

The Haifa Center for German and European Studies  
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**Seminar**  
Lecture and Open Discussion

# Theodor Herzl, Race and Empire

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This lecture examines feuilletons that Herzl wrote for the “Neue Freie Presse” and that flesh out ideas about colonialism, race and empire that can be only inferred from the diaries or his explicitly Zionist writings. The feuilletons are at times formulaic and mannered, yet they are also capable of expressing unguarded sentiment. Prof. Penslar juxtaposes Herzl's diaries, written in private but intended eventually for the public, against his journalistic writings, which were written expressly for the public

yet at times reflected Herzl's private feelings. The interplay between diary and feuilleton confirms that Herzl was deeply imbedded in fin de siècle colonial and racial discourse but also reveals a complex blend of sympathy and antipathy towards colonized peoples, and a stark difference between Herzl's views of the Orient and Africa.

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**Library Auditorium [Room 146], Main Building, University of Haifa**

The lecture will be held in English

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