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ABOUT THE DAVIS INSTITUTE

The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations was established in 1972 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, thanks to the generosity of Leonard and Sophie Davis. It is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The Institute provides an independent platform for the research, teaching, and discussion of international relations in general and Israeli diplomacy and foreign policy in particular. In an age of globalization, the Institute endeavors to broaden the Israeli public's horizons by acquainting it with the reality of Israeli foreign policy.

Three main aims guide the Institute:

- To promote research of international relations from a broad interdisciplinary perspective, drawing on knowledge from a range of academic fields;
- To acquaint the general public with key issues in international politics and Israeli foreign policy and encourage their debate;
- To make the knowledge and expertise of the Institute's scholars regarding matters of security and foreign affairs, available and accessible to the relevant elements in Israeli government institutions.

The Institute also advances research of foreign affairs, diplomacy, international law and institutions, security studies, and negotiation and conflict resolution.

The Institute contributes generously to scholarships and grants in an effort to promote scholarship concerning international studies. The Institute manages research projects and organizes public events, including international conferences, workshops, and seminars. It also hosts researchers from Israel and abroad and facilitates research groups, such as those focusing on energy and geopolitics, cyber and security, and the future of Jerusalem.

The Institute awards the annual David Carmon Prize for outstanding work in International Relations, the Middle East, and Israel's security. It also publishes the periodical "*Politika*", a Hebrew-language Journal of Political Science and International Relations.

The Institute established the **Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace**, a forum focusing on the links between gender, conflict, and peace. Its remit includes the role of women in conflict and conflict resolution, the peace process, and the use of gender research approaches for understanding and resolving conflicts.

The Institute's research track, known as the **Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR)**, is the product of cooperation between the Department of International Relations and the Davis Institute for International Relations. This prestigious track, which offers combined M.A. and Ph.D. studies, can be completed in five years while providing research students financial security in the framework of a high-achieving and challenging scholarly environment.

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Mrs. Michal Barak, Publications and Events Coordinator



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Directing a research institute, always a dynamic and challenging process, became even more complex and intricate in the past academic year, 2019-2020, which can be divided into two parts: pre- and post-Covid-19.

As every year, we began with great plans. Some of these were fulfilled, while others will be realized in a slightly different format in the coming academic year. This report of activities encompasses all of them. We managed to hold some of the planned conferences and workshops before going into lockdown in March 2020, other events were transferred to an online platform, and a small number were postponed and will take place in 2020-21 in one way or another. The onset of the pandemic also led us to think about our activities from a fresh perspective: together with various partners, during the lockdown we began to hold online events that responded to issues raised by the global pandemic. For example, one conference examined the pandemic and its ramifications through the prism of international relations. Another meeting discussed the UN Secretary General's statements concerning the opportunity created by the pandemic for the resolution of violent conflicts around the world. The use of zoom enabled the participation of speakers and spectators from all over globe. This process of rethinking our activities also gave rise to two new-old projects: the Institute's new podcast and the re-inauguration of the journal *Politika*.

In parallel, we also continued with our routine activities:

The Davis Graduate School (DGSIR), in cooperation with the Department of International Relations and led by Dr. Galia Press-Barnathan, continues to flourish. The members of the program - 17 men and 14 women are excelling, leading projects, and publishing on central platforms in the discipline.

The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution, and Peace, led by Dr. Tal Nitsan, continues to play a leading role and to provide a central forum of encounter for parties interested in the fields of gender and diversity in the context of international relations. This year the forum, in cooperation with the Center for the Study of Multiculturalism and Diversity, was a driving force in promoting gender equality and diversity in The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, contributing to the creation of a new M.A. program for gender and diversity, administered by the Leifer Center in the Social Sciences Faculty.

This year, as in each of the past four years, we continued to support and encourage HujiMUN, the model UN project, a B.A. student initiative, which gives participants the background knowledge and skills needed to conduct diplomatic relations as well as crisis management. In previous years, the members of the model UN project participated in local and international competitions, winning distinguished prizes. This year, due to the crisis, a number of the competitions in which members of the project planned to take part were cancelled.

The Davis Institute continues to encourage and host research groups focusing on theoretical, practical, and methodological topics. This year five groups were active in different fields: (1) The “Davis Index,” which monitors international discourse on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; (2) “From STUXNET to ISIS: Exploring Cyber-Conflicts in the Middle East”; (3) “Building Visions for the Future of Jerusalem: A Bottom-up Approach”; (4) Research and Policy group: Israel in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin; (5) Geopolitics and energy. I would like to note that each one of these research groups is led by members of the University’s academic staff with the active participation of research students and, in some cases, research institutes and bodies outside the university are also involved. While enjoying the guidance and support of the Institute, the groups’ productive activities and the fascinating topics on which they focus have facilitated successful independent grant applications to various research funds.

I began by saying that directing a research institute is dynamic and challenging. Now, as I enter my sixth and final year as the Academic Director of the Leonard Davis Institute, my respect for all those involved in making the Institute a fruitful and interesting research center is greater than ever: researchers, students and partners within and outside the University. However, all the activities detailed in this report would not be possible without the dedicated and punctilious work of the Institute’s Administrative Director, Mr. Chanoch Wolpe, and Ms. Michal Barak, who is responsible for events and publications. Michal is leaving us to work as a student administrator in the Department of International Relations. We wish her all the best in her new role and we are sure that she will contribute to the Department just as much as she did to the Institute.

I wish you an enjoyable read.

