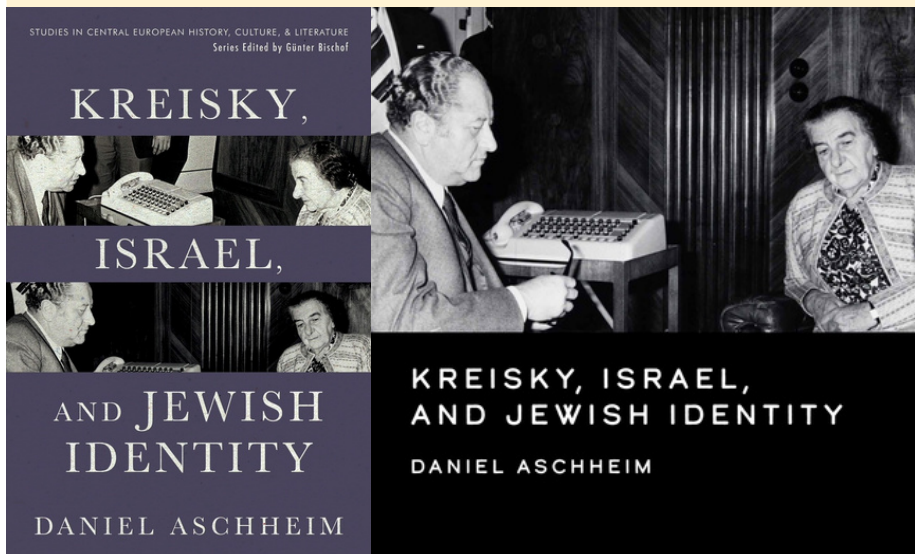


BRUNO KREISKY, ISRAEL, AND JEWISH IDENTITY



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The personal and professional life of Bruno Kreisky (1911–1990), Austria’s long-serving Socialist chancellor from August 1970 to May 1983, has been the focus of many books and articles. However, his ambiguous and complex relationship to his Jewishness, the State of Israel, and Zionism, as well as his connections to his overall political project and global aspirations, remain only partially researched. In this lecture, Daniel Aschheim analyzes these more systematically and comprehensively and places Kreisky in a comparative perspective with other twentieth-century European Jewish politicians who attained similar pinnacles of power. At the same time, Aschheim shows that Bruno Kreisky was among the most influential and controversial political leaders since World War II.



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