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Topic of Discussion: Final Research Project – List of Subjects

Outline

1. Attatched is a discussion platform headed by the commandant of the colleges, held on October 2nd, 2019.

2. The steps ahead:

   A. October 6th   Presentation of topics in the plenum.

   B. October 28th   Submition of preferences of topics by the participants.

   C. November 21st   Distributing the selected topics and division into teams.

Discussion Outcomes

1. Approval of the Commandant of the Colleges and the Academy for the list of subjects and the manner of presentation.

Forming the Platform

1. Commandant of the colleges recently sent a letter inviting organizations to present relevant issues for writing as part of the research thesis project.

2. Considerations in focusing and filtering the issues - convergence of topics that allow multidisciplinary practice; Not limited in classification and sources; Does not narrow down to a focused question.

3. The participants will receive the list of subjects attatched here (not including the appendixes).

4. The references we received from external parties are fully presented in appendix A.

5. A list of topics to be addressed by the Command and Staff / Tactical Command Colleges' faculty is shown in appendix B.

Final Research Project – List of Subjects：

1. The Challenges of learning and maintaining organizational relevance in a dynamic and changing environment.

2. Digital culture in organizations – barriers and strengths.

3. Smart cities and their influence on national security.

4. The cyber space - challenges and opportunities for national security.

5. The space as a combat dimension - between reality and dream.

6. The Fourth Industrial Revolution and Israeli national security.

7. Innovation and futurism – Utilizing the potential of the civil service and strengthening Israel's international standing.

8. The risks and benefits of artificial intelligence applications in the context of national security.

9. Foreign investment in Israel and its impact on national security.

10. Unintentional escalation as a cause for outbreak of wars in the Middle East: Processes and outcomes .

11. Ending mechanisms for war and its aftermath – military, political and economic-wise

12. Strategic examination of the peace agreements with Jordan and Egypt .

13. Analysis of the strength of Israeli civilian resilience in light of threats to the home front.

14. The defrayal crisis as an opportunity to redefine the relationship with the Palestinian Authority - Examining economic, social, security and political aspects.

15. The civilian and security policy vis-à-vis the Gaza Strip as a tool for maintaining or undermining security?

16. US policy towards the PA and its impact on the arena.

17. Alternatives to UNRWA in the Palestinian arena - Significance and implications.

18. The State of Israel in the Palestinian arena - one arena made of two fronts (Gaza/West Bank) or depth processes (Since 2007) that design two separate arenas .

19. Development and design of the PA - Its governability and preparedness for the day after Mahmoud Abbas.

20. Foreign workers vs. Palestinian workers - In construction, agriculture and other sectors of the economy. Examining the allocation policy and the impact on national security.

21. Perceptual imitation between states, militaries and organizations: challenges and opportunities.

22. Development of alternative sources of energy as an issue of sustainability, energy security and national security.

23. Technological education and its impact on national security.

24. Israel's readiness for the new security challenges in the future Middle East (climate change, emissions, water and food shortages, failed states).

25. The establishment of global terrorism in Africa.

26. Central areas vs. periphery as a component of national security.

27. The sea – Israel's future area of expansion

28. Strategic implications of the 'decoupling' between the US and China on Israel's national security.

29. Israel and the 'Sharp Power' challenge

30. The return of the multi-arena warfare

31. The concept of jointness in the Intelligence Community

32. How would the Hamas project in Gaza look like in a decade

Best regards,

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