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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 discussion of them;
- 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 PhD 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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FROM THE DIRECTOR

With great pleasure and a sense of pride we present the annual report for the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations (LDI). It has been an intense and productive year, though this is not unprecedented at our institute.

Under the leadership of Dr. Galia Press Bar Nathan, we continue to strengthen the Davis Graduate School in International Relation (DGSIR), which provides structured training in research and currently hosts a group of **22** highly talented, funded graduate students.

Under the leadership of our postdoctoral trainee, Dr. Tal Nitsan, we continue to strengthen the Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace, as a hub for a growing community of academics and activists, faculty and students from the Hebrew University, as well as members from other universities and the wider civil society. One of our initiatives this year will culminate, we hope, in the establishment in Fall 2020, of a new MA program dedicated to Gender and Diversity studies, situated in the school of social sciences.

Lastly, we are continuing to provide logistical and academic support to the activities of five research groups working within the institute and recently, in collaboration with Mitvim, the Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies, we established a sixth research group, focusing on Israel's policy in the Mediterranean arena. The establishment of this research group will reinforce and be reinforced by the ongoing excellent work of Prof. Alfred Tovias, as LDI representative on the board of directors of The Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Science Institutes (FEMISE) and in the steering committee of The Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission (EuroMeSCo), the main network of research centers on politics and security in the Mediterranean.

During the academic year 2018-2019, we at the Leonard Davis Institute initiated and co-sponsored **14** conferences and workshops. Among these I would like to highlight the following:

- The 14th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy in Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin, organized by Prof. Arie Kacowicz, a conference attracting participants from Israel and abroad.
- The 8th Eurasian Peace Science Conference
The conference's goals were to broaden cooperation and intellectual dialogue among Eurasian and Middle Eastern peace science scholars, to encourage the fruitful interaction with the worldwide peace science community, and to bring together the most recent and relevant research on conflict and peace-related topics from around the world.
- A series of meetings on Israel in the Mediterranean Basin: Research and Policy Group
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.

These and other programs and activities you will find in the report, could not have been realized without LDI's wonderful community of in-house and visiting scholars and our amazing administrative staff. This year we hosted four post-doctoral and two research fellows: Dr. Tal Nitsan; Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace fellow, Dr. Lior Lehrs, Dr. Amit Sheniak, Dr. Kerstin Tomiak, Dr. Keren Sasson and Dr. Toby Greene. Our diverse group of fellows and long list of visitors took the lead in organizing or contributing to a series of successful events: seminars, workshops and conferences that attracted local as well as international participants. In the report you can read more about their background and intellectual progress over the last year.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Institute's academic committee. Special thanks to its Chairperson Prof. Oren Barak, Dean Tamir Sheaffer, and the IR Department Chair Piki Ish Shalom. I would also like to thank again our administrative team, Mr. Chanoch Wolpe, LDI Administrative Director and Ms. Michal Barak Ben-Arush, the Institute's programs and media coordinator. Their passionate involvement and entrepreneurial spirit have helped put the LDI on track and nurture it as a rigorous research institute and warm home to us all.

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 on 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 Lehms 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 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 in holy sites.



DR. KERSTIN TOMIAK

Kerstin Tomiak is a postdoctoral fellow at the Davis Institute for International Relations and the GLOCAL-program. Her research interests include practices and processes of military and humanitarian interventions and external state-building in countries of the global South. She received her PhD from Cardiff University, UK and is currently writing a research monograph on media development campaigns in South Sudan. Kerstin has worked as a media specialist, spokesperson and project coordinator for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Afghanistan and several organizations in South Sudan.



DR. AMIT SHENIAK

Dr. Amit Sheniak is the Cyber-Security Policy Coordinator of the Israeli ministry of Defense political-military directorate, and a consultant to Israel's National Cyber Directorate (INCD). He is also a post-doctoral research fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Davis Institute for International Relations, the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, and the Hebrew University Cyber Security Research Center (HCSRC).

