



# **Israel National Defense College**

## **Class 48**

### **Background Information**

September 2020

## **Purpose**

The INDC is Israel's highest institution for training senior staff in the IDF, the security establishment, as well as senior officials in government ministries and agencies, for senior positions. This is based on a government decision of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1976.

The Israel National Defense College is designed to be a national institute for comprehensive and in-depth study of all national security elements and the interrelationships between them. The INDC's curriculum is integrated with an academic curriculum which is conducted both at the University of Haifa and at the Military Colleges base, Camp Dayan.

## **Goals of the College Year**

1. Study and research of Israel's national security concepts and elements.
2. Analysis of the interrelationships between the various elements of national security.
3. Development of strategic thinking tools, which are appropriate for senior executives facing national security challenges.

## **About the Curriculum**

The academic year opened on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, and is scheduled to end on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It includes a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Haifa. During the school year, the participants take part in many courses, exercises and study tours (in Israel and abroad) that deal with all national security aspects of the State of Israel and beyond, and encompass the following five main areas: national defense, statesmanship, economy, society and technology. Beyond these five main learning areas, the INDC provides participants with tools for thinking and planning at the strategic level, including in the digital field, as well as the required skills for senior leaders.

The INDC's academic year is conducted in four study seasons: The first season is the International Season, in which the participants are exposed to fundamental concepts of national security from a geo-strategic perspective. The season ends with a research

seminar and study tours to four European countries (Lithuania, Serbia, Greece and Cyprus), each of the four teams in a respective country, then followed by a visit to NATO and the European Union.

The second season is the Israeli Season, in which the participants delve into the study of the founding fathers, learn geography and conduct national security tours throughout the country, study policy and diplomacy, develop critical thinking and analysis tools in the field of strategy, and several other skills relevant to senior leaders. This season includes strategic investigations and ends with a political-security simulation dealing with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The third season is the Specialization Season, in which they participate in a course titled: The Digital World for Decision Makers. This is followed by visits to several Israeli security institutions. Additionally, in this season, every participant chooses two seminars. The Specialization Season ends with a research seminar and a study tour to several countries in the East and Russia.

The fourth season is the Integrative Season, in which every participant is required to work on a final project related to national security that incorporates several disciplines concerning a central research question (in interdisciplinary groups of up to 3 participants). To conclude the season and the school year, we will conduct a two-week study tour to the US, which provides the participants with a better understanding of the American System and the special relationship with Israel.

Throughout the year, the participants hear directly from decision-makers in the State of Israel and around the world. They meet Israeli leaders such as mayors, ministers, members of Knesset, heads of security agencies, CEO's of government offices, ambassadors, cultural leaders and more.

## **The INDC Staff**

Commandant of the Military Colleges and the INDC: Major General Itai Veruv

Head of the Academic Program on behalf of the University of Haifa: Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi

Chief Instructor: Ambassador Merav Zafary-Odiz from the Israel Atomic Energy Commission

Instructor: Ambassador Dr. Alona Fisher-Kam from the Foreign Ministry

Instructor: Ambassador Amir Maimon from the Foreign Ministry

Instructor: COL Ret. Yehudah Yohananoff from the IDF

Instructor: Mr. Avi Almog from the Prime Minister's Office

Instructor: Commander Dr. Besora Regev from the Israel Police

Executive Officer: LTC Matan Or

## **Lectures at the INDC**

1. Chatham House Rules apply to all participants and lecturers.
2. We request that you leave at least one third of the lecture time for questions and answers.
3. The INDC advances a culture of honest and open discussions, even when it comes to difficult topics. We thank our guests for their patience to hear other opinions and ideas.
4. There are six international students (foreign army officers) in the INDC. All lectures are translated simultaneously into English.
5. In light of the class heterogeneity and diverse backgrounds of the participants, we would appreciate the minimal use of acronyms during the lecture.

## Participants Information - 48<sup>th</sup> Class

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
COL Gilad Amit	IDF - Infantry	COL Alon Mazliah	IDF – Adjudication Corps
COL Maor Eliad	IDF - Infantry	Mr. Ronen Cohen	Housing Ministry
COL David Shapira	IDF - Infantry	Mr. Eran Reuveni	Israel Land Authority
COL Roy Levy	IDF - Infantry	Commander Eitan Menashe	Israel Police
COL Shai Siman Tov	IDF - Infantry	Commander Hanan Edri	Israel Police
COL Itamar Ben Haim	IDF - Infantry	Commander Liat Pearl	Israel Police
COL Yoav Torjanski	IDF – Engineering Corps	Mr. Yossi Yehoshua	Civil Service Commission
COL Idit Almaliha	IDF – Adjutancy Corps	Mr. Yoni Roth	Prime Minister’s Office
COL Enda Ilya	IDF – Adjutancy Corps	COL Eran Fire	Israel Prison Service
COL Oded Zemach	IDF – Maintenance Corps	Mr. Yaron Yungman	Security Ministry
COL Yaniv Avitan	IDF – Maintenance Corps	Mr. Eran Peled	Security Ministry
COL Guy Davidson	IDF – Air Force	Mr. Amir Ofek	Foreign Ministry
COL Omri Dor	IDF – Air Force	Mrs. Shlomit Sufa	Foreign Ministry
COL Asaf Vardi	IDF – Air Force	Mr. Doron Abrahami	Economy Ministry
COL Yair Hacoheh	IDF – Ordinance Corps	Mr. Gil Barket	Department of Justice
COL Guy Itzhaki	IDF – Intelligence Corps	Mr. Doron Slovatizky	Bank of Israel
COL Ohad Buchris	IDF – Intelligence Corps	BG Mohit Trivedi	India – Infantry
COL Tal Politis	IDF - Navy	CAPT Rob Sinram	Italy – Infantry
COL Uri Arnon	IDF - Navy	LtCol Timothy Scott	United States - Marines
COL Olga Polyakov	IDF – Medical Corps	LTC Christian Bauer	Germany – Air Force
COL Yossi Karadi	IDF – ICT Corps	LTC Nikolaos Skourellos	Greece - Infantry