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ABOUT THE DAVIS INSTITUTE

The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations was established in 1972 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, thanks to the generosity of Leonard and Sophie Davis. It is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Institute provides an independent platform for the research, teaching, and discussion of international relations in general and Israeli diplomacy and foreign policy in particular. In an age of globalization, the institute endeavors to broaden the Israeli public's horizons by acquainting it with the domestic and international implications of Israeli foreign policy.

Three main aims guide the Institute:

- To promote research on international relations from a broad interdisciplinary perspective, drawing on knowledge from a range of academic fields;
- To acquaint the general public with key issues in international politics and Israeli foreign policy and to encourage their discussion;
- To ensure that the knowledge and expertise of the Institute's scholars regarding matters of security and foreign affairs are available and accessible to the relevant elements in Israeli government institutions.

The Institute also advances research on foreign affairs, diplomacy, international law and institutions, security studies, and negotiation and conflict resolution.

The Institute contributes generously to scholarships and grants in order to promote scholarship concerning international studies. The Institute manages research projects and organizes public events, including international conferences, workshops, and seminars. It also hosts researchers from Israel and abroad and facilitates research groups, such as those focusing on energy and geopolitics, cyber and security, and the future of Jerusalem. The Institute awards the annual David Carmon Prize for outstanding work on International Relations, the Middle East, and Israel's security.

The Institute publishes the periodical "*Politika*," a Hebrew-language Journal of Political Science and International Relations. It also publishes a column called *Discovering the World* on the popular online news website Ynet, containing analyses and opinion pieces by scholars of international relations from around the world.

The Institute established the **Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace**, a forum focusing on the links between gender, conflict and peace, for example: the role of women in conflict and conflict resolution, the peace process, and the use of gender research approaches for understanding and resolving conflicts.

The Institute's research track, known as the **Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR)**, is the product of cooperation between the Department of International Relations and the Davis Institute for International Relations. This prestigious track, which offers combined M.A. and PhD studies, can be completed in five years. It is a new program, the first of its kind in Israel, which grants research students financial security in the framework of a high-achieving and challenging scholarly environment.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

With great pleasure and a sense of pride we present the annual report for the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations (LDI).

It has been an intense and productive year, though this is not unprecedented at our institute.

Under the leadership of Prof. Yoram Haftel, we continue to strengthen the new Davis Graduate School in International Relation (DGSIR), which provides structured training in research and currently hosts a group of 18 highly talented, fully funded graduate students. DGSIR offers them a top-class graduate education and mentorship scheme provided by faculty of the International Relations Department, complemented by opportunities created within the structure of LDI. Students participate in a wide range of academic and social activities, as well as scholastic projects of their own initiative that are frequently sponsored by the Institute. There is a growing sense of community around DGSIR and we hope that in the coming year we will find a permanent space within the Faculty of Social Sciences, thus creating a “home base” for these students and other to follow.

Another program we are very proud of is the Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace, a forum that was established in 2011 thanks to the generous support of Mr. Alan Davis and Mary Lou Dauray. Under the leadership of our postdoctoral trainee, Dr. Tal Nitsan, we continue to build the forum as a hub for a growing community of academics and activists, faculty and students from the Hebrew University, as well as members from other universities and the wider civil society.

Lastly, we are continuing to provide logistical and academic support to the activities of five research groups working within the institute: (1) Monitoring Media Coverage: the Israel-Palestine conflict and Political Dialogues; (2) Building Visions for the Future of Jerusalem: A Bottom Up Approach; (3) The Geopolitics and Energy Research Group; (4) Innovation Complementarities in FDI and Trade: Explaining Success and Failure, Organizational Learning and Form (5) From STUXNET to ISIS: Exploring Cyber-Conflicts in the Middle-East. The institute provides seed money, supports the logistical aspects of their activities and encourages the groups and individual members to apply for external funding. Over the last three years they have raised 3,200,000 NIS (approx. 897,000 US Dollars) from external funders (e.g. government agencies, the European Union and more) devoted solely to the activities of the groups.

During the academic year 2017-2018, we at the Leonard Davis Institute initiated seven conferences and workshops and co-sponsored three others. Among these I would like to highlight the following:

- **The 13th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science**, International Relations, and Public Policy in Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin, organized by Prof. Arie Kacowicz, a conference attracting participants from Israel and abroad.
- **From the EU Peacebuilding to the EU Statebuilding**, an International Workshop organized by our postdoctoral trainee Dr. Alma Vardari, co-sponsored by HUJI's European Forum and the Truman Institute.
- **The Unfulfilled Potential of Israel's Relations with Arab Countries**, a workshop organized by our postdoctoral trainee Dr. Keren Sasson, jointly with Mitvim – The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies.
- **The Annual Carmon Prize Ceremony** that hosted former head of the Israeli Mossad, Mr. Efraim Halevy.