Dan Miodownik



PEOPLE



DIRECTOR:
PROF. DAN MIODOWNIK

Prof. Dan Miodownik, the Director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, associate professor in the departments of Political Science and International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research examines the emergence, unfolding and regulation of anti-regime mobilization, protest behavior, ethnic polarization, and civil wars. He has a strong interest in computational modeling and geographic information systems. He also teaches both graduate and undergraduate classes in ethnic mobilization, civil wars, and interstate conflicts, violence and regulation, introduction to political science, honors workshop, social movements, and research methods.

Post- Doctoral Fellows



DR. LIOR LEHRS

Lior Lehers is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and the Harry S. Truman Research Institute at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. From September 2016 to September 2018 he was an Israel Institute Postdoctoral Fellow at the Taub Center for Israel Studies at New York University. Lior wrote his doctoral dissertation, "Private Peace Entrepreneurs in Conflict Resolution Processes," in the department of International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research topics include the theory and history of conflict resolution, negotiation, mediation and unofficial diplomacy, and he deals with various conflict areas such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Northern Ireland, the Cold War and the Balkans. He is also a Fellow at Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies, and he was a researcher at the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research, where he focused on the topic of Jerusalem within Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, the neighborhoods in East Jerusalem and conflicts over holy sites.



DR. DANIEL F. WAJNER

Daniel F. Wajner is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also teaches in the Department of International Relations and Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University, while serving as the General-Secretary of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS). His academic articles have been published in *International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, *Regional & Federal Studies*, and *Latin American Research Review*. His main areas of research and teaching include legitimacy studies, conflict resolution, regional cooperation, and populist foreign and security policies, particularly focusing on their interplay in the realm of Middle East and Latin American politics.

**DR. JONATHAN GROSSMAN**

Jonathan Grossman is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations. His research interests include diaspora politics, the use of digital tools and big data in evidence-based research, social science methodology, and diplomatic history. In 2018, he earned his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University for his dissertation “Israel, Brazil, and the Jewish Diaspora: 1964–1975.” Between 2017 and 2019, he was a visiting lecturer and post-doctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin, where he worked at the Department of Government, the Institute for Israel Studies, and the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies. As a Davis Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow, he studies, among other things, the state of transparency and replicability in political science and archival research in the information era.

**DR. MICHAEL FREEDMAN**

Michael Freedman is a postdoctoral fellow in the Departments of Political Science and International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from MIT. His research focuses on religion and conflict in Israel and the Muslim world, examining the political behavior of religious actors – including rabbis, imams, and religious social movements – and inquires how they perceive the state, whether they collaborate with it, and how they behave towards actors they perceive as enemies. His research uses sermons and legal rulings produced by religious leaders to explain why some leaders confer the state with legitimacy while others choose to challenge it.

Post-Doctoral Fellows: The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace

**DR. TAL NITSAN**

Dr. Tal Nitsán is a feminist scholar critically examining socio-cultural, global and local perspectives on the intersections between gender, violence, and law and society. Her interdisciplinary projects navigate between three main research sites: Israel/Palestine, Guatemala, and North America. Her research on transnational women’s human rights discourse in theory and practice offers a comparative perspective on the role of dignity and diversity in promoting social justice in Guatemala and Israel.

**DR. NOA LEVY**

Noa Levy is a Sophie Davis Post-Doctoral Fellow on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations. Her Ph.D. thesis on unaccompanied child and youth migration focused on regional mobility from Zimbabwe to the South African borderland, and investigated conceptualizations of childhood, youth and migration. She is currently working on emerging femininities and masculinities among unaccompanied migrating youth. Noa is teaching at the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies at Tel Hai Academic College.



Davis Graduate School (TELEM IR)



DR. GALIA PRESS-BARNATHAN
HEAD OF THE DAVIS GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS (TELEM IR)

Areas of research: regional cooperation, theories of international relations, popular culture and international relations

M.A. Students:



LEE AMRAM-EILAT
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Threat perception, foreign policy, communications and IR, terror and non-state actors, deterrence and constructivism, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Middle East.



IDAN DORON
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Emotions and identities in IR, ontological security, gender and IR, popular culture.



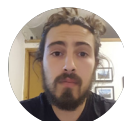
ABIR GITLIN
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: The relationship between ontological and physical security, political psychology, identity and political violence.



TIRAN GOLDSTEIN
M.A., 1ST YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, geopolitics of energy and the role of renewables, network analysis, NLP and variations of data science.



AMIT LEIBSON
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Just war theory, theories of international relations, constructivism, sociology of the discipline.



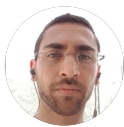
YUVAL PELEG
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Theories of hegemonic powers, relations between hegemonic and rising or great power states, power vacuum in international politics, Chinese foreign policy and relations with regional and international organizations, Israel's relations with great powers and power projection in the Middle East, and military history.



DANIEL SEGAL
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Critical security studies, social theorizing of coalition making; ontological security, homophily and heterophily in IR; securitization strategies and discourse analysis.



AVRAHAM SWISA
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Cyber security, internet governance, popular culture.



RON DEUTCH
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: The political theology of modern Islamist groups, strategic culture in Islam and the Middle East, rationality and decision making, the international relations of the Middle East.



TOM ZIV
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Religion and international relations, Israeli diplomacy and the relations between Israel and the Evangelical world.



YONI BRANDER
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: International relations theory; security studies; diplomatic history; American foreign policy; origins of major wars; the Middle East; relationship between ideology and material power; proliferation and military technology; deterrence theory; religion and IR; sports and IR; American and Jewish history.



BAR NADEL
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, with emphasis on trade policy. I investigate the effects of individual-level trade preferences over policy outcomes. I also research the impact of media content on trade preferences, and how various interest groups communicate their messages to different publics.



