

The Bucerius Institute for Research of  
Contemporary German History and Society

Research Seminar

*Leo Strauss and Julius Guttman*

**Dr. Philipp von Wussow (Goethe University Frankfurt)**



The seminar explores the argument between Leo Strauss and Julius Guttman, two eminent figures of Jewish philosophy in the 20th century. Based on close readings of key sections of the respective texts – Guttman's *Philosophie des Judentums* (1933), Strauss's criticism in the first chapter of his *Philosophie und Gesetz* (1935), Guttman's reply to Strauss that was posthumously published in 1973, and a number of documents – the seminar will trace a conversation that brings to the light the

historical and systematic presuppositions of Jewish philosophy.

Philipp von Wussow has published widely on German-Jewish philosophy in the 20th century. He obtained his Ph.D. in philosophy from Düsseldorf University (2006) and his *Habilitation* from Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (2017). He was a visiting research fellow at the Hebrew University (2004/2005) and at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies in Philadelphia (2016/2017). His book *Leo Strauss and the Theopolitics of Culture* is forthcoming from SUNY Press. He teaches philosophy and Jewish thought at Goethe University and the University of Hamburg.

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