These and other programs and activities you will find in the report, could not have been realized without LDI's wonderful community of in-house and visiting scholars and our amazing administrative staff. This year we hosted eight post-doctoral fellows: Dr. Tal Nitsan and Dr. Rawia Aburabia; Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace fellows, Drs. Keren Sasson, Alma Vardari, Irina Lyan, Ruthie S. Wenske and Amit Sheniak; and the Israel Institute's post-doctoral fellow Dr. Toby Greene. Our diverse group of fellows and long list of visitors took the lead in organizing or contributing to a series of successful events: seminars, workshops and conferences that attracted local as well as international participants. In the report you can read more about their background and intellectual progress during last year.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Institute's academic committee. Special thanks to its Chairperson Prof. Oren Barak Brodie, Dean Tamir Sheaffer, and the IR Department Chair Piki Ish Shalom. I would also like to thank again our administrative team, Mr. Chanoch Wolpe, LDI Administrative Director and Ms. Michal Barak Ben-Arush, the Institute's programs and media coordinator. Their passionate involvement and entrepreneurial spirit have helped put the LDI on track and nurture it as a rigorous research institute and warm home to us all.

Dan Miodownik



PEOPLE



DIRECTOR:
PROF. DAN MIODOWNIK

Prof. Dan Miodownik, the Director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, associate professor in the departments of Political Science and International Relations, and a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research examines the emergence, unfolding and regulation of anti-regime mobilization, protest behavior, ethnic polarization, and civil wars. He has a special interest in computational modeling and geographic information systems. Miodownik also teaches both graduate and undergraduate classes on ethnic mobilization, civil wars, and interstate conflicts, violence and regulation, an introduction to political science, the honors workshop, social movements, and research methods.

Post- Doctoral Fellows



DR. KEREN SASSON

Keren Sasson is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Davis Institute for International Relations. Her PhD dissertation examined the contribution of regional organizations to the evolution and configuration of frameworks of regional security order in the developing world (focusing particularly on regional organizations from the Arab Middle East and Latin America). Her current studies focus on a comparative analysis of counter-terrorism strategies (Middle East, Southeast Asia and Africa) and touch upon the role of strategic culture in shaping the security behavior of small states (with a special focus on the Arabian Peninsula).



DR. TOBY GREENE

Dr. Toby Greene is an Israel Institute post-doctoral fellow. His research and teaching interests include Israel's international relations, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, European Foreign Policy, Islam and the West, and Foreign Policy Analysis. Toby has a background in policy and political communications. He is the former Director of Research for BICOM (Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre) and was Head of Research for Labour Friends of Israel (UK). He has also worked on political campaigns in several European countries. He has provided analysis on Israel for the BBC, Sky News and ITN, and has published in many mainstream as well as scholarly publications.

**DR. IRINA LYAN**

Dr. Irina Lyan received her PhD in Organization Studies, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2017. She is a recipient of several scholarships and awards including the Global Humanities Junior and Teaching Stay Scholarship at Freie Universität Berlin (2017) and The Hebrew University Presidential Scholarship for outstanding doctoral students (2013-2017).

Her dissertation deals with the cross-cultural encounters in Israeli-Korean business collaborations. Her main research interests include cultural images and their impact on inter-organizational dynamics. She is also interested in Korean popular culture. Irina co-organized three international conferences on modern Korea and has published several articles and book chapters.

**DR. RUTHIE S. WENSKE**

Dr. Ruthie S. Wenske is a literary scholar and Africanist whose research focuses on the intersection between literature and education. Her current research explores the evaluation of the educational system in Uganda, as part of a postdoctoral fellowship at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and the Global International Development Program at the Hebrew University. She has previously taught African literature at the Department of English Language and Literature at the University of Haifa, where she completed her PhD in 2016.

She is currently engaged in two research groups: *Africounters*: An interdisciplinary workshop series focused on Africa; and *Critical Development*: Critical Multicultural Perspectives on Development.

**DR. AMIT SHENIAK**

Dr. Amit Sheniak is the cyber-security policy coordinator of the Israeli Ministry of Defense political-military directorate, and a consultant to Israel's National Cyber Directorate (INCD). He is also a post-doctoral research fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Davis Institute for International Relations, the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, and the Hebrew University Cyber Security Research Center (HCSRC).

Dr. Sheniak holds a MA and PhD in Political Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Dec. 2015) and did post-doctoral research at the Harvard University program for Science Technology and Society (STS), in the Kennedy School of Government (2016-2017).

**DR. ALMA VARDARI**

Dr. Alma Vardari is a postdoctoral fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, conducting research on the topic of EU statebuilding in the Western Balkans. She received her PhD in Sociology from Tel-Aviv University and her MA in Behavioral Sciences from Ben-Gurion University, majoring in Political Sociology. She is an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion University. During her academic life she has been awarded a number of distinguished international awards and research grants, including: The Robert Schuman Doctoral Research Grant (2010), the Konrad Adenauer Doctoral Fellowship (2011), the Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship spent at the Global Studies Division, Stanford University (2014-2015), and the Humboldt Fellowship (2016).