Ph.D. Students:



YULIA ARPORT
PH.D. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, geopolitics of energy, sanctions, political aspects of foreign investments.



INBAR PINCU
PH.D. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Globalization; popular culture, queer rights and disability rights in IR; Why do each of these groups (queer and disabled people) experience social oppression and similar problems worldwide?



OFEK RIEMER
PH.D. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Coercion and deterrence; strategic communications and information & psychological warfare; strategic culture; Middle Eastern studies. Ofek is currently writing on the public uses of intelligence for strategies of deterrence and coercion.



JASON AARON SILVERMAN
PH.D. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Diaspora politics; diasporas and national movements; diaspora-state relations; negotiation processes in conflicts.



INBAR NOY
PH.D. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Discourse and textual analysis in International Relations, interstate friendship, and international norms. Her dissertation's main topic is the social construction of peace and the representation of peace in political discourse.



MORR LINK
PH.D. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, international organizations and the global investment regime, especially in the Middle East and North Africa, and the contestation of the international liberal order. Her dissertation explores the positions and attitudes of MENA countries towards the global investment regime using quantitative and qualitative methods.



DAN ERAN
PH.D. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, international relations theory and computational social science. More specifically, Dan focuses his research on the effects of international institutions on countries' expectations and reputations.



ENAV BIRNBAUM
PH.D. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Critical security studies, ethnic conflicts and micro politics. More specifically, she employs a variety of methods to examine the ways in which street names in Jerusalem have reflected a social and political agenda since the establishment of Israel.



NEAL TSUR
PH.D. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Timing of civil unrest, tipping points, prediction, complex systems, socio-physics modeling, ABM simulations, NLP Machine Learning and deep learning methodology, big data.



DAPHNE INBAR
PH.D. 3RD YEAR

Research interests include; Critical security studies, international practice theory, resistance and political agency in IR. Her dissertation focuses on national security whistleblowers. More specifically, she is interested in the transnational politics involved in the practice and process of these whistleblowers' 'unauthorized disclosure'.



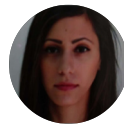
REMI DANIEL
PH.D. 4TH YEAR

Research interests: relations between Turkey and Israel (between 1960 and 1980 for the thesis, but also other periods). Also international relations in the middle east, Turkish political history and foreign policy, linkage politics, nationalist movements, Quebec studies.



NAAMA LUTZ
PH.D. 3RD YEAR

Research interests: The international processes of "naming and shaming" and the actors and mechanisms involved, looking specifically at the interaction between states and transnational advocacy networks.



NETA STRUNIN-KREMER
PH.D. 5TH YEAR

Cyber conceptualization and an examination of the effect of the cyber domain and the interaction that occurs in it by various international actors.



JONATHAN ARIEL
PH.D. 4TH YEAR

Research interests: International and regional cooperation through institutions. In particular, institutional design, international trade, and energy regionalism. His geographic focus is the European Union but also includes to a lesser extent Sub-Saharan Africa and North America for comparative purposes.



HILA LEVI
PH.D. 5TH YEAR

"The economy is too important to leave to the economists" - An Organizational Culture Perspective on the European Central Bank and the Eurozone Crisis Management. My dissertation examines the role of organizational culture in explaining the marginal attention paid to social concerns accompanying the austerity measures prescribed in order to cope with the Eurozone crisis (2009–12). My research interests include the role and responsibility of international financial institutions concerning human rights; organizational culture of intergovernmental organizations; international political economy; European Union; Eurozone crisis; European institutions; Latin America.



JONNY S. ESSA
PH.D. 4TH YEAR

PhD Thesis: The Role of Armed Forces Autonomy during the Arab Spring. Jordan, Syria and Egypt in a Comparative and Historical Perspective.

Research interests: Contemporary middle eastern military history, conflict processes (ethno-political conflict and civil wars); the state, society and security in the Middle East.



PROJECTS

Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR)

The 2019/20 academic year was the fourth year of the Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR). DGSIR welcomed eight new students, seven at the initial M.A. stage and one in the second year of the M.A. The program thus continued to expand in size, including nearly thirty students at different stages. The academic year was launched with an orientation day for our new students and a separate event for all the program students, to which we also invited the post-doc researchers in the Davis Institute, faculty of the International Relations department, and the department's other doctoral students. This event was part of our effort to cement and broaden the research community of DGSIR, and to help our students to get to know all the cohorts of the program, as well as scholars in the field at the university.

As always, much of the students' energy this year was dedicated to coursework and research. At the M.A. level, all courses offered by the IR faculty are given in English. Our advanced students continue to make very good progress with their dissertations. This year, the Institute assisted several students with travel expenses to attend overseas workshops and international conferences. Unfortunately, some of these plans were thwarted by the Covid-19 crisis. DGSIR students also participated in conferences in Israel, including the Annual Graduate Student Conference on Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy and the Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Relations. This promotes our dual goal of training our students to actively participate in the professional field, as well as offering an important contribution to the Israeli community of International Relations researchers. Our graduate students also participated in a three-day graduate student workshop with students from the Free University of Berlin, hosted at the Davis Institute, in which graduate students from both universities presented their work and discussed common themes around the topic of Contestations of the Liberal Script.

The spring semester began in the face of the multiple challenges of the Covid-19 crisis. Despite these challenges we managed to start all of our classes on time, switching to online teaching. A student initiative has culminated in a set of essays written by our DGSIR students, exploring different dimensions of the pandemic and its implications, from various international relations' perspectives. These essays were published on the Institute's website, and were presented and discussed in a public event via zoom, attended by around 80 people. Other planned activities were postponed, but we managed to keep our intellectual community engaged and active online.

