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**Speaker Biographies**

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## Jason Smart

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- *Die Welt der Lager. Funktion und Wandel, Berlin 2012* (co-edited with Jens Thiel) (forthcoming)
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- 'Ahlwardt on Trial: Reactions to the antisemitic agitation of the 1890s in Germany', in: *Leo Baeck-Institute Year Book*, vol. 48 (2003), pp. 67-85