Post-Doctoral Fellows: The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace



DR. RAWIA ABURABIA

Attorney Rawia Aburabia completed her PhD dissertation on “*Personal Status Laws of Palestinian Bedouin Women: Colonized by the Law*,” at the faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as a research fellow at the joint interdisciplinary doctoral program, “Human Rights under Pressure – Ethics, Law, and Politics” at the Freie Universität Berlin and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Her PhD project dealt with the Israeli legal system’s regulation of the criminal prohibition of polygamy among the Bedouin, with special focus on the policy of non-enforcement as a colonial legacy and its effects on the legal status of Bedouin women.



DR. TAL NITSAN

Dr. Tal Nitsán is a feminist scholar critically examining socio-cultural, global and local perspectives on the intersections between gender, violence, and law & society. Her interdisciplinary projects navigate between three main research sites: Israel/Palestine, Guatemala, and North America. Her research on transnational women’s human rights discourse in theory and practice offers a comparative perspective on the role of dignity and diversity in promoting social justice in Guatemala and Israel.

Davis Graduate School (TELEM IR) M.A Students:



LOTEM BASSAN
M.A., 2ND YEAR

Research interests: The intersection of international political economy (IPE), political psychology and constructivism. She studies the ways in which economic institutions shape the perceptions of states, focusing on reputation and status as well as self-perception (identity).



ENAV BIRNBAUM
M.A., 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Critical security studies, ethnic conflicts and micro politics. More specifically, she employs a variety of methods to examine the ways in which street names in Jerusalem have reflected a social and political agenda since the establishment of Israel.



DAN ERAN
M.A., 2ND YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, international relations theory and computational social science. More specifically, he wishes to focus his research on the effects of international institutions on countries’ expectations and reputations.



ILAY KAGANOVICH
M.A., 1ST YEAR

Research interests: African studies, third world studies, postcolonial studies, popular culture.



INBAR PINCU
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Globalization; popular culture in IR; queer rights in IR; disability rights in IR; Why each of these groups (queer and disabled people) experiences social oppression and similar problems worldwide?



ALUMA LEVI-ZOHAR
M.A. 2ND YEAR

Research interests: Nuclear proliferation, nuclear weapon history and international political economy. Her research focuses on nuclear weapon history and international political economy in twentieth century United States. She examines the involvement of interest groups in the United States' nuclear policy.



OFEK RIEMER
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: The nexus between culture and strategy; coercion; media and conflict; the contemporary Middle East, primarily Israel and the Iran-led axis.



MORR LINK
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: International political economy, international economic law, identities in IR, international organizations, middle eastern studies.



JASON AARON SILVERMAN
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Non-state violent actors and their interactions with state actors, particularly Hezbollah and Hamas. International relations of the MENA.



INBAR NOY
M.A. 1ST YEAR

Research interests: Ontological security of non-state actors and its impact on conflict resolution, international law and human trafficking.



PhD Students:



JONATHAN ARIEL
PHD 2ND YEAR

His main academic interests lie in international and regional cooperation through institutions. In particular, institutional design, international trade, and energy regionalism. His geographic focus is on the European Union but also includes to a lesser extent Sub-Saharan Africa and North America for comparative purposes.



SHANI BAR-TUVIA
PHD 4TH YEAR

The empirical focus of her PhD project is the interaction between Israel's asylum and refugee policies, and policies of other "Western" states in Europe, Australia and the US. Theoretically, it engages with two main fields: international norms and policy diffusion. It explores how restrictive asylum policies diffuse among states and the normative consequences of this process.



DAPHNE INBAR
PHD 1ST YEAR

Theories of resistance and political agency in IR and critical security studies. Her current research focuses on representations of everyday resistance to mass militaries.



HILA LEVI
PHD 3RD YEAR

The Role and Responsibility of International Financial Institutions Concerning Human Rights.



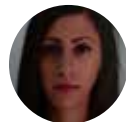
AVIAD LEVY
PHD 4TH YEAR

His research focuses on the role of the emotion of schadenfreude, the pleasure in other's misfortunes, in international politics. Aside from dealing with the general theoretical sides of emotions' studies in international relations, he concentrates on the particular social-psychological dimensions of the Israeli-European relations.



NAAMA LUTZ
PHD 1ST YEAR

She is interested in the international processes of "naming and shaming" and the actors and mechanisms involved, looking specifically at the interaction between states and transnational advocacy networks.



NETA STRUNIN-KREMER
PHD 3RD YEAR

A cyber conceptualization and examination of the effect of the cyber domain and the interaction that occurs in it on different international actors.

SHORT TERM RESEARCH FELLOWS

- Prof. Joel Peters, Virginia Tech, USA
- Mr. David Theis Mandelweit, University of Granada, Granada
- Mr. Fatih Aydogan, Heidelberg University, Germany
- Prof. Ilan Baron, Durham University, UK
- Prof. Ruth Ben-Artzi, Providence College, Rhode Island

PROJECTS

Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR)



The 2017/18 academic year was the second year of the Davis Graduate School of International Relations (DGSIR). With its detailed roadmap and the program's revised structure, DGSIR welcomed six new students, five at the MA stage and one at the PhD stage. They joined the ten students already enrolled, who are at different stages of their academic training. Two students completed the program and are expected to submit their PhDs soon. The program thus continued to expand in size. The academic year was launched with an orientation day for our new students and a separate event for all the program students. Students were also taken for an instructive trip through the Jordan Valley in the semester break.

