**Israel National Defense College**

**48th Class 2020-2021**



**INDC Participants 48th Class**

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**Re: Course Final Assignment - Introduction to Geo-Politics 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 geo-politics and the essence of geo-strategy, and lectures on specific topics related to these essences, such as energy, space, geo-logistics, growth of superpowers, Iran as a case study, regional powers, and more.

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

1. Method
   1. The assignment is not individual but rather a team assignment, and requires integrated and coordinated work of all its members.
   2. Each team will choose a topic or an issue with geo-political 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 a "window opening" into sites from all over the world, reflecting geographical focal points of conflict or tension between several parties involved in the site or an event around it.
   4. The sites and events will be contemporary, and their investigation will be based on accessible, open source materials. Examples: the dam on the Nile; the Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh); Islands of controversy between China and Japan; Nicaragua canal; Ukraine between Russia and the West.
   5. The team can suggest other topics or events that it is interested in, with the approval of the course instructors.
   6. You are asked to avoid selecting topics that are related to Israel or the Middle East, as many other lectures will be devoted to them throughout the year.
   7. The study, analysis and presentation of the topic should include the following elements of the issue:

* Description of the area related to ​​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 power point presentation.
   2. Each team will have 15 minutes to present the interim product in the plenum.
   3. Following the presentation in the plenum, the team will update and edit the presentation in light of the comments of the course instructors and participants. The final product should be submitted to the course instructors 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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