Dr. Sheniak holds a MA and PhD in Political Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Dec. 2015) and completed a post-doc at Harvard University in the program for Science Technology and Society (STS), in the Kennedy School of Government (2016-2017). He has served in the past decade as a chief policy advisor and strategy analyst in various capacities at Israel's parliament, the Ministry of Defense and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). His research investigates the social and political context of state sponsored innovation technologies, specifically in regard to cybersecurity conflicts, cyber-policy and expertise formation and their effect on international order, sovereignty and legitimacy in Israel, USA and China. Lately he was the co-organizer (together with Israel's National Cyber Directorate) of the US-IS policy workshop on "Cyber Active Defense" (April. 2017).

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.

Davis Graduate School (TELEM IR) M.A Students:



TOM ZIV
M.A., 1ST YEAR

Research interests: History and theory of populism, populist and right-wing parties in Europe, the European Union, politics of identity, political discourse and political thought (liberalism, socialism, conservatism).



BAR NADEL
M.A., 1ST YEAR

Research interests: The European Union and the formation of European society, the rise of populism in Europe, the role of the EU in the lives of its citizens, the correlation between cultural proximity and prospects of integration.



DANIEL SEGAL
M.A., 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Ontological security and securitization; critical security studies; IR theory and prediction with a focus on the influence of identities and ideas on power politics and vice versa.



RON DEUTCH
M.A., 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Irrationality, perceptions and decision-making, the international relations of the Middle East (specifically the Persian Gulf).



YULIA ARPORT
M.A. 2ND YEAR

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



INBAR PINCU
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, international economic law, identities in IR, international organizations, middle eastern studies.



OFEK RIEMER
M.A. 2ND 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
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Non-state violent actors and their interactions with state actors, particularly Hezbollah and Hamas. International relations of the MENA.



INBAR NOY
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Ontological security of non-state actors and its impact on conflict resolution, international law and human trafficking, friendship between states, social construction of peace and conflict resolution.



PhD Students:



MORR LINK
PHD 1ST YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, international economic law, identities in IR, international organizations, middle eastern studies.



DAN ERAN
PHD 1ST 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
PHD 1ST 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
PHD 1ST 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
PHD 2ND 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'.



NAAMA LUTZ
PHD 2ND 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.



JONATHAN ARIEL
PHD 3RD 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.



JONNY S. ESSA
PHD 3RD YEAR

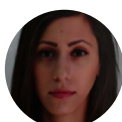
PhD Thesis Title: The Role of the Armed Forces Autonomy during the Arab Spring. Jordan, Syria and Egypt in a Comparative and Historical Perspective.

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



REMI DANIEL
PHD 3RD YEAR

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



NETA STRUNIN-KREMER
PHD 4TH YEAR

Theories of resistance and political agency in IR and critical security studies. Her current research focuses on representations of everyday resistance to mass militaries.



HILA LEVI
PHD 4TH 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 by the “Troika” to social concerns accompanying the austerity measures it prescribed in order to cope with the Eurozone crisis (2009–12).



SHANI BAR-TUVIA
PHD 5TH YEAR

The empirical focus of her PhD project is the interaction between Israel’s asylum and refugee policies, and policies of other “Western” states in Europe, Australia and the US. Theoretically, it engages with two main fields: international norms and policy diffusion. Mainly, it explores how restrictive asylum policies diffuse among states and the normative consequences of this process.

Program Graduates



AVIAD LEVY

His research focuses on the role of the emotion of schadenfreude, the pleasure in other’s misfortunes, in international politics. Aside from dealing with the general theoretical aspects of emotions’ studies in international relations, he concentrates on the particular social-psychological dimensions of Israeli-European relations

Short Term Research Fellows

- Dr. Caitlin Procter, Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, USA
- Prof. Dag Harald Claes, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway
- Prof. Joel Peters, Government and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, USA
- Mr. Nathaniel Shils, PennState University, USA



PROJECTS

Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR)



The 2018/19 academic year was the third year of the Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR). With its detailed roadmap and the program's revised structure, DGSIR welcomed five new students, four at the initial MA stage and one in the second year of the MA. These students joined the existing fifteen students who are at different stages of their academic training, including our first student to successfully complete his PhD. The program thus continued to expand in size. 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, and faculty of the International Relations department. 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. DGSIR female scholars also participated this year in an event for Women Scholars in IR at HUJI, an event which we wish to institutionalize in order to develop a better support network for young women scholars. Students also participated in a geopolitical tour of the Golan Heights towards the end of the second semester.