As always, much of the students' energy this year was dedicated to coursework and research. At the MA level, we expanded the courses offered in English, with all courses offered by the IR faculty in this language. Our advanced students continue to make very good progress with their theses and dissertations. This year, the Institute gladly assisted several students with travel expenses to attend overseas workshops and conferences. It also sponsored several short substantive or methodological courses by visiting overseas scholars. DGSIR students also participated in extracurricular activities, including providing a strong presence at the Annual Graduate Conference on Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy and the Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Relations.

This year we continue to develop the DGSIR and strengthen its foundations. We have recruited six new students for the program, who will join us in the coming fall. In addition, we are preparing the Comprehensive Exam, which will be given in fall 2018 for the first time.



The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace

Gender and conflicts, narrowly and broadly defined, are central organizing principles of the human condition and constitute each other. However, most often they are addressed in broad academic frameworks such as gender studies or conflict studies. **The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace, established in 2011 with the generous contribution of Mr. Alan Davis, focuses directly on the various links between gender, conflict and peace.** As a unit within the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, and physically located in a reality of a protracted, multilayer conflict, the forum is well situated to explore empirical examples of how gender and conflicts constitute each other while intersecting with aspects of ethnicity, nationality, religion, class, sexuality and body ableness. This broad exploration aims to enhance our understanding of conflicts and thus promote insightful and long-lasting conflict resolution processes.



In the 2017-2018 academic year the forum engaged in two main modes of operation. First, it edited a special volume of the journal *Politika*, on the topic of Gender and Conflict, to be published in fall 2018. The issue is composed of 12 peer-reviewed, original articles.. Second, a monthly lecture series was held, focusing on agency related concepts and how they can generate changes in a conflicted reality. Each event was organized around several (2-7) short lectures delivered by leading scholars and activists and followed by a discussion. The seven concepts discussed this year were: Hope, Belonging, Esthetics, Kavod (honor, dignity, respect) and Vulnerability, Movement, Diversity, and Continuity. The events' impact reaches beyond the actual attendees and the forum was invited to organize and deliver the closing panel for the Israeli Gender studies Conference (February 2018). The forum maintains close collaboration with several research units on campus (Gender Studies, The Center for the Study of Multiculturalism and Diversity, The Urban Clinic), and external research units such as Isha Leisha (Feminist Research Center, Haifa), Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, as well as the Minerva Humanities Center at Tel Aviv University.

Research Groups

MONITORING MEDIA COVERAGE: THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT AND POLITICAL DIALOGUES

Prof. Tamir Sheafer, Dr. Shaul Shenhav, Mr. Yair Fogel-Dror, Ms. Vered Porzycki

The project aims to deliver post factum and real-time insights and analysis on the main trends of media coverage regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict and political dialogues. Special attention is given to international interventions in the conflict.

Data is collected using a monitoring system that tracks media coverage from news websites in English all over the world, and will be made available for researchers, students, decision makers, journalists and the general public through an open-access website.

In the last year, we have further developed and validated our computational methods for analyzing the news data. We have conducted several tests for potential categories and established potential measures to gauge media coverage regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict. Among our categories are general ones, such as the use of violence in the conflict, Israel and the Arab world; in addition to specific categories such as Palestinians' organizations, the BDS movement and interventions of specific governments or international institutions. Our goal is to aggregate these measures into the "Davis index," as a general measure for international intervention in the Israel-Palestine conflict. We have designed our system in a way that allows for periodic assessments in which we shall try to adapt our measures for specific requests by researchers. Our first meeting is planned for the summer and includes a researchers' workshop followed by further development of discourse categories.

Our method was presented at international conferences in the fields of Political Science and Communications. As detailed in our 2017 report, we have completed the necessary infrastructure for the collection of data on a massive scale, from a large number of sources – starting from 2014 to date. We have also started working on potential interfaces between our system and other infrastructures, both in order to expand the analysis with additional measures (e.g., events, geo-location) and also due to the significant maintenance costs of a long-term, fully functioning monitoring system.



BUILDING VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM: A BOTTOM UP APPROACH

Management & Research Team: Dr. Timea Spitka, Prof. Dan Miodownik, Liel Maghen, Tareq Nassar, Sarah Abuarafeh, Dr. Jay Rothman and Noam Brenner

“Building Visions for the Future of Jerusalem: A Bottom Up Approach” is a three-year Leonard Davis Institute (Hebrew University) and Israel-Palestine: Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI) collaboration. The project engages residents of East and West Jerusalem, urban planners, students, women, youth and local leaders to work together to shape the current and future reality of their neighbourhoods and the city as a whole. Urban planning and formal negotiations on Jerusalem have generally ignored the voices of residents, particularly marginalized and diverse communities living within the city. This project aims to dignify diverse voices, enhance knowledge of the complexity of Jerusalem and contribute towards constructive public and civil society engagement on the future of the city. The project includes surveys of residents of Jerusalem, mapping of local needs and increased efficacy of local residents of Jerusalem in shaping the reality of the city.

