

**Israel National Defense College**

**48th Class 2020-2021**

**INDC Participants 48th Class**

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**Course Final Assignment - Introduction to Geopolitics and Geo-Strategy from a national security perspective**

1. Purpose

The course includes lectures that have a theoretical, conceptual and general dimension on the essence of geopolitics and the essence of geo-strategy, and lectures on specific topics related to these essences, such as energy, space, geo-logistics, and growth of superpowers, Iran as a test case, regional powers, and more.

**The purpose of the final assignment** of the course is to apply theoretical and international concepts and frameworks learned in the course.

1. Method
   1. The course assignment is by team and requires integrated and coordinated work of all its members.
   2. Each team will select a topic or issue with geopolitical and / or geo-strategic characteristics and analyze it using the tools and terms learned in the course.
   3. The theme will be a kind of peek into sites from all over the world, reflecting geographical focal points of conflict or tension between several parties involved in the site or the event around it.
   4. The sites and events will be contemporary, and their investigation will be based on accessible and visible materials. Examples: the dam on the Nile; Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh); Islands of controversy between China and Japan; Nicaragua canal; Ukraine between Russia and the West.
   5. Another topic or event that the team is interested in can be suggested, with the approval of the course instructors.
   6. As a rule, topics related to Israel or the Middle East will not be approved - many other lectures will be devoted to them.
   7. The study, analysis and presentation of the topic should include the following elements of the issue:

* Description of the area of ​​the issue on all its geographical components: site, location; interactions with the immediate environment; physical and human characteristics of the area (physical features and components of the population, the local space)
* The forces involved in the issue: local; regional and international;
* Geopolitical systems adopted by the parties: alliances, agreements, cooperation, financing;
* Geo-strategic goals of the forces involved: economic and political achievements, power and prestige.

1. Submission and presentation
   1. The team will edit the assignment as a PPT presentation.
   2. Each team will get 15 minutes to present the interim product in the plenum.
   3. After the presentation in the plenum, the team will update and edit the presentation in accordance with the comments of the facilitators and participants. The final product to the course should be presented by **9.11.20**.
   4. Essential components in task evaluation:

* Graphic and cartographic expression of the issue
* A clear presentation of the dilemmas arising from the issue
* Use of direct and relevant sources

**Sincerely,**

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