As always, much of the students' energy this year was dedicated to coursework and research. On the MA 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 gladly assisted several students with travel expenses to attend overseas workshops and international conferences. It also sponsored several short courses, both substantive and methodological, by visiting overseas scholars. 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.

This year we continue to develop the DGSIR and strengthen its foundations. We have recruited eight new students for the program (for 2019/20), who will join us in the coming fall. Five of our students are currently preparing for the Comprehensive Exam, which will be given in fall 2019, and after which they will proceed to the PhD stage.

The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace



In the 2018-2019 academic year the Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace engaged in three main endeavors:

1. Organizing public academic events on/off campus.
2. Organizing two events (a round table entitled, “Gendered Aspects of Conflicts and their Resolutions” and a panel entitled, “Feminism and Queer theory in IR”) for the Israeli Association for International Studies Annual Meeting
3. Taking a lead role in creating a new Gender and Diversity Master’s program at Hebrew University (to be open in the academic year of 2020-2021).

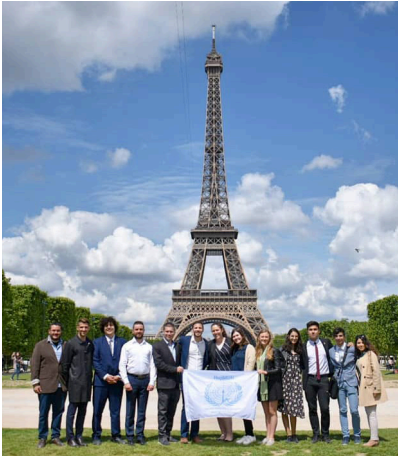
Our public events included two series:

WOMEN IN ARMED CONFLICTS included two events that took place on campus. The first, *Naila, the Uprising, and other Armed Conflicts* (November 7, 2018, in collaboration with Gender Studies), featured a discussion about women’s role in conflicts following the screening of the documentary film, *Naila and the Uprising* (2017). The second, *Beyond Victimhood: Inclusive Security and Women’s Role in Stopping Armed Conflicts* (November 26, 2018, in collaboration with the Davis Graduate School of International Relations) was a workshop led by US former Ambassador Swanee Hunt.

THE LEARNING COMMUNITY: CONCEPTUALIZING TRANSFORMATIONS included six events, held on and off campus, all focusing on agency-related concepts and how they can generate changes in a conflicted reality. For *Hope, Gender and Conflict Resolution* (December 5, 2018, in collaboration with Gender Studies) we hosted two key figures in the current struggle for a dignified and safe life for (Jewish and Palestinian) women in Israel: Adv. Michal Gera Margalio, Managing Director of Israel Women’s Network and Ms. Maisam Jaljuli, Chairperson of Na’amat in the southern triangle region. Our first event on *Gender, Conflict, and Performance as a Practice of Cultural Resistance* (January 9, 2019, in collaboration with the Theater Department at Haifa University) was held at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and featured the work of three Palestinian artists: Manar Zuabi, Samira Saraya and Khulood Basel and was followed by open discussion with the audience. Over the term break we hosted a three-day international workshop titled: *Borders, Walls, and other Possibilities - Theorizing Gender in Conflicted Spaces* (February 18-20, 2019) that also included various off campus public events and several walking tours. For our fourth event, *Gift Economy, Gender, and Conflict Resolution* (March 13, 2019, in collaboration with Gender Studies) we hosted Dr. Erella Shadmi, independent feminist scholar-activist and former head of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at Beit Berl Academic College. Our second event on *Gender, Conflict, and Performance as a Practice of Cultural Resistance* (April 16, 2019, in collaboration with the Theater Department at Haifa University) was held at the Reuven Hecht Arts Center at the University of Haifa. It featured the play “Maternity” (by Hana Vazana) and was followed by a panel of experts discussing the tragedy of missing children and the power of performance to address such topics. Our final event, *Gender, Diversity and Conflict Resolution* (June 19, 2019 in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Multiculturalism and Diversity) was hosted by the Mt. Scopus Main Library in a form of bio-library. It featured 15 individuals from various location within Israeli society, who shared their lived encounters with gender, diversity and conflict with library patrons and students.