The project has completed its first stage of engaging residents of different Jerusalem neighborhoods to generate equitable solutions to local problems. The research team conducted a survey of 606 residents of West Jerusalem and 606 residents of East Jerusalem. The project also provided capacity building and utilized participatory techniques to empower local communities; it worked with residents to create small interventions that contributed to improving their reality. The nature of the small interventions are determined by the residents and include the creation of green spaces, public gardens and libraries, beautifying neighbourhoods and other initiatives or actions that are prioritized by the residents.

In the next stage of the project, residents working in thematic groups will discuss wider issues of concern in Jerusalem. The thematic focus groups will highlight residents’ needs according to prioritized goals



and to grassroots input into discussion and visions on the future of Jerusalem. The groups will produce policy papers and advise on national urban interventions, thus ensuring local input into short and long-term solutions for the city. Through this approach we aim to engage and empower residents to work creatively on local initiatives, increase knowledge of the complexities of Jerusalem and contribute towards a negotiated solution for the city. The project is funded by the EU with contributions from Hebrew University.



FROM STUXNET TO ISIS: EXPLORING CYBER-CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE-EAST

Dr. Amit Sheniak, Dr. Daniel Sobelman

Over the past academic year, Dr. Amit Sheniak of the Truman and Davis Institutes and the Hebrew University cybersecurity research center, and Dr. Daniel Sobelman of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Department of International Relations, gathered an inter-disciplinary group of academics to establish a working group on cyber-conflicts in the Middle East. In the coming two years the group will set up a unique open-source database, consisting of all major cyber-events that have already occurred in the Middle East. The group plans to harness the database in the service of academic publications on the rising topic of cyber-conflict in different regional and national contexts.

THE GEOPOLITICS AND ENERGY RESEARCH GROUP

Dr. Lior Herman



The Geopolitics and Energy Research Group (GERG) mission is to promote and advance research on the interrelations between energy and geopolitics in a variety of directions, and from a multidisciplinary perspective. Led by Dr. Lior Herman, GERG brings together scholars at different stages of their academic career from several disciplines, ranging from international relations and geography to communication studies and conflict resolution research. The Group provides a platform for discussion, research and learning aimed at advancing studies, while serving as a conduit for the development of research grants, thus promoting the funding of further research. It serves as a forum facilitating a professional network among Israeli and international scholars, as well as professionals working in this field.

The Group conducted extensive research activities in 2017-18, particularly in the areas of renewable energy and social acceptability, energy geopolitics, energy in contested and divided cities, and energy regionalism. These research activities were supported by several major research grants won by GERG members. The group also engaged in international collaborations and held public activities, which included research and policy seminars with leading scholars and practitioners from Israel and abroad (e.g. Sweden, Spain, Germany, United Kingdom and the Netherlands). Throughout its public and research activities, GERG has created a growing international network of some 150 members in Israel, Europe and beyond. Members in this network include academics, professionals, civil servants as well as civil society and other interested members.

Prof. Itay Fischhendler and Dr. Lior Herman represented the Davis Institute Energy Group at the Technical University of Munich from June 30th to July 6th, and gave eight talks to faculty and students.



INNOVATION COMPLEMENTARITIES IN FDI AND TRADE - EXPLAINING SUCCESS AND FAILURE, ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING AND FORM

Dr. Christian Thauer; Noa Swisa (MA) – PhD research student, DAAD Center for German Studies; Griffin Elbron (BA) MA student at DAAD Center for German Studies



The research group has focused on two particular goals this year. The first one concerns substance: the group conducted intensive research mapping of the institutional infrastructure between Germany and Israel, which allows firms and public policies to generate innovation complementarities. By innovation complementarities, the group understands different capabilities which concern the development of new traits (innovations: new ideas, technologies and products),

manifested in institutional forms and environments of countries (Israel and Germany, respectively) that, in the context of each other (i.e., when interdependent), increase their value creating potential (i.e. generate increasing returns). Innovation complementarities may motivate international trade and foreign direct investment. For example, through investments and trade across institutional contexts – in our case, Israel and Germany – firms synchronize different innovation capabilities with each other and therewith increase their organizational value creating capacities. The questions we asked were accordingly: what institutional infrastructure exists between the two countries specifically dedicated to facilitating such complementarities? What institutional pathways could firms pursue if seeking to realize innovation complementarities? And what are the main obstacles on the way? Examples of such institutional infrastructure include the German-Israeli Chamber of Commerce activities to connect German firms to the Israeli startup market or similar programs from the Israeli Innovation Authority or Startup Nation Central. Addressing these questions, we managed to achieve a comprehensive mapping of this infrastructure through a.) secondary research; b.) interviews with German-Israeli, German, and Israeli public policy institutions; c.) firms that operate between Germany and Israel.

