

**INDC ,**2016-201744**th Class**

Course Portfolio

Foreign policy, Diplomacy and International Relations

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**Goals of the Course**

A. Studying and researching of the different components of Israel's national security

and analyzing their relationships.

B. Developing strategic and systemic thinking among the students who belong to the senior leadership in the national security systems in Israel, by promoting ideas and command concepts, management and values, in order to make them significant partners in forming the national defense concept of Israel.

1. Developing applicable knowledge by researching national defense issues in order to assist Israeli government and security systems.

D. Providing basic concepts regarding the patterns and historical layers in the structure of the international system, the development of inter-state relations and the making of modern-day diplomatic practice.

E. Understanding the origins and characteristics of foreign policy (and also of the political activities of the Zionist movement) and identifying the main challenges facing it.

F. Deepening the understanding regarding the mechanisms of Israeli policy on central political issues at stake and the inter-relationship between the relevant governmental centers, both in decision-making and implementation.

G. Reference to concrete policy issues, in three sections:

1) Trends begin to be evident on the policies of the major powers - the United States, the European arena, Asia, Russia (and other regions around the world) and what they mean for Israel and its policies;

2) The power struggle in the era of regional disorder in the Arab world and mapping the political dimension of Israel's relations with its neighbors (with the Palestinians), including the interplay between diplomacy, combat, and the question of organizational mechanisms in times of crisis;

3) Thematic aspects in policy - Israel's relations with the Jewish Diaspora; Economic diplomacy; PR; Arms control.

Getting to know the Foreign Ministry and its modus operandi.

**General Comments**

1. Compulsory master's degree course, with academic credits (4 semester hours)
2. The course will be based on the lectures held by Dr. Eran Lerman and by the guest lecturers. Lectures will be given within the framework of other relevant overseas tours and orientation sessions for them, a visit to the Foreign Ministry and preparation to a political simulation;
3. Some reading material will be sent in advance;

**Course Requirements**

1. Presence and active participation;
2. Submission of a thesis (that meets the criteria of academic writing), in the form of "Paper preparation for senior decision makers," on selected political issues.

**Lectures and Reading Materials:**

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|  | **Foreign Policy, Diplomacy and International Relations** |
| 1 | **Diplomacy: Introduction - Historical Aspects** |
|  | Kissinger henry (1995), **Diplomacy**, NY: Touchstone Book. |
|  | Ross Dennis, Makovsky David (2009), **Myths, Illusions and Peace: Finding a New Directionfor American in the Middle East**, NY: Viking Adult. |
| 2 | **Diplomacy: Introduction - What has changed?** |
|  |  |
|  | Hocking Brian (2012), Executive Summary, in: **Future of Diplomacy**, Netherland Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael', pp. 5-14.  <https://www.clingendael.nl/sites/default/files/20121030_research_melissen.pdf> |
| 3 | **Jewish and Zionist Diplomacy - an Introduction** |
|  | Morris Benny (2008), **1948 - The First Arab-Israeli War**, New Haven: Yale University Press, pp.37-74. |
| 4 | **Israel's Decision-Making Process** |
|  | Freilich Charles D. (2012), The Decision-Making Process: How the System Actually Works, in: **Zion's Dilemmas**, pp.27-71. |
| 5 | **Military, Intelligence and Diplomacy** |
|  | Herman Michael (1998), Diplomacy and Intelligence, **Diplomacy and Statecraft**,Vol. 9. No. 1, pp. 1-22. |
| 6 | **The Regional System** |
|  | Lerman Eran (2016), **The Game of Camps: Ideological Fault Lines in the Wreckage of the Arab State System**, Ramat Gan: BESA Center.  <http://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/MSPS124-1.pdf> |
| 7 | **Iran as a Political Opponent** |
|  | Paolo Magri, Annalisa Perteghella (2015), **Iran after the Deal: The Road Ahead**, Milano: ISPI.  <http://www.ispionline.it/it/EBook/Iran_after_the_Deal.pdfedition.pdf> |
| 8 | **The Relations with Egypt and Jordan** |
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| 9 | **Contemporary Diplomacy** |
|  | Gerstman David (2016), "Israeli Diplomacy: Finding Friends in Improbable places", **The Tower**, 5.6.2016.  <http://www.thetower.org/3332-israeli-diplomacy-finding-friends-in-improbable-places/> |
|  | Danin Robert (2016), Israel among the Nations, **Foreign Affairs**, Vol. 95 No. 4.  <https://ssl.haifa.ac.il/ehost/pdfviewer/,DanaInfo=web.b.ebscohost.com+pdfviewer?vid=1&sid=4f0ca7df-06bc-46d0-8b0b-4ed5d269e5c5%40sessionmgr102&hid=128> |
| 10 | **The Palestinian Issue** |
|  | PDAA, **About U.S. Public Diplomacy: What Public Diplomacy is and is not**.  <http://pdaa.publicdiplomacy.org/?page_id=6> |
| 11 | **Public Diplomacy** |
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| 12 | **The Ending Conditions (The Second Lebanon War, 2006)** |
|  | **UNSCR 1701**  <http://www.unsco.org/Documents/Resolutions/S_RES_%201701(2006).pdf> |
| 13 | **Europe: The Lost Continent** |
| 14 | **The Islamic Challenge** |
|  | Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West, **Youtube,**  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkmkIPvdMIw> |
| 15 | **Economic Diplomacy** |
| 16 | **The United States as a Center in the Foreign and Security Policy** |
| 17 | **The United States as a Key Player in the Foreign and Security Policy** |
| 18 | **Asia as a Future Political Arena** |
|  | Wald Salomon (2004), **China and the Jewish People Old Civilizations in a New Era, Strategy Paper**,Jerusalem: The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute  <http://jppi.org.il/uploads/China%20and%20the%20Jewish%20People.pdf> |
| 19 | **Arms Control Policy** |
|  | Emily B. Landau (2012), **Decade of Diplomacy: Negotiations with Iran and North Korea and the Future of Nuclear Nonproliferation**, Tel Aviv: INSS.  <http://www.inss.org.il/uploadimages/Import/(FILE)1333022628.pdf> |
| 20 | **Russia - a Threat or an Opportunity?** |
|  | Har-Zvi Shay (2016), **The Return of the Russian Bear to the Middle East**, Ramat Gan: Begin - Sadat Center for Strategic Studies.  <http://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/msps120.pdf> |
| 21 | **Conclusion of the Course and Insights** |