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Model UN society



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Model UN society, HujiMUN, consists of students of the Hebrew University who have an interest in International Relations and Diplomacy, and wish to gain experience in this field alongside their studies.

HujiMUN has been working with the support of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations since 2016, a partnership that has had significant influence on the growth and success of the society, and that provides the budget and support for the society throughout the year. During the academic year HujiMUN meets once a week. In these meetings the members simulate the different committees of the UN and improve skills such as public speaking, debating and negotiating. The society hosts different workshops, meets with diplomats and visits embassies, and by doing so we gain a better understanding of the world of diplomacy.



Besides the weekly meetings, HujiMUN represents the Hebrew University at national and international MUN conferences and hosted its first international MUN conference in April 2019- JLMUN 2019.

In June 2019 HujiMUN established itself as one of the leading MUN societies in Europe, when we participated alongside 500 delegates from around the world in the PiMUN 2019 conference in Paris, and won the "Best Delegate" award in 7 out of the 17 committees.

Research Groups

ANNUAL SUMMARY – THE DAVIS INDEX

Prof. Tamir Sheaffer, Prof. Shaul Shenhav, Mr. Yair Fogel-Dror, Ms. Vered Porzycki, Mr. Dror Markus and Mr. Guy Mor

The "Davis index" aims to represent international media attention on the 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.

Throughout the 2018-19 year, we presented our results for the Davis Index Reports. We have produced the first report for the year 2010, and plan to release reports for the years 2011-2018 and onward. Our plan is to publish an updated report every three months, and an overall yearly 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 are recognizing and grappling with the manner in which cyber-attacks impact their national security and vital interests. This is true both for western democratic developed countries and for those who do not answer these criteria. Cyber-related activities are associated with a number of core security issues, including in areas that are 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, there is no academic or scientific database recording the policy decisions, laws, statements and actions that are made in the Middle East in regard to the cyber domain. Moreover, 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 effect of cyber conflicts and cyber weapons, on the forging of national security policy and politics in the Middle East, striving to highlight the different effects of cyber conflicts in different regional setting. The researchers in the group bring with them a range of relevant expertise; spanning from cyber-attacks and the effect of cybersecurity on national security policy in general, to experts on different middle-eastern test-cases equipped with the necessary local language proficiencies (Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, and Turkish).

The group's over-arching goal is to establish a database, comprised 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 the Middle East's constant cyber conflict and its regional and international ramifications, in particular. We believe that the study of cyber-conflicts has 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 the existing research on cyber-security and the academic research on the regional implications of cyber-conflicts in the Middle East.

After a year of activity we are happy to report that we have managed to execute our plans according to the proposed plan: we forged a cohort of relevant talented researchers (assistant professors, post-docs, and graduate students); we re-explored our research objectives and focused our joint investigation on specific unique issues in the study of cyber-conflicts in the Middle East, such as the cyber-attacks between states and sub-state actors; most importantly we composed five specific research tracks, that will enjoy the seed money that we received from the generous contribution of the Polonsky Foundation, the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace.



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 Abuarafeh, Dr. Jay Rothman and Noam Brenner

“Building Visions for the Future of Jerusalem: A Bottom Up Approach” is a three-year Leonard Davis Institute (Hebrew University) and Israel-Palestine: Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI) collaboration. The project engages residents of East and West Jerusalem, urban planners, students, women, youth and local leaders to work together to shape the current and future reality of their neighborhoods and the city as a whole.

