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French Discourses about Jewish Memory in the 1980s and 90s

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This talk will address the way that French intellectuals and journalists on both the Left and Right used debates about Nazism and Stalinism to address the question of Jewish memory in the wake of the “Vichy Syndrome” the trials of Klaus Barbie and Paul Touvier, and fears of the emergence of a “new anti-Semitism.”

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