

Research Seminar

American Christian and Jewish Reactions to October 7

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In the aftermath of October 7, 2023, both Christian and Jews in America reassessed their positions towards Israel. The declarations, actions, and theological constructions represent decade-long trends which the war accelerated and brought into the open as never before, and which often represent generational changes. The young and more progressive, including among Jews and evangelical Christians so far taken for granted as Israel's supporters, have adopted highly critical views of Israeli policies and even doubts about the entire Israeli project.

Christians are now voicing post-colonial theologies they have begun adopting in the 1970s, while Jewish thinkers attempt to construct theological, theoretical and communal frameworks for a Judaism that stands apart from Israel, relying solely on non-Israeli traditions and texts. On the grassroots levels new Jewish religious groups have come about, such as Makom, or Tzedek, that have distanced themselves from mainstream, largely Pro-Israeli synagogues.

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