The project proceeded with the second stage this year, facilitating thematic groups of residents which discussed four of Jerusalem’s salient challenges: Youth and Education, Infrastructure, Safety and Political Representation. To discuss the issues in the groups, we used a visual community participatory method called Photovoice. In photovoice, participants are asked to voice their challenges, ideas and desires by taking pictures of their reality. Later, their pictures become their basis for the group discussion about the city. In the final stage of the process the participants are asked to imagine and create a picture based on their vision for change. The results from the thematic groups will culminate in policy papers and advice on national urban interventions, contributing to local input to short and long-term solutions for the city.

During the coming year, we plan to advocate these policy papers through several channels. The papers will be presented at an international conference in November for the first time, accompanied by an exhibition of the photos. This exhibition will be moved around within Jerusalem in order to inspire residents and local activists. The output will also be published on the project website and distributed on social media. Through this approach we aim to engage and empower residents to work on local creative initiatives, increase knowledge of the complexities of Jerusalem and contribute towards a negotiated solution to the city. The project is funded by the EU with contributions from the Hebrew University.



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, the Mitvim Institute 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 thirty participants are leading researchers in the field, former MKs, former Ambassadors and officials of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, trade union officials, among others.

The group’s rationale lies in the current 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 the possible developments, identify the opportunities and plan the 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 understanding on the Mediterranean arena and Israel’s place in it, formulating policy principles and promoting 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 will hold six meetings over the coming year 2019-2020.





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 the development of research grants promoting the funding of further research. It serves as a forum facilitating a professional network among Israeli and international scholars, as well as professionals working in this field.

2018-19 was a fruitful and intensive academic year for GERG. The group conducted extensive research activities, which resulted in several academic publications. Research focus areas were energy geopolitics, 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. The group also engaged in international research collaborations and held public activities, which included research and policy seminars with leading scholars and practitioners from Israel and abroad. Research and study activities were furthered by two two-days field trips to study renewable energy projects in the Galilee and the Jordan Valley. GERG activities were supported by the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and competitive research grants won by GERG members. Throughout its public and research activities, GERG has created a growing international network of some 150 members in Israel, Europe and beyond. Members in this network include academics, professionals, civil servants as well as civil society and other interested members.



ACTIVITIES

Conferences and Workshops Organized or Co-Sponsored by the Institute

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH JERUSALEM'S MAYORAL CANDIDATES

October 24, 2018

What is the vision for Jerusalem?

What should be the relationship between the City and the University?

Candidates:

MK Ze'ev Elkin

Ofer Berkowitz

Yossi Daitch

Moshe Lion

Moderator: Nir Hasson, Haaretz, Jerusalem Affairs correspondent.

The event was broadcasted **Live on Facebook**.

Organized in cooperation with The Urban Clinic, The Institute of Urban & Regional Studies and "Visions for the Future of Jerusalem" Project.



CONFERENCE: THE ISSUE OF PROPERTY IN EAST JERUSALEM

November 7, 2018

Co-sponsored by Minerva center for Human Rights and LDI's Visions for Jerusalem group. Co-funded by the European Union. The conference was held to address the issue of property in East Jerusalem. After years of disputes, lack of clarity and isolated suits, it was time to confront the issue as part of a discussion between legal experts and government officials as part of wider solutions to the problems stemming from the status of assets, their owners, and residents.





BEYOND VICTIMHOOD: INCLUSIVE SECURITY AND WOMEN'S ROLE IN STOPPING ARMED CONFLICTS



November 26, 2018

In this workshop, Ambassador Hunt broke open traditional concepts of security and tackled an array of leadership skills while examining the little-understood structures and critical roles for women and other participants in forestalling or stopping violent conflict. Using a multidisciplinary approach, we explored theoretical, hotly debated questions at a practical level, teasing out the frameworks of successful women-led initiatives from conflicts around the world.

The workshop was organized by The Department of International Relations and The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace.