The second goal was to contact potential external funding agencies for a larger follow-up project and begin writing a funding proposal. We also progressed with respect to this specific goal. In January, PI Christian Thauer traveled to Guetersloh where he had a day-long meeting with the Israel desk of the Bertelsmann Foundation about future projects. On July 1st the group submitted a pre-project proposal to the Bertelsmann Foundation to work with the Foundation on a call for proposals for such a follow-up project.

ACTIVITIES

Conferences and workshops organized by the institute:

METHODOLOGICAL WORKSHOP FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH STUDENTS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

“CAUSAL INFERENCE WITH OBSERVATIONAL DATA” - *PROFESSOR LEONARDO BACCINI*, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

October 30 - November 1, 2017

This workshop covered empirical strategies for applied research questions. The focus of the workshop was on statistical methods used for causal inference in the social sciences. Using the potential outcomes framework of causality, it presented designs and methods for data from observational studies. The core of the workshop covered panel data analysis and differences-in-differences. Examples were drawn from different social sciences. The goal of the course was to show that a carefully considered research design often goes as far as fancy statistical methods when it comes to the assessment of causality.

The Workshop was sponsored by the Leonard Institute of International Relations and the Halbert Center for Canadian Studies.

THE 13TH ANNUAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND PUBLIC POLICY IN MEMORY OF THE LATE YITZHAK RABIN

December 13-14 2017



This year the 13th graduate conference invited applications for participation in both research workshops and in methodological workshops. We invited applications for paper presentations from graduate students and recent PhDs in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, Public Policy, as well as from Politics and Law, Political Economy, Political Philosophy, Political Psychology, Political Sociology and Political Communication.



MOBILITY AND LITERARY NARRATIVE: BETWEEN SUDAN AND ISRAEL

January 17, 2018

Dr. Ruthie Wenske Stern (Post-Doctoral Fellow) organized and moderated a round table event with Sudanese author Adam Ahmad, on “Mobility and Literary Narrative: Between Sudan and Israel” in conjunction with the ERC “Apartheid – the Global Itinerary.”

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: FROM THE EU PEACEBUILDING TO THE EU STATEBUILDING

April 24-25, 2018

Abba Eban Hall, Davis Building, Mount Scopus Campus

From the EU Peacebuilding to the EU Statebuilding: Changes & Challenges in the Western Balkans and the Middle East. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, The Harry S. Truman Research Institute, and the European Forum at The Hebrew University.

Including Ambassadors’ Roundtable: “Rethinking Statebuilding: Western Balkans & EU Integration.”



THE UNFULFILLED POTENTIAL OF ISRAEL’S RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES

May 29, 2018

A public conference organized by The Leonard Davis Institute and Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies.



Keynote Lecture: “Behind the Scenes of Regional Diplomatic Cooperation,” MK Isaac Herzog, Head of the Opposition, Zionism Union.

The conference included a broad discussion on the subject of the cooperation between Israel and Arab Countries: trends and developments.

WORKSHOP - PROF. KAMARI CLARKE

May 30, 2018

Interdisciplinary workshop with 24 participants from 7 countries.

Prof. Kamari Clarke's workshop, "Affective Justice: The International Criminal Court and the African Pushback," gave an introductory glance at her work with the ICC and the African Union - a multi-year research project spanning three continents - with a focus on how concepts of justice in public discourse are translated into transnational legal frameworks.

The second part of the workshop was a discussion on conceptual, methodological and ethical issues in transnational research. Here Prof. Clarke talked both about the institutional frameworks, funding, and human resource aspects of her research, which was then broadened by the response of Prof. Louise Bethlehem's talk on "The Place of Culture in Transnational Research on Apartheid South Africa".



JERUSALEM WORKSHOP FOR NUCLEAR STUDIES

July 2-3, 2018

The workshop was organized by Dr. Or Rabinowitz, Lecturer at the Department of International Relations. The workshop hosted 9 participants from abroad, and 5 participants from HUJI. The workshop included six panels, which focused on recent trends in the research of nuclear proliferation, special emphasis was placed on new academic research into the historiography of the 1970s and the 1980s. The workshop took place against the backdrop of a dramatic shift which is currently taking place in this field. On the one hand, researchers are enjoying access to new archival documents in Eastern Europe and countries in the developing world. These new sources shed light into topical subjects such as nuclear latency and nuclear cooperation agreements, and their impact on nuclear proliferation. On the other hand, contemporary developments regarding the Iranian and the North Korean nuclear programs, and the crisis of US leadership of the current nuclear world order, all challenge accepted theories and bring back to the academic agenda leader based theories and psychological approaches.

The workshop focused on three main themes: relations between the nuclear export regime and the non-proliferation regime, developments in the 1970s and the 1980s, and future challenges to the non-proliferation regime under U.S. President Donald Trump.



Conferences and workshops co-sponsored by the Institute:

MIGRATIONS IN MONGOL EURASIA: PEOPLE, IDEAS, ARTIFACTS

December 18-21, 2017

Conveners: Michal Biran (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Jonathan Brack.

