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**Israel National Defense College**

Background material

**The INDC-**

The national defense collage of Israel is meant to serve as a comprehensive and in depth learning institution of national security with all its components and interactions. The curriculum of the national defense collage is combined with an academic curriculum, which is being conducted in the University of Haifa campus and in the collage walls. The training branch in the collage is the body responsible for the general operation of the collage and all its derivatives.

**Designation-**

The national defense collage is the highest state institution for training senior faculty in the IDF and in the security and government systems for command and management positions, according to the government decision in May 23rd, 1976.

**Goals of the study year in the collage-**

1. Study and research of national security components.
2. Analyzation of the interrelationships between various components of national security.
3. Development of thinking tools in a strategic level appropriate for senior executives facing national security challenges.

**About the curriculum-**

School year in the national defense collage was opened in September 2nd, 2019 and is destined to end in July 15th, 2020. The school year also includes a MA in political science from the University of Haifa. During the school year, participants go through a large number of courses, experiences and tours covering all aspects of national defense of the state of Israel encompass four main areas: national defense, diplomacy, economy and society. Other than the four areas of study, the national defense collage provides participants strategic planning and thinking tools.

The school year in the national defense collage is divided in to four studying seasons: the first season is the global season, in which participants will be exposed to fundamental concepts of national security in a global perspective as well to development of strategic thinking. The season ends with a tour to four European countries (Germany, UK, Greece and Cyprus) in division to groups, and includes a tour to NATO institution and the European Union. The second season is the Israeli season, in which they will deepen in the state of Israel national defense elements. The season includes strategic choice experiment and ending in a defense- political simulation on the Israeli - Palestinian conflict. The third season is a specialization season in which all the participants will go through a digital world course and its effects on national security. In this season each participant will chose two seminars in which he will specialize. The specialization season will end with a split tour to the east. The fourth season is the integrative season, in which each participant will be required to make a final project which will include all areas of learning in the national defense collage. In the end of the season we will go on a tour in the US which will allow the participants a better understanding of the American system and the special connections with Israel.

During the year the participants will get to hear directly from national leadership of the state of Israel and the world, they will meet with leaders in the Israeli society and among them will be mayors, ministers, Knesset members, heads of security organizations, CEOs of government offices, ambassadors and more.

**The Israel National defense collage staff-**

Commander of military collage and national defense collage: Major General Itai Veruv

Chief instructor: Mrs. Merav Zafari-Odiz – Israel Atomic Energy Commission

Head of the academic program on behalf of the University of Haifa: Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi

Instructor: Brigadier General Eran Kamin - Israeli police

Instructor: Mr. Amir Mimon - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Instructor: Colonel (R) Yehuda Yohananoff - IDF

Instructor: Mr. Avi Almog - Prime Minister Office

Instructor: Colonel Amiram Jakira - IDF

Academic instructor: Dr. Anat Stern

**Emphasis to discourse in the national defense collage-**

1. In the national defense collage Chatham House rules are applied. The lecturers will be asked to respect these rules and nor to quote or attribute what is said during the lecture elsewhere.
2. The participants in the course are curious, therefore it is advisable to leave at least a third of the lecture time for Q&A.
3. In the national defense collage there is an open and honest culture of conversation, even when dealing with difficult and complicated topics. We would be thankful to our guests for their tolerance to hear different opinions and ideas.
4. In the national defense collage there are six international students (foreign Military officers) who will hear the lectures through simultaneous translation. If there is a presentation or any other reference material it is required to transfer it up to one week before the lecture for translation.
5. Given the heterogeneity and the different background of the class, we will be thankful for the lack of use in initials during the lecture or alternatively making them clear and understood during it.