This year we hope to continue to develop the DGSIR community. Five of our students are currently preparing for the Comprehensive Exam, which will be given in fall 2020, after which they will proceed to the Ph.D. stage.

The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace

The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace's annual activity (2019-2020) was effected by the Covid-19 social distancing protocol. The following report reflects on events that took place, and others that we had to cancel and hope to hold in the coming academic year.

Overall, the forum engaged in four main endeavors:

1. Events on the topic of Gender and Conflict for teaching programs on campus. These events, created by the forum, were designed to invite students to engage with questions on gender and conflict, using their disciplinary framework and knowledge. Our goal is to encourage them to ask such questions within their own disciplines.
 - Women Rewriting the Nation: A Comparative Study of Jordanian and Palestinian Feminist Writing (Dec 16). A lecture by Prof. Camelia Suleiman (Michigan State University) in collaboration with the M.A. Program in Conflict Research, Management and Resolution.
 - "An Ordinary Life" (Dec 16) A screening of a documentary film about two asylum seekers (in Tel Aviv and in Berlin) with an introduction by The Sophie Davis Forum's Dr. Noa Levy and followed by a discussion with the film directors and producers Gili Danon and Efrat Shalom Danon. The event was organized in collaboration with the M.A. program in International Development (Glocal).
 - An Experts' Panel on Gender Aspects of Conflicts and Conflict Resolution (Jan 6) organized in collaboration with the International Relations B.A. program (as a special event for the Introduction class).
2. A specialist Master's course. Weaving Truth(s): Commissions, Victims and Witnesses from Gender and Participatory Perspectives (May 13-18) was supposed to be the anchor for our second semester's activity, which unfortunately due to Covid-19, did not take place. With a planned delivery by international scholar activist, Dr. Arancha Garcia del Soto and organized as a combination of lectures and workshops, we aimed to offer an particularly exciting and inspiring learning experience, that would invite and allow M.A. students from various disciplines to explore questions related to gender and conflict resolution. In addition to classes, we organized:
 - A public lecture: The Role of Women Exiles in Peace Processes, to be followed by a reception, in collaboration with the Swiss Center for Conflict Research, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace.
 - A Davis scholars' seminar on the topic: I Survived, I'm Here, I'm Alive: Breaking the Silence and/as a claim for Dignity and Respect (Paper by Dr. Tal Nitsán, The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace, discussed by Dr. del Soto).
 - A social get-together with the IR Masters' students, meant to create additional interest and an opportunity for networking.
 - A civil society activists' get-together. This was initiated by activists from the Israel Women's Network and the Center for Alternative Justice in order to expand scholarly discussion and explore local women's experiences working in conflict and post-conflict situations.



3. Partnership with the Center for Gender Studies and the Center for Multiculturalism and Diversity. Two main events were planned (but did not take place):
 - International Women's Day / Second semester opening event: Messing the Closet: Between Homophobia and Racism (May 23) - A slam poetry performance by Samira Saraya. It was meant to be the opening event of a new series entitled "Act.to.alia" (a wordplay on current affairs and activism). The series was to take place as part of the active break on Mondays, thus reaching the general student body.
 - A young scholars' panel on Gender and Conflict, as part of the Center for Gender Studies' annual graduate students' conference: A Research of Our Own (May 27).
4. Initiating and leading a campus wide (and beyond) gender and diversity community. The initiative aims to create a community of scholars teaching and studying issues related to gender and diversity from various disciplines, in order to encourage collaboration around teaching, event hosting, and resource sharing. Between November and January we:
 - Distributed a monthly list of events on the topic hosted by faculty (guest lectures, special classes, seminars).
 - Encouraged faculty to create joint events and classes (one such event was a panel on language and identity in East Jerusalem).
 - Encouraged faculty to present in the national gender studies conference. This year Hebrew University faculty organized and presented in 50% of panels, which is significantly higher than last year's conference (16% of panels).

We also organized a celebration of books session that was supposed to take place at the Gender Studies' annual graduate students' conference, A Research of Our Own (May 27). The purpose was to acknowledge, as a gender and diversity community, the work of leading scholars on campus and create opportunities for networking and collaborations. We are also looking forward to publishing, by the end the year, a Special Issue on Gender and Conflict Resolution (Politika), which includes five papers previously presented at the forum's events and three written for the issue.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Model UN society

The Model UN Society at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HujiMUN) consists of Hebrew University students who have an interest in international relations and diplomacy and wish to gain experience in this field alongside their studies. This year the society's members are students from a variety of fields including international relations, pharmacy, political science, law, psychology, middle eastern studies, to name just a few. HujiMUN has been working with the support of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations since 2016 and receives its budget and logistical support from the Institute. This partnership has had a significant influence on the growth and success of the society. During the academic year, HujiMUN meets once a week. Even during these difficult times of the Covid-19 virus, we have continued to have our weekly meetings online with the help of the Davis Institute. Throughout these weekly meetings we give our members the opportunity to develop skills in the areas of public speaking, debating, negotiating, reading and writing formal documents in English, diplomacy, and more. This year, because of the pandemic, we have had to alter our activities and have not been able to attend as many conferences as we normally would. However, we have developed innovative ways to engage our participants which also involve our alumni. This year we have started a month-long simulation of the Syrian crisis, which involves members from multiple years of the society. Despite the ongoing challenges, we have succeeded in having guest speakers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States Embassy in Jerusalem. We have also attended a national Model UN conference and simulation during which we represented the Hebrew University. The society won two "best delegate" awards and two "honorable delegate" awards during the conference. While we hope that the situation surrounding the Covid-19 virus will be resolved soon, our society members are actively involved in the planning and organization of an additional, national Model UN simulation and conference to be held in the coming months, as well as an international conference to be hosted at the Hebrew University in October. We also regularly represent the Hebrew University on the Board of Directors of the Israeli Model UN Association, a registered non-profit organization.



