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**Israel National Defense College**

**Introduction**

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**The Israel National Defense College**

Study programs at the Israel National Defense College are designed to provide comprehensive, in-depth and interactive learning of national defense and all of its elements. The curriculum is infused with academic content taught at both the University of Haifa and the Military Colleges campus located in Camp Dayan and operated fully by the college Instruction Branch.

**Concept**

Mandated by Government Decision from May 23rd, 1976, the INDC is Israel's highest institution for training high-ranking IDF commanders as well as senior officers serving in the security and government systems.

**Academic Year Objectives**

1. To study and research components of Israel's national security.
2. To analyze interrelationships between the various components of national security.
3. To develop high-level strategic thinking for senior executives facing national security challenges.

**About the Program**

The INDC academic year began September 2nd, 2019 and is scheduled to end on July 15, 2020. Graduates of the program earn a master’s degree in Political Science presented by the University of Haifa. During the academic year, participants take part in various courses, unique experiences and tours revolving aspects of Israel’s national security, encompassing four main areas: National Defense; Statesmanship, Economy and Society. The INDC provides participants with tools and methods for high-level strategic thinking and planning.

The INDC academic year is split into four periods: First, the ‘Global Season’ in which participants are exposed to a global perspective of fundamental concepts of national security aspect from a global perspective, followed by the ‘Israeli Season’, in which participants will delve deep into the elements comprising the State of Israel’s national security. This season includes experiencing strategic examination and ends with a political simulation that deals with the Palestinian conflict. The third is the ‘Specialty Season’, in which all participants take part in a course on *The Digital World* and its impact on National Security. Here, each participant will choose to specialize in two additional seminars that will be summarized by a designated tour accordingly. Finally, the ‘Integrative Season’, in which each participant is assigned a final project that touches on all areas learned throughout the year. This final chapter of the course will include a US tour in order help participants gain a better understanding of the American System as well as the unique relationship between Israel and the USA.

**INDC Staff**

Commander of the IDF Military Colleges and the INDC: Major General Itai Veruv

Principal Instructor: Mrs. Merav Zafary-Odiz, Atomic Energy Commission

Head of the Academic Program on behalf of the University of Haifa: Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi

Instructor: Brigadier General Eran Kamin, Israel Police

Instructor: Mr. Amir Maimon from, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Instructor: IDF COL (Res). Yehudah Yohananoff

Instructor: Mr. Avi Almog, Prime Minister's Office

Instructor: IDF COL Amiram Jakira

Academic Instructor: Dr. Anat Stern

**Discourse Underlines**

1. Here at the INDC, the rules of Chatham House apply. We also ask speakers to abide by these rules; not to quote or make references elsewhere to what was said during the lectures.
2. Participants in the course are naturally curious; it is advisable to leave at least one third of the time for Q&A.
3. Open and frank discussion is part of the culture here at the INDC even and especially when it comes to difficult topics. We thank our guests for their patience and openness hear other ideas and opinion.
4. During lectures, we provide simultaneous translation to English for our six international students (foreign military officers).
5. Due to the diverse backgrounds of our participants, we ask that speakers use a minimum number of acronym and/or provide explanations when needed.

**Participants Information**

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| **Name** | **Organization** | **Name** | **Organization** |
| COL Amit Yamin | IDF - Infantry | Mr. Udi Shila | Prime Minister's Office |
| COL Idan Katz | IDF - Infantry | Mr. Bar Tzitzik | Prime Minister's Office |
| COL Ofir Livius | IDF - Infantry | Ms. Heli Contente | Israel Land Authority |
| COL Roman Guffman | IDF - Armored Corps | Police Commander Moshe Edri | Israel Police |
| COL Ido Mizrahi | IDF - Engineering Corps | Police Commander Shlomo Toledano | Israel Police |
| COL Yossi Matzliah | IDF - Adjutancy | Police Commander Tzvika Hasid | Israel Police |
| COL Haim Malki | IDF - Quartermaster Corps | Dr. Ram Erez | Ministry of Defense |
| COL Noorit Kadosh | IDF - Quartermaster Corps | Mr. Shahar Batz | Ministry of Defense |
| COL Beni De Levy | IDF - Air Force | Mr. Amir Sagi | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| LTC Aviad Atia | IDF - Air Force | Ms. Simona Halperin | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| LTC Omer Levin | IDF - Air Force | Ms. Nitzah Rogozinski | Israel Electric Company |
| COL Zvi Lekah | IDF - Court of Law | Ms. Sima Shpitzer | Bank of Israel |
| COL Avi Kenan | IDF - Intelligence | Commodore Nitin Kapoor | Navy - India |
| COL Nadav Turgeman | IDF - Navy | LtCol Michael Smith | US Marines |
| COL Guy Goldfarb | IDF - Navy | Col. Randal Allen | US Air Force |
| COL Shlomi Ben Mucha | IDF - Home Front Command | COL Davide Salerno | Italian Air Force |
| Mr. Harel Sharavi | Finance Ministry | LTC Lars Maurischat | German Air Force |
| Ms. Michal Mustey | Diaspora Ministry | LTC Wong Khiong Seng | Singapore Air Force |
| Mr. Gal Shekel | Atomic Energy Commission |  |  |