INCORPORATING SPATIAL ANALYSIS AND BIG DATA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESEARCH



December 11, 2018

The conference brought together prominent international and local scholars and practitioners to discuss issues pertaining to the challenges and opportunities presented by spatial data in the areas of international relations, geography and crisis monitoring, both at times of conflicts and at times of peace. Organized in cooperation with The Department of Geography.

THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND PUBLIC POLICY IN MEMORY OF THE LATE YITZHAK RABIN



December 12-13, 2018

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 present their research in a variety of workshops, led by the best researchers at the Israeli Academy, as well as distinguished guests from abroad. There are also methodological workshops open to the general public.

8TH EURASIAN PEACE SCIENCE CONFERENCE

January 14-15, 2019

The conference's goals were to broaden cooperation and intellectual dialogue amongst Eurasian and Middle Eastern peace science scholars, to encourage the fruitful interaction with the worldwide peace science community, and to bring together the most updated and relevant research on conflict and peace-related topics from around the world.

The Conference was co-sponsored by The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, The Israeli Association for International Studies and The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for The Advancement of Peace.



TOTALITARIANISM IN COMMUNIST-ERA EUROPE RECONSIDERED

April 10-11, 2019

Organized in cooperation with the European Forum at The Hebrew University, The Leonid Nevzlin Center for Russian and East European Jewry and Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History.

WORKSHOP: UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS

May 15-16, 2019

Workshop on Understanding International Economic Agreements: Theoretical Innovations and Methodological Challenges

Co-Organizers:

Yoram Haftel (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Krzysztof Pelc (McGill University)

Sponsors:

The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies

The Davis Institute for International Relations



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



First meeting: May 29, 2019

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.

- What is happening in the Mediterranean? - Update
- Discussion: The Mediterranean basin as a distinct area

Second meeting: July 21, 2019

Part One. Peer Learning: The Great Powers in the Mediterranean Basin.

Part Two. Small group work: Israel's policies and the great powers in the Mediterranean Basin.

Third meeting: September 22, 2019 Herzliya

Israel and the regional players in the Mediterranean basin.

DEMOCRACY AND FOREIGN POLICY IN ISRAEL: WHAT IS THE CONNECTION?

June 11, 2019

A joint conference of the Davis Institute and Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies. The conference was held in Hebrew.

The following topics were raised at the conference:

- Democracy, International Relations and Global Challenges to the Liberal Order
- The Democratic Deficit in Israel and its Effect on Foreign Relations
- The Democracy Component in Israel's Regional Foreign Policies



NEW TRENDS IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES

June 16-20, 2019

An outgrowth of the international conference organized by the Institute in 2017, "Nationalism in the History of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Mass Violence," an international research workshop was organized by the Institute of Contemporary Judaism in collaboration with other sources at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, together with the Center for Holocaust Studies at the Institute of Contemporary History and the University of LMU in Munich, Germany. The Davis Institute was a partial sponsor of this workshop, which was primarily intended to bring together young scholars - Israeli and German (doctoral and postdoctoral) who are involved in Holocaust research and genocide.

Prizes

THE ANNUAL CARMON PRIZE CEREMONY

January 16, 2019



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.

OFEK RIEMER was awarded the Carmon Prize for outstanding research work on:

“Coercive Disclosure”: Public Disclosure of Intelligence as a Foreign Policy Tool of Coercion in International Disputes.

The Keynote Address was given by **Justice Prof. Elyakim Rubinstein**,

Deputy President of the Supreme Court (retired), on the subject: “Security and Law - A Personal View”.



Lectures & Colloquia

VISITORS

Professor Barany Zoltan, Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin

April 3, 2019

Prof. Zoltan gave a lecture entitled “Military Rule and the Muslim Minority in Myanmar. Discrimination and Persecution in a ‘Democratizing’ State” and led a workshop for graduate students.

Professor Michael Tomz, Stanford University

April 29, 30 and May 1, 2019

Gave a series of lectures and led a workshop for graduate students.

