

POSITION OF THE CENTER FOR ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM STUDIES VIS-A-VIS THE STATE OF ISRAEL

As a Center for Antisemitism and Racism Studies at a German University sponsored by German Catholic dioceses, our guiding principles are the admission of guilt of the Germans and the Christians for the Shoah and the historical responsibility resulting therefrom.

The members of the Center declare their solidarity with the Jewish people and the State of Israel. This also includes the obligation to support Israel's existence, its sovereignty and its right of self-defence and to stand up for the recognition of Israel by its Arab neighbours.

The members of the Center condemn all forms of antisemitism and also criticize:

- the application of double standards by demanding behaviours from the State of Israel which are demanded from no other democratic state;
- the use of symbols and images associated with traditional antisemitism to describe the policies of Israel;
- the comparisons made between the current policies of Israel and the policies of the National Socialism trying to relativise and rewrite history;
- the attempts to hold the Jewish people collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel;
- the demands for sanctions and economic, academic and cultural boycotts of Israel;
- the defamation of Israel as a 'colonial power' and apartheid regime.

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