Research Groups

ANNUAL SUMMARY – THE DAVIS INDEX

Prof. Tamir Sheafer, Prof. Shaul Shenhav, Ms. Vered Porzycki, Mr. Dror Markus and Mr. Guy Mor

The “Davis index” aims to represent international media attention on Israeli-Arab conflict and relations, focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The index aggregates a list of general categories, such as “Middle East Conflicts” and “Israel and the Arab world”; as well as specific categories, such as “Palestinian organizations”, “the BDS movement”, and interventions by specific governments or international institutions. The index is constructed through automated textual analysis, through a process combining topic modelling, deep learning and expert coding. The method incorporates topic models for its unsupervised component and deep learning for its supervised component. Both stages take the context into account, while focusing on the sentence as the desired unit of analysis. The result is a multi-label text classification method - attributing multiple topics to each sentence.

In 2019-2020 we produced two reports. The first is an extended report for the years 2010-2019, and the second is a three-month report (January 2020-March 2020). Our plan is to produce an updated report every three months, and an overall annual report at the end of each calendar year.

FROM STUXNET TO ISIS: EXPLORING CYBER-CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE-EAST

Dr. Amit Sheniak, Dr. Daniel Sobelman, Dr. Yehonatan Abramson

Governments around the world—whether in Western democratic countries or otherwise—are today coming to grips with the impact of cyber-attacks on their national security and vital interests. Cyber-related abilities are associated with a number of core security issues, including in areas of direct relevance to the conflict in the Middle East and the research agendas surrounding it. These include such topics as the competition for regional dominance and hegemony, and the stability of local autocratic regimes. However, cyber-conflicts in the Middle East have yet to receive proper attention in the social sciences. To date, no substantial academic attempts have been made to analyze the normative dimensions, the local discourses or the motivations of the primary Middle Eastern actors in the cyber domain. Moreover, no academic or scientific database currently exists, which records the policy decisions, laws, statements and actions that are made in the Middle East with respect to the cyber domain. Similarly absent are any studies of local statements, interviews and publications regarding cyber conflicts in the Middle East. Whatever research does exist tends to analyze the regional cyber conflict from a Western perspective.

Against this background, in May 2018, we established a research group whose aim is to explore the effects that cyber conflicts and cyber weapons have had on the forging of national security policy and politics in the Middle East. The group seeks to highlight the different effects of cyber conflicts in different regional settings. The researchers in the group bring to the table various relevant expertise, ranging from knowledge on cyber-attacks and the effect of cybersecurity on national security policy in general, to experts on different Middle-Eastern test-cases equipped with the needed local language proficiencies (Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, and Turkish).

The group's overarching goal is to establish a database of qualitative analyses, with the capacity to identify trends that would add to the emerging study of cyber conflicts in general, and shed light on cyber-conflicts in the Middle East, including its regional and international ramifications. We believe that the study of cyber-conflicts holds the potential to improve our understanding of the recent regional instability and its implications for deterrence, national coercion abilities, international involvement and security regimes. Achieving this goal will enable us to narrow the gap between existing research on cyber-security and the academic research on the regional implications of cyber-conflicts in the Middle East.

During the current academic year (2019-2020), we made progress on various fronts. First, following a series of meetings that included presentations of specific research proposals, we designed methodological guidelines for the identification, collection, classification, and archiving of the data. Second, as a collective, we provided feedback on each other's research projects and identified synergies and points of contact between distinct research projects. Finally, we have begun the process of data collection, particularly in Arabic and Farsi, with the assistance of several research assistants. The generous support from the Polonsky Foundation, the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, and the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace was crucial in the progress we have made.

Our plans for the next academic year (2020-2021) are as follows:

1. To continue to enhance data-collection in Arabic and Farsi and to start data-collection in the Turkish language.
2. To systematize the classification and archiving of our data, based on the lessons we learn in the process of collection.
3. To present initial findings and intermediate conclusions at international conferences, as well as at a research seminar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
4. Based on our progress during 2020-2021, we intend to apply for additional research grants to expand our database. Additional funding will help us systematically translate all relevant written materials from Middle-Eastern languages concerning cyber-security policy and cyber-attacks from the last 25 years.



BUILDING VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM: A BOTTOM UP APPROACH

Management & Research Team: Dr. Timea Spitka, Prof. Dan Miodownik, Liel Maghen, Tareq Nassar, Sarah Abuarafef, Dr. Jay Rothman and Noam Brenner