Organized in cooperation with European Research Council (ERC), Louis Frieberg Center for East Asia Studies and The Research-Oriented Confucius Institute at the Hebrew University.

EJIL SYMPOSIUM ON THE PSYCHOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

January 9-11, 2018

Conveners: Anne van Aaken (University of St. Gallen), Tomer Broude (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). Organized in cooperation with the Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

THE 14TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN STUDIES IN ISRAEL

May 23-24, 2018

The largest event of this kind – with over 200 participants from all over the world, and 49 panels covering multiple fields – from China's beauty industry to Jews in Central Asia, from Esoteric Buddhism to North Korean foreign policy, from migration in Southeast Asia to the legacy of the Mongol Empire, from Japanese warrior culture to post-colonial India, contemporary China and much more.

Prizes

THE ANNUAL CARMON PRIZE

January 24, 2018

The Carmon Prize is awarded in recognition of an outstanding M.A. or Ph.D. thesis on Israel's security policy in the Middle East.

Two students were awarded the Carmon Prize:

1. Neal Tsur, "Using Complexity Science to Predict Civil Unrest: Critical Slowing Down Theory and the Syrian Conflict Emergence."
2. Naama Lutz, PhD candidate, "The War against the BDS securitization of naming and shaming."

The Keynote Address was given by Mr. Ephraim Halevy, former head of the Mossad, head of the National Security Council, Israel's ambassador to the European Union and head of the Shasha Center for Strategic Studies at the Hebrew University, on the subject: "The Impossible dialogue: Between outlining important information and the Strategic Assessment of Israel in 2018."



Lectures & Colloquia

VISITORS:

- January 10, 2018 Prof. Peter Krause, Department of Political Science (Boston College): “Rebel Power: Why National Movements Compete, Fight, and Win”*
- May 28, 2018 Prof. Kamari Clarke (Carleton University): “The #BringBackOurGirls Campaign: Making Suffering Visible through the Hyper-Embodiment of the “Victim” Fetish”***
- June 14, 2018 Prof. Gonazalo Escribano (Elcano Royal Institute – Madrid): “Geopolitics of Renewable and Electricity Cooperation” **
- June 21, 2018 Prof. Daniel Scholten (TU Delft): “Energy Geopolitics” **

*Organized with the Department of International Relations.

** Organized by the Institute’s Geopolitics and Energy Research Group (GERG)

*** Organized with the “Critical Development” research group (Glocal and Truman Institute)

DAVIS RESEARCHERS SEMINAR:

- November 6, 2017 Prof. Dan Miodownik: The Mapping of Violence in Jerusalem
- November 20, 2017 Dr. Hadas Cohen: Israeli Jews in the New Berlin: From Shoah Memories to Middle Eastern Encounters
- December 11, 2017 Dr. Toby Greene: Foreign Policy Anarchy and Sabotage in Coalitions: Cases from Britain and Israel
- December 18, 2017 Dr. Ruthie S. Wenske: Evaluating Education in Africa between Theory and Practice: A Case Study of Uganda
- January 1, 2018 Dr. Tal Nitsan: From Left to Rights: Violence, Ideology, and Women’s Political Subjectivity in Guatemala
- January 15, 2018 Dr. Amit Sheniak: The National Cyberspace: Towards the Legitimization of Cybersecurity Policy in the USA and Israel
- March 19, 2018 Dr. Irina Lyan: Branding the Nation with Industrial Espionage Discourse: Stealing South Korea’s “National Core Technologies”
- April 23, 2018 Ms. Shani Bar-Tuvia: Bilateral Migration Control Schemes in the Shadow of Regional Cooperation: Israel-Egypt in a Comparative Perspective
- May 7, 2018 Dr. Alma Vardari: EU’s Technologies of Power in the Western Balkans: Democratization and Commodification of Discourse
- May 21, 2018 Dr. Rawia Aburabia: Excluded from the Law: The Criminal Prohibition Against Bigamy In Mandatory Palestine and the Exemption of Muslims
- June 4, 2018 Mr. Doron Ella: China’s Approach towards Designing the AIIB: A Comparative Study of the AIIB, the ADB and the WB
- June 25, 2018 Prof. Dan Miodownik and Mr. Noam Brenner: Presentation of Findings of the Municipal Elections Survey - Population of Jerusalem (Jews and Arabs)



“HUJI BOOK CLUB OF AFRICAN LITERATURE”

Throughout the year, Dr. Ruthie Wenske Stern (post-doctoral fellow) organized and hosted monthly meetings of the “HUJI Book Club of African Literature,” as an informal platform off campus, which would give students and staff an opportunity to engage in dialogue around a work of contemporary writing. The book club has met 6 times and has a core group of 11 participants and several others who came to one or several meetings.

