## Conceptual Foundations of National Security

**Haifa University and the Israel National Defense College**

**Fall 2019, First Semester**

**Outline**

The Conceptual Foundations of National Security Course is part of the INDC curriculum for the second academic season, the Israeli Season. The course will provide you with basic tools for analyzing and understanding the conceptual foundations of national security, with a special emphasis on the national security of the State of Israel, in order to create a common language and a conceptual foundation for the rest of the year.

The course will provide theoretical, comparative critical and historical analytical tools of conceptual foundations of national security, as well as of central tensions in the design and implementation of this policy.

The course includes reading materials, lectures by different lecturers, work in groups, and a concluding assignment.

**Course Objectives**

1. Understanding the conceptual foundations of national security, including: The state, security, power, threat and interest, as well as the relationships between them.
2. Acquaintance with the central tensions in designing, establishing and implementing a national security policy in general, and in Israel specifically.

**Course Requirements and Grading**

1. Attendance and active participation during the lessons and the work in groups.
2. Reading the course bibliography.
3. A concluding assignment of approx. 7 pages (100% of the grade).

**Responsible Instructor**

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1. **December 4th, 2019, Conceptual Foundations 1: State, Threat, Interest**

**08:30-10:00 What Motivates Countries: Values and Interests**, Prof. Arie Kacowicz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Reading Material**

Karl J. Holsti, **International Politics: A Framework for Analysis**, Chapter 5, "Foreign Policy Objectives," pp. 138-148

**10:30-12:00 What Drives Israel?** Major General (Res.) Yaakov Amidror.

**13:00-14:15 Working in groups** – Interests. Participants will be asked to discuss the interests of the State of Israel within the groups, after which an integrative discussion will take place in the plenum.

1. **December 11th, 2019, Conceptual Foundations 2: Security and Power**

**10:30-12:00** Power, Coerced Diplomacy and International Relations Bargaining: Conceptual and actual discussion, Dr. Daniel Sobelman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Reading Material**

Thomas S. Scheling, "The Diplomacy of Violence", **Arms and Influence**, (New haven, Yale Yniversity Press, 1966), pp. 1-34

**Optional Reading**

Daniel Soblman, "Learning to Deter: Deterrence Failure and Success in the Israel-Hezbollah Conflict, 2006–16", **International Security**, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Winter 2016/17), pp. 151–196

**14:30-15:45 Security and Power in Israel,** Major General (Res.) Amos Yadlin

1. **December 12th, 2019, Israel’s Security Concept Part A**

12:45-14:00 **The Role of the Security Concept in Determining the Security Strategy,** COL (Res.) Gur Lish

**Reading Material**

**Charting a Grand Strategy for the State of Israel**, Samuel Neeman Institute 2017, pp 35-62

Gur Laish, "The Second Lebanon War – A Strategic Reappraisal", **Infinity Journal** Volume 1, Issue 4 (2011).

1. **December 24th, 2019, Israel’s Security Concept Part B**

**10:30-12:00 A Security Concept for Israel,** Mr. Dan Meridor.

1. **[Date TBD] Israel’s Security Concept Part C**

Lieutenant General (Res.) Gadi Eizenkot.

**Reading Material**

Gadi Eizenkot and Gabi Siboni, **Guidelines for Israel's National Security Strategy**, The Washington Institute, September 2019.

1. **December 31st, 2019, Democracy, Law and National Security**

**08:30-10:00 Theory- Democracy and National Security: Tension or Synergy?** Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Israel Democracy Institute.

**Reading Material**

Mordechai Kremnitzer, **The War on Terror and the Decline of Human Rights** (Israeli Center for Democracy, 2017) pp. 1-12

**10:30-12:00** Major General Sharon Afek, Military Advocate General

**13:00-14:15 Working in groups (TBD)**

1. **January 7th, 2020, National Security Decision Making and Summarizing the Course**

**13:00-14:30 Institutional Dimensions of the Israeli System of National Security, Dr. Uzi Arad**

**14:45-16:00** Brigadier General (Res.) Eival Gilady (TBD)