

Monday, November 29, 2021

11:00am–11:45am

Dov Weiss

CAS Associate 2020–21, Religion

Rabbinic Inferno: Hell in Classical Judaism



In the 1885 Pittsburgh Platform, the leading rabbis of American Reform Judaism declared that “we reject as ideas not rooted in Judaism, the belief ... [in] Gehenna (Hell).” Arguing that this claim misrepresents the history of Judaism, this talk will examine ancient Jewish

discourse about Gehenna to unearth the distinctive values, aesthetics, fantasies, and hopes found within classical Jewish culture. Without such an analysis, one’s understanding of Judaism remains incomplete

Noon–12:45pm

Alyssa Prorok

CAS Fellow 2020–21, Political Science

Tracking Cooperation in Civil Conflict: Building the Cooperation in Civil Conflict Dataset



Civil conflict is generally thought of as a dynamic process of repeated violent interactions between government and rebel combatants, yet cooperation between combatants is also quite common during civil wars. This talk examines the evolution of cooperation

in the context of violent civil conflicts. It introduces a novel dataset capturing cooperation between combatants and discusses implications of these new data for our understanding of the dynamics and resolution of civil wars.



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A new Center for Advanced Study public events series featuring presentations of research and creative projects by recent CAS Associates and Fellows.

This informal series includes talks that were canceled after campus shut down in Spring 2020. With the possibility of in-person events once again, we are delighted to showcase the work of some of our most productive and creative faculty in a series of intellectually and spiritually invigorating presentations. You are invited to drop in when you can and enjoy a bite to eat while you learn about the exciting projects undertaken by our faculty. A brunch buffet will be provided at all in-person events.

This presentation will be on Zoom. Please scan the QR code or consult cas.illinois.edu to register.

