

Research Talks

Blacks and Jews: The Other 1492 and the Holocaust in the Caribbean Literary Imagination

Caribbean writers regularly invoke two traumatic moments of Jewish historical experience: the Sephardic expulsions of the 1490s and the Holocaust. This talk argues that Caribbean literary treatments of Jewishness cannot be interpreted through the lens of Black-Jewish relations in the U.S. and especially not through a paradigm of "competitive memory." Instead, they need to be contextualized with reference to the distinctive histories of contact and entanglement between Black and Jewish diaspora cultures in the Atlantic world.



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