The three-year *Jerusalem Visions* project engaged thousands of Jerusalem residents, conducted joint community and public activities with Palestinian and Israeli residents of Jerusalem discussing problem areas, directed a Jerusalem-wide survey, organized small local interventions and advised on visions for change. The project evolved from its neighborhood stage, to joint Israeli and Palestinian activities, to a Jerusalem-wide thematic stage which included Palestinian, Israeli and Joint groups. During the first year, Jerusalem Visions completed the local neighborhood stage, which was focused on the engagement of East and West Jerusalem communities at the local level. Palestinian and Israeli residents met in separate groups to discuss challenges and priorities in their neighborhood. Two groups (Athuri and Abu Tur) conducted a joint Israeli/Palestinian neighborhood initiative, while the participants of the other groups attended joint (Palestinian/Israeli) workshops and joint educational tours of Jerusalem areas, including tours of Sheikh Jarrah, Abu Tur and Muslala's environmental community centre. During the second year neighborhood groups also completed several sustainable local initiatives, including: public gardening, a roof top mural, an open public neighborhood library. They also established an ongoing joint (Palestinian/Israeli) women's Yoga group. In addition, Jerusalem Visions conducted joint workshops, conferences and public discussions and completed a short documentary on the creation of public space activity. The video, called *Painting New Visions in Jerusalem*, described the creation of a mural event in Arabic, Hebrew and English, documenting Palestinians and Israelis working together in Jerusalem on a common place to create a space. During its final year, the project engaged Jerusalem residents in discussions and policy recommendations in four selected themes: *Youth and Education*, *Infrastructure and Cooperation*, *Security and Protection* and *Local Leadership and Representation*. The selection of the themes was based on a Jerusalem-wide survey, conducted by the Hebrew University during the first year of Jerusalem Visions, priorities that emerged from the project's local neighborhood working groups and Action Evaluation (AE) neighborhood surveys. Within each theme, three groups: Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem, Israeli residents of West Jerusalem and joint Palestinian/Israeli groups, all consisting of residents of Jerusalem discussed their realities and priorities in Jerusalem as well as visions for change. The groups included youth (teens), women, interested residents and local experts. In order to widen the visibility and impact of the policy papers, the project utilized a photovoice method designed to give voice and empower marginalized populations. The group discussions resulted in a visual exhibition and policy papers focused on the ideas and recommendations of the residents.



RESEARCH AND POLICY GROUP: ISRAEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

Daniel Wajner, Dr. Roei Kibrik and Dr. Aviad Rubin

The research and policy group “Israel in the Mediterranean Basin” is a project established by the Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, Mitvim - the Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies and the National Security Institute at the University of Haifa. The Directors of the group are Daniel Wajner, on behalf of the Davis Institute, Dr. Roei Kibrik, on behalf of Mitvim, and Dr. Aviad Rubin, on behalf of Haifa University. Among the fifty participants are leading researchers in the field, former MKs, former Ambassadors, officials from the Israeli Ministries (Foreign Ministry, the Environment Ministry, Energy Ministry and others), and trade union officials, among others.

The group’s rationale lies in the recent development of political, economic, security and social processes in the Mediterranean basin, which have drawn increasing attention from regional powers and states. This process of crystallization of the Mediterranean region evokes many opportunities for Israel, as well as considerable challenges. In order to assess possible developments, identify opportunities and plan desired political steps, it is necessary to understand the arena, identify the trends, and map the different issues, actors and interests.

Consequently, this two-year policy-oriented project aims to contribute to an understanding of the Mediterranean arena and Israel’s place in it, the formulation of policy principles and the promotion of political dialogue with key actors in the region. More specifically, the research and policy group focuses on geo-political processes in the Mediterranean basin (changing relations between the countries of the region and the involvement of international powers in it); Israel’s foreign policy towards the Mediterranean; the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the reality in Gaza on the Mediterranean; how Mediterranean countries can help one another in promoting conflict resolution; the institutionalization of regional relations; as well as common opportunities and challenges in the area of democracy, energy, refugees, law, regulation and the environment.

The research and policy group has held six meetings over the year 2019-2020, focused on geopolitics, environment, energy and the Covid-19 effect on the region. It has produced new knowledge, formulated policy recommendations and established an Israeli network of experts and practitioners focusing on Israel’s Mediterranean coast.





THE GEOPOLITICS AND ENERGY RESEARCH GROUP

Dr. Lior Herman

The Geopolitics and Energy Research Group (GERG) mission is to promote and advance research on the interrelations between energy and geopolitics in a variety of directions, and from a multidisciplinary perspective. Led by Dr. Lior Herman, GERG brings together scholars at different stages of their academic career from several disciplines, ranging from international relations and geography to communication studies and conflict resolution research. The Group provides a platform for discussion, research and study aimed at advancing studies, as well as a conduit for development of research grants promoting the funding of further research. It serves as a forum to facilitate a professional network among Israeli and international scholars, as well as professionals working in this field.

2019-20 was a fruitful and intensive academic year for GERG. The group conducted extensive research activities, which resulted in several academic publications, as well as the winning of a new major research grant from the German DFG in collaboration with Humboldt University in Berlin. This new research grant will be devoted to the study of urban energy systems, and conflict and cooperation in divided and contested cities. Group research activities focused on renewable and fossil energy geo-politics, energy entrepreneurship, community and private sector initiatives and cooperation in renewable energy projects, challenges to the social acceptability of renewable energy projects and their solutions, religion and religious actors' role in energy politics, and energy regionalism.

An international conference was held at the end of December 2019 titled: "Renewable electrification and territorial disputes: Theoretical insights and practical implications". This three-days conference attracted diverse international and local participation, and featured cutting-edge research in the area of renewable energy transition and electrification and its impact on local and international conflicts. Conference papers are due to be published in a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal. The group also engaged in international research collaborations and held public activities, which included research seminars on topics such as energy conflicts in northern Kenya, kosher electricity and the public acceptance of energy. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 crisis, several planned public events and a research study trip had to be cancelled or have been postponed to the next academic year.



ACTIVITIES

Conferences and Workshops Organized or Co-Sponsored by the Institute

SERIES OF MEETINGS ON ISRAEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN: RESEARCH AND POLICY GROUP

Third meeting: September 22, 2019 Herzliya

Israel and the regional players in the Mediterranean basin.

Organized in cooperation with the Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, the Mitvim Institute and the National Security Institute at the University of Haifa.

