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# Religion and Public Holocaust Remembrance in Britain

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5:00-6:00 p.m.

David Strong Building, Room C122

21st century British society has witnessed a rapid transformation in the status of Holocaust remembrance in public life, reflected in the state-sponsored memorial day, educational initiatives, and a £100 million memorial site next to the Houses of Parliament. This lecture explores ways in which such change relates to Britain's religious-secular landscape. Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities have each interacted with public remembrance in complex and uneven ways, but the lecture will also address the broader relationship between Holocaust memory and appeals to the sacred. Focus will be on the British situation, but the discussion will also have an eye to Canadian parallels.

David Tollerton is Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies and Contemporary Religion at the University of Exeter. He has published on religious responses to the Holocaust, notably in *The Book of Job in Post-Holocaust Thought* (2012). His current research examines religious dimensions of state Holocaust memorialization.

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