

**INDC** **2**016-201**7,**

44**th Class**

Course Portfolio

Foreign policy, Diplomacy and International Relations

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**Goals of the Course**

A. Developing broad based political thinking and sensitivity to the role of political and diplomatic tools in the national security overall effort.

B. 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.

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

D. Deepening the understanding regarding the mechanisms of Israeli policy design and decision making processes on central political issues, and the inter-relationship between the relevant governmental bodies, both in decision-making and implementation.

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

1) emerging trends in the policies of the major powers - the United States, the European Union, 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 upheaval in the Arab world and mapping the political dimension of Israel's relations with its neighbors (and the Palestinians), including the interplay between diplomacy and military campaigns, and exit mechanisms.

3) Thematic aspects in policy - Israel's relations with the Jewish Diaspora; Economic diplomacy; Public diplomacy; 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. Other lectures will be given within the framework of the overseas tours and orientation sessions for them, the visit to the Foreign Ministry and during the preparations for the political simulation;

**Course Requirements**

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

**Lectures and Reading Materials**  
**Foreign Policy, Diplomacy and International Relations**

**1. Diplomacy: Introduction - Historical Layers**

Kissinger Henry (1995), **Diplomacy**, NY: Touchstone Book, pp. 56-103.

Ross Dennis (2009), **Statecraft and how to restore America's standing in the world**, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, pp. 3-29.

**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 National Security 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 Rival**

Solomon Jay (2016), **The Iran War**, NY: Penguin Randon House, pp. 259-299.

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**

**9. Contemporary Israeli 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**

**12. End States (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 key player in the Foreign and Security Policy**

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**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**