- The interests and goals of the regional players in the Mediterranean basin
- Existing and desirable Israeli policy in the face of regional actors' activities

“IN BETWEEN: VISIONS FROM CONTESTED CITIES” - CONFERENCE

November 20-21, 2019

Since 2017, the Davis Institute for International Relations from the Hebrew University and the Center for Regional Initiatives (IPCRI) have been engaged in a project aimed at building shared visions for Jerusalem. In this project, local residents from diverse communities from across Jerusalem engaged in mapping local needs and designing their visions for the future of the city. To complement this work, in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the Irish Aid, IPCRI organized delegations of experts and civil society leaders from Jerusalem to visit other contested cities such as Belfast, Nicosia and Sarajevo. These delegations focused on the reality of cities in conflict and highlighted the lessons that can be learned from other conflicts. The conference aimed to present the results of both projects. In the first part, scholars presented policy recommendations designed by local residents and received input from experts from other contested cities. Following this part, we hosted panels and workshops focusing on the practice of bringing change to contested spaces. From urban planning through shared education and equal representation, we aimed to present a comprehensive vision towards the future of those cities in conflict.



ISRAEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN - FOURTH MEETING

December 1, 2019

This meeting covered Israel and Energy in the Mediterranean basin. It was organized in cooperation with the Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, the Mitvim Institute and the National Security Institute at the University of Haifa. It addressed:

- Politics, Business and the Environment - Energy in the Mediterranean Basin
- Israel's energy policy in the Mediterranean basin



9TH INTERNATIONAL PH.D. WORKSHOP: CONTESTING THE LIBERAL SCRIPT

December 8-10, 2019

The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Department of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS),

The Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script" (SCRIPTS)

The workshop brought together eight Israeli graduate students, most of them from the Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR) and eight German graduate students from the Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies and the Hertie School of Governance, under the sponsorship of the SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence. The workshop focused on the theme of Challenges to the Liberal Script. We held two long days of discussions surrounding their research projects, which were very helpful to all students. We also conducted two fascinating roundtables that explored different dimensions of

the contestation of the Liberal Script- one focused on how the Liberal Script and its contention are viewed from different regional perspectives, and the other raised the important challenges, as well as a critical reflection on the role of scholars in identifying and contending with these challenges. The students were joined by five German Faculty and over ten Israeli scholars who participated as chairs and discussants on different panels or roundtables. The two-day official workshop was preceded by an initial day of informal interactions among the graduate students, who discussed different themes related to challenges of the Liberal Script, and joined us in an interesting tour of the campus on Mt Scopus, which in many ways is a micro-cosmos of both the ideas of the Liberal Script and its various challenges.



THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY, IN MEMORY OF THE LATE YITZHAK RABIN

December 11-12, 2019

The Rabin Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy takes place every year in December. As part of the conference, dozens of research students from Israel and abroad presented their research in a variety of workshops, led by the best researchers at the Israeli Academy, as well as distinguished guests from abroad. There were also methodological workshops open to the general public.

The conference site: <http://gradcon.huji.ac.il>



WOMEN REWRITING THE NATION: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF JORDANIAN AND PALESTINIAN FEMINIST WRITING

December 16, 2019

Armed conflicts impact individuals of diverse social locations in different ways. While women are often depicted as victims and in need of protection, the reality is often rather different. This event provided the opportunity to look into the lived experiences of four women whose everyday reality is shaped by armed conflicts and the ways in which they work in order to make better lives for themselves and their respective communities.

In her talk Prof. Camelia Suleiman juxtaposed the writing of the Palestinian Sahar Khalifa, with that of the Jordanian, Samiha Khreis. Comparing their creative responses to the violence of the state shed light on the identity struggles in the two Arab communities.



SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE MOVIE: AN ORDINARY LIFE

December 16, 2019

Women and girls make up about 50% of the refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced populations around the world. The majority of the migratory experiences they face—vulnerabilities, challenges, opportunities—are directly related and particular to the fact that they are women. Can refugee women create for themselves and their families, An Ordinary Life?

The documentary film 'An Ordinary Life' provided us with a rare glimpse into the struggles of two women-activists in their attempt to create a better life for themselves, their families, and refugee communities in Tel Aviv and in Berlin.

The opening remarks were given by Noa Levy, Sophie Davis Forum on Gender and Conflict Resolution and Peace. The screening was followed by a conversation with the film directors Gili Danon and Efrat Shalom Danon. The Chair was Dr. Tal Nitsan from the Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/359226504>

Israel, Germany 2019 | 55 minutes | English, Hebrew, German, Tigrinya | English subtitles



ENERGY GEOPOLITICS AND RENEWABLE ELECTRIFICATION: THEORETICAL INSIGHTS AND PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

December, 18-20, 2019

This was organized by Itay Fischhendler (Geography) and Lior Herman (International Relations) in cooperation with the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Bauman Foundation, and Yad Hanadiv.



EXPERTS' PANEL ON GENDER ASPECTS OF CONFLICTS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

January 6, 2020

The Experts' Panel took place at the Dan Wassong Auditorium in the Yitzhak Rabin Building, Mount Scopus campus and addressed these questions:

Why is it important to examine gender aspects of and perspectives on conflicts and conflict resolution? How do conflicts impact women of diverse populations, in Israel and globally? How do the UN and other international agencies and entities view the integration of women in conflict resolution processes? How do women participate in conflict resolution processes in locations around the globe? How do Israeli women of diverse populations promote and enable women's participation in conflict resolution processes?

RESEARCH AND POLICY GROUP - ISRAEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN: ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES - FIFTH MEETING

February 13, 2020

This meeting was organized in cooperation with the Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, the Mitvim Institute and the National Security Institute at the University of Haifa. The meeting focused on the challenges and opportunities presented by the environmental aspect of the eastern Mediterranean basin, characterized by the climate crisis facing Israel.

