

# Outrageous Comparisons in Modern History and Contemporary Politics

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### Willibald Steinmetz

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Professor Willibald Steinmetz will give a work-in-progress report on a book he is currently writing about 'outrageous comparisons', i.e. comparisons that create public outrage. Polemical equations of someone with Hitler or the Nazis, or analogies to the Holocaust, are the most salient cases in point, but by no means the only instances of outrageous comparisons.

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