1945.

Praher, whose book is based on his doctoral dissertation, does not merely remain on a theoretical level in his analysis, but he uses a broad range of biographies (many of whom were researched in depth for the first time for this book) to illustrate his arguments. A prime example, in this case, is that of Austrian ski-jump legend and SA-Sturmführer Josef Bradl, who was not only perceived as a national hero during Nazi rule but continued to maintain this status in the post-war period through today as one of the most important ski jumping arenas is named after him. Praher interrogates the history of such figures and their direct and indirect support of the Nazi system of terror in the context of World War II and the Holocaust.

The rigorous structure of Praher's book is largely convincing, but it is a shame that he only occasionally includes small summaries of his thoughts. Many of the (sub-)chapters also end rather abruptly without fully situating the exceedingly interesting biographical descriptions into a broader context on a meta-level. Having said that, the book, nevertheless, is a significant milestone in the field of critical sports history. Praher's detailed analysis substantiates that skiing organizations and individual skiers were not merely instrumentalized but consciously participated in the totalitarian and antisemitic regime of the Nazi party and benefited from what the regime offered them in return.

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Islam

ISLAMIC LAW: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION. By Mashood A. Baderin. Very Short Introductions Series. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2021. Pp. xviii + 157. Paperback, \$11.95.

Mashood A. Baderin, a legal scholar whose versatility includes expertise in Islamic Law and International Law, teaches law at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. This book results from a course he gave on Islamic law at SOAS. Baderin follows precisely what he pledges to do in the preface, outlining the historical development of Islamic law, its various theories, the scope of its application, and its practice. He refers to Qur'anic verses, sources from multiple hadiths, and other sources of Islamic law.