ZOOM CONFERENCE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE SHADOW OF THE CORONA: A YOUNG RESEARCH VIEW

May 10, 2020

This was a Zoom Conference attended by research students from the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University.

The shock waves of the Corona crisis that burst into our lives in March 2020, were felt throughout the world and in all areas. Although it is still "on the move" and surrounded by uncertainty, our research students sought to offer a fresh perspective on the crisis and its implications for international politics.

RESEARCH GROUP: ISRAEL AND THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN - SIXTH MEETING (ZOOM MEETING)

May 14, 2020

This meeting focused on the effects of the Corona virus on Israeli-Mediterranean relations.

Organized in cooperation with the Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, the Mitvim Institute and the National Security Institute at the University of Haifa.

ZOOM CONFERENCE: THE UN'S CALL FOR A GLOBAL CEASEFIRE AMID COVID-19: CAN IT HELP ADVANCE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE?

May 17, 2020

Organized by The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies.

Speakers included:

H.E. Nickolay Mladenov, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Mr. Richard Gowan, UN Director, International Crisis Group

Dr. Yael Berda, Department of Sociology, The Hebrew University

Dr. Lior Lehrs, The Mitvim Institute and the Davis Institute

Ms. Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, The Alliance for Middle East Peace

Prof. Dan Miodownik, Director of the Davis Institute, The Hebrew University

Dr. Nimrod Goren, Head of the Mitvim Institute

The following events were canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - THE LAUSANNE MODEL, 100 YEARS AFTER: THE PRACTICE OF UPROOTING POPULATIONS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

March 22-23, 2020

Co-Organizers:

Dr. Abigail Jacobson, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies,

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dr. Sagi Schaefer, Department of History, Tel Aviv University

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION AND MEDIATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST BETWEEN CONFLICT AND PEACE

April 19-20, 2020

Co-Organizers:

University of Oslo and Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) with the cooperation of The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations (Dr. Lior Lehrs)



Prizes

THE ANNUAL CARMON PRIZE CEREMONY

January 15, 2020

The Carmon Prize is awarded in recognition of an outstanding M.A. or Ph.D. thesis on Israel's security policy in the Middle East.

Jason Silverman was awarded the Carmon Prize for outstanding research work on: "The Dis(honest) Broker: Perceptions of U.S. Mediation in Israeli-Palestinian Peace Negotiation".

The Keynote Address was given by Prof. Yaacov Vertzberger, the Department of International Relations, The Hebrew University: "Strategic rivalries between the superpowers - between escalation and restraint: China and India in the 21st century".



Lectures & Colloquia

VISITORS

Professor Gary King (Harvard University)

January 1, 2020

Professor Gary King visited the Hebrew University and shared his work with the students. He gave two presentations:

1. A presentation for Ph.D. students
2. A departmental colloquium

Both events took place on Mt. Scopus campus on Wednesday January 1.

Canceled due to Covid-19 epidemic:

Professor Ian Lustick, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, USA

June 8, 2020

A lecture on his new book "Paradigm Lost: From Two-State Solution to One-State Reality."

DAVIS RESEARCHERS' SEMINAR:

- November 13, 2019 Daniel Wajner (Davis Institute): "Legitimizing Populist Foreign Policies: The Legitimation Strategies of the Progressive Neo-Populist Wave in Latin America"
- November 27, 2019 Noa Levy (Davis Institute): "Shackled by goodwill: Unaccompanied girls and community-based organizations at the Zimbabwean-South African borderland"
- January 8, 2020 Jonathan Grossman (Davis Institute): "Archives, Sources, and IR in the Digital Era"
- January 22, 2020 Michael Freedman (Davis Institute): "Indiscriminate Violence, Political Radicalization, and Backlash"

Canceled due to Covid-19 epidemic

- April 22, 2020 Special guest: Lene Hansen (University of Copenhagen)
- May 13, 2020 Tal Nitsan (Davis Institute): "I Survived, I'm Here, I'm Alive: Breaking the Silence and/as a claim for Dignity and Respect"
- May 27, 2020 Noam Brenner (Truman Institute): "Direct and Indirect Contact in Divided Cities: Community Leaders as Brokers Between Rival Groups"
- June 3, 2020 Special guest: Sven Steinmo (University of Colorado)
- June 17, 2020 Lior Lehrs (Davis Institute): "Give Peace a Plan: Peace Plans as Diplomatic Tools and Textual Agents in Conflict Areas"



PUBLICATIONS

POLITIKA (IN HEBREW)

Politika is a digital peer-reviewed journal of Israeli Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations, which addresses timely issues affecting both Israel and the world.

Currently, Doron Ella, the editor of *Politika*, is finalizing the special issue (28), which is focused on gender and conflict-resolution. The publication of this issue was delayed due to last-minute additions of two more papers which needed to undergo the peer-review process and copy-editing. Currently all of the included papers are available under Advanced Access via the Davis Institute website, and we are waiting for the graphic designer to finish editing the issue as a whole.

The next issue (29) will be *Politika's* last publication before it changes concept and management. This issue is expected to be quite large in terms of the number of papers. It will include a 4-article symposium on the Trump administration and presidency, a 5-article symposium on politics and international relations of the EU and its individual member-states, and two additional analytical papers dealing with Israel's credit rating regime and the leadership of religious Zionism in Israel (these papers have also been published on the Davis Institute website). All of the papers included in this issue have been peer-reviewed and we are waiting for one last paper to be copy-edited before we publish. This should be completed within a few weeks.

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"Israel and Hamas Should Take Their Clandestine Relationship Public," *Haaretz*, February 13, 2020

"The peace envoy who escalated the crisis", *Jerusalem Post*, September 10, 2019

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