Guest lecture: Carly Wayne, University of Michigan

June 10, 2019

Seminar Title: Risk or Retribution: The Micro-Foundations of State Counter-Terror Policies

Guest lecture: Prof. Nadav Shelef, University of Wisconsin-Madison

June 26, 2019

Seminar Title: How Homelands Change

DAVIS RESEARCHERS’ SEMINAR:

November 21, 2018 Ofek Riemer - Israel’s use of the media for coercion: the struggle against Iran and Hezbollah, 2017-2018

December 5, 2018 Kerstin Tomiak - The media in a patrimonial system: troubles for western-led media support in state-building processes

December 19, 2018 Tal Nitzan - What’s so funny about (the rarity of wartime) rape?

January 2, 2019 Toby Green – Foreign policy anarchy and sabotage in coalitions: cases from Britain and Israel

April 10, 2019 Jonny Essa - What explains different military behavior in times of crisis? Jordan, Syria, and Egypt in a comparative and historical perspective

May 22, 2019 Amit Sheniak - From STUXNET to ISIS: exploring cyber-conflicts in the Middle East

June 5, 2019 Dan Sagir - Turning your dissertation into a book. Preliminary thoughts and dilemmas.

June 19, 2019 Lior Lehrs - The diplomatic avant-garde

THE SOPHIE DAVIS LEARNING COMMUNITY

November 7, 2018	Naila, the Uprising, and other Armed Conflicts
November 26, 2018	Beyond Victimhood: Inclusive Security and Women's Role in Stopping Armed Conflicts, led by US former Ambassador Swanee Hunt.
December 5, 2018	Hope, Gender and Conflict Resolution
January 9, 2019	Gender, Conflict, and Performance as a Practice of Cultural Resistance
February 18-20, 2019	Borders, Walls, and other Possibilities - Theorizing Gender in Conflicted Spaces
March 13, 2019	Gift Economy, Gender, and Conflict Resolution
April 16, 2019	Gender, Conflict, and Performance as a Practice of Cultural Resistance
June 19, 2019	Gender, Diversity and Conflict Resolution

Social

OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

October 24, 2018

The opening of the academic year - members of the Davis Institute, the International Relations Department staff and the Davis Graduate School students, met for a toast and greetings.



STRATEGIC TOUR OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

June 2, 2019

The tour was led by Ron Shatzberg, a reserve colonel in the Israel Defense Forces. We drove through the Valley Monument to sites such as Tel Katzir, the Triangle of Borders, Mitzpeh Hashalom, Quneitra, Bental and Majdal Shams. Ron gave an overview of the security and historical aspects of the various sites. The Davis Fellows, the academic staff of the Department of International Relations and the Davis Graduate School students participated in the tour.





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, the editors of *Politika* are working on final additions to the special issue (28) focused on gender and conflict-resolution. All of the included papers have already been made available under Advanced Access via the Davis website. We expect this special issue to be published during August 2019.

The next issue (29) will be *Politika's* last publication before it closes. 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 website). We expect this issue to be published by the end of 2019.

POST-DOC PUBLICATIONS:

Rawia Aburabia, "Family, Nation Building and Citizenship: The Legal Representation of Muslim Women in the Ban Against the Bigamy Clause -1951" *Journal of Law and Religion* Vol 35 (issue 1) (Forthcoming April 2020)

Toby Greene, 'Foreign policy anarchy in multiparty coalitions: When junior parties take rogue decisions', *European Journal of International Relations*, First Published February 18, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066119828196>

Toby Greene and Jonathan Rynhold, 'Israel and Europe: Between Cooperation and Conflict', *Survival* 60: 4, 2018, 91-112.

Toby Greene also published some op-eds at *The Jewish Chronicle* and *Fathom* in 2018-19.

Lior Lehrs, "The Peacenik and the Spook as the Diplomatic Avant-Garde," *Cooperation and Conflict* (Forthcoming).

Kerstin Tomiak, a chapter in the edited volume, 'The UN; Friend or Foe of Self-Determination', which will be published by e-InternationalRelations (www.e-ir.org) next spring.

Lior Lehrs, "The Road Not Taken: The Amirav–Husseini Peace Initiative of 1987," *Middle East Journal* (Forthcoming).



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