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| December 3, 2017 | Chimamanda Adichie’s short story, “The Headstrong Historian” (Nigeria) |
| January 14, 2017 | Aminatta Forna’s novel, “Ancestor Stones” (Sierra Leone) |
| February 20, 2018 | Semester break potluck |
| March 26, 2018 | Chris Abani’s creative nonfiction, “The Face” (Nigeria) |
| May 1, 2018 | NoViolet Bulawayo’s novel, “We Need New Names” (Zimbabwe) |
| June 11, 2018 | Yaa Gyasi’s, “Homegoing” (Ghana) and end-of-the-year party |

THE SOPHIE DAVIS LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Sophie Davis Learning Community brings together scholars and activists looking into questions of gender, conflict resolution and peace from diverse disciplines and perspectives. We aim to create a scholarly community that will develop various creative and innovative collaborations around these themes. The community meets once a month to discuss a specific concept. Each meeting features three to five short presentations (10-15 min) and then opens the stage for Q&A, followed by general discussion about the concept, its place and meaning in our research, activism, and lived experiences.

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| November 15, 2017 | Hope, Gender and Conflict Resolution |
| December 13, 2017 | Belonging, Gender and Conflict Resolution |
| January 10, 2018 | Aesthetics, Gender and Conflict Resolution |
| February 14, 2018 | Gender, Conflict and Vagina Monologues |
| March 21, 2018 | Movement, Gender and Conflict Resolution |
| April 11, 2018 | Diversity, Gender and Conflict Resolution |
| May 9, 2018 | Continuity, Gender and Conflict Resolution |

Social

TOUR MARKING THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER

February 1, 2018



The tour dealt with the regional water crisis as expressed in the Jordan Valley. During the tour, ecological issues as well as geopolitical aspects of the crisis were examined and opportunities for a solution were presented through regional cooperation. The tour was led by instructors from EcoPeace Middle East. The Davis Fellows and the Davis Graduate School students participated in the tour.

HAPPY HOUR - DAVIS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

7/11/17, 1/5/18

The idea was to bring students from the two departments together for an hour of introduction and informal conversation, in order to deepen the connection between the students (as well as the staff involved in the programs) and unite them.

The meeting included Prof. Yoram Haftel, Prof. Orit Kedar, Prof. Piki Ish-Shalom, Prof. Dan Miodownik, Professor Dan Avnon and other staff members.



PUBLICATIONS

***POLITIKA* (IN HEBREW)**

Politika is a digital peer-reviewed journal of Israeli Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations, which addresses timely issues affecting both Israel and the world.

Issue 27 (Spring 2018):

The 27th issue of *Politika*, published in March 2017, reflects the efforts of Israeli academics in various fields of politics and policy-making to investigate and bring forth novel research papers, dealing with a wide array of contemporary issues regarding international and domestic politics. This issue consists of a 6-article symposium that deals with the defense of civilians in inter-state conflicts. It also contains an original article dealing with Israel's ambiguousness regarding its nuclear capabilities, a book-review and a translated seminal article.

Currently, *Politika's* staff of editors are working on two publications: a special issue focused on gender and conflict-resolution (which is expected to be published in fall 2018), and the 28th issue, which will include a 4-article symposium on the Trump administration and presidency, alongside several other analytical papers. This issue is expected to be published in winter 2018-2019.

POST-DOC PUBLICATIONS:

Rawia Aburabia, "Trapped Between National Boundaries and Patriarchal Structures: Palestinian Bedouin Women and Polygamous Marriage in Israel," *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 48 no.3 (2017)

Toby Greene and Jonathan Rynhold, 'Europe and Israel: Between Cooperation and Conflict', *Survival*, July 2018, pp 91-112

Jonathan Grossman, Impartiality as a Lack of Interest: Israel, Brazil, the Jewish Diaspora, and the Question of Jerusalem, *Israel Studies*, vol. 23, no. 1 (Spring 2018), pp. 152-176

Irina Lyan, Book Review: The Evolution of Tiger Management: Korean Companies in Global Competition, by M. Hemmert, *Journal of International Management*, May 2018 (invited paper)

Keren Sasson, "The Organizational Voice of Security: The GCC as a Growing Regional Security Actor," *Security Dialogue*, forthcoming

Keren Sasson and Carmit Valensi, "Computerized Text Analysis in Intelligence Research: The Case of Hezbollah and the Islamic State," *Intelligence in Theory and Practice*, May 2018, vol.3, p.90-103

Alma Vardari edited a special issue of *East European Politics and Society*, entitled "Contention and International Statebuilding in the Western Balkans," (forthcoming)

Alma Vardari and Ivan Stefanovski, "From Streets to Seats? Comparing Hybrid-Alma Movements Parties, The Cases of Kosovo and Macedonia," in *Far Right Movement-Parties in Europe*, eds. Manuela Caiani and Ondrej Cisar (Routledge, 2019).

Ruth S. Wenske Stern with Maria Kagan, "The Work of Educational NGOs in Africa from the Perspective of Critical Pedagogy: A Case Study of Teacher Training in Burundi," in *International Development in Africa: Between Theory and Practice*, eds. Reut Barak-Weekes and Yonatan N. Gez. Jerusalem: Pardes Publishing House, forthcoming (Hebrew).



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