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The stages of the Final Solution

The Final Solution of the Jewish question was a Nazi euphemism used to refer to the systematic mass murder of the European Jews, committed by Nazi Germany during the Second World War, more precisely from the German invasion of the URSS in summer 1941. This expression did not have the same meaning during the 12 years of Hitler's dictatorship, but it evolved according to the different anti-Semitic policies put in action by the Nazi regime to get rid of the Jews. By focussing on chronology, maps, photographs and key concepts the lecture will emphasise the Shoah as a multi-stage process of violence that took place over a longer period of time than its final epilogue (systematic mass killings).