2019 ICT’s Newsletter

About ICT

Founded in 1996, the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is one of the leading academic institutes for counter-terrorism in the world, facilitating international cooperation in the global struggle against terrorism.

ICT is an independent think tank providing expertise in terrorism, counter-terrorism, homeland security, threat vulnerability and risk assessment, intelligence analysis and national security and defense policy. ICT is a non-profit organization located at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel.
During 2019, 24 New Research Fellows & Associates joined the ICT

Meet Our New Senior Researchers

Prof. Gideon Aran
Research Fellow, ICT
Professor (Emeritus) of Sociology & Anthropology, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Prof. Yair Galily
Senior Researcher, ICT
Behavioral Scientist, Founder and Head of the Sport, Media and Society (SMS), IDC Herzliya

Amb. Uri Gutman
Associate, ICT
Former Career Diplomat, 2019

Former MK Yoel Hason
Associate, ICT & Former Member of Parliament

Col. (Res.) Assaf Librati
Associate, ICT & Former Spokesman, Israeli Prison Service & Israeli Air Force

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ofra Klinger
Associate, ICT
Outgoing Commissioner of the Israeli Prison Service
Ms. Sigalit Maor-Hirsh  
Associate, ICT  
Former Head of Cyber Sub-Division, Prime Minister's Office

Dr. Liraz Margalit  
Research Fellow, ICT  
Web Psychologist, and Head of Behavioral Research, Clicktale

Lt. Col. (Res.) Michael Segall  
Associate, ICT  
Former Head of International and Iranian Desks, Israel Defense Force (IDF)

Former MK Ksenia Svetlova  
Associate, ICT  
& Former Member of Parliament

Lt. Col. (Res.) Itzik Toorgeman  
Associate, ICT  
Senior Strategic Adviser and Intelligence Analysis Expert

Amb. Danny Carmon  
Senior Fellow, ICT  
Former Ambassador of Israel to India and Sri Lanka

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Ze’ev Tsuk Ram  
Associate, ICT & Outgoing Director, National Emergency Authority

Dr. Ronit Marzan  
Research Fellow, ICT  
Researcher of Society and Politics of the Palestinians and the Israeli-Arabs

Brig. Gen. (Res.) On Ragonis  
Associate, ICT
Dr. Erga Atad
Research Fellow, ICT

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Dr. Nachman Shai
Research Fellow, ICT & Former Member of Parliament

Mr. Amir Bar Shalom
Journalist, Commentator and News Presenter at Channel 11 KAN NEWS and Channel 1, Israeli TV

Dr. Shulamit Geller
Associate, ICT

Dr. Boaz Tadmor
Director R&D, Rabin Medical Center, Beilinson and Hasharon Hospitals

Lt. Col. (Res.) Avi Kalo
Former Head, Department of MIA&POW, Ministry of Defense

Prof. Nechmania Friedland
Research Fellow, ICT
Social Psychologist, Professor (Emeritus), Tel Aviv University and The Academic College Tel Aviv-Jaffa

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Guermantes Lailari
Research Fellow, ICT

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Zohar Dvir
Associate, ICT
Former Deputy Commissioner, Israel National Police
New Research Desk

Terrorism and Psychology

The Terrorism and Psychology Desk deals with the study of terrorism as an expression of human, group and individual behavior, where the emphasis is on the study of the phenomenon of terrorism as an expression of group psychology.

Papers will utilize several tools and concepts from the field of psychology in order to provide in-depth research on the psychological mechanisms that motivate individuals and groups to commit acts of terrorism.

Some of the research topics will include, among others, the impact of honour in jihadist culture, analysis of leaders’ speeches, and the psychological impacts of using social networks on patterns of terrorist activity.

The Concept of Honor in Jihadi Culture: Psychological Point of View

Dr. Eran Shadach
Head of Psychology & Terror Desk
As part of its ongoing progress, the ICT has expanded its fields of research by opening three new research desks.

**Research Desks**

- **ICT Cyber Desk**
  - Dr. Eitan Aani
  - Head of Cyber Terror Desk

- **ICT IHL Desk**
  - Dr. Dafné Richemond-Barak
  - Head of IHL Desk

- **ICT CBRN Desk**
  - Dr. Ely Carmon
  - Head of CBRN Desk

- **ICT JMG Desk**
  - Dr. Michael Barak
  - Head of JMGM Desk

- **ICT Governance Desk**
  - Dr. Amichai Magen
  - Head of Governance Desk

- **ICT Database Desk**
  - Mr. Edan Landau
  - Head of Database Desk

- **ICT Terrorism Prosecution Desk**
  - Col. (Ret.) Jonathan Fighel
  - Head of Terrorism Prosecution

- **ICT Extremism & Hate-Crime Desk**
  - Dr. Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler
  - Head of Extremism & Hate-Crime Desk

- **ICT Shi’ite Terror Desk**
  - Dr. Ori Goldberg
  - Head of Shi’ite Terror Desk

**New Desks**

- **ICT Terror and the Media Desk**
  - Prof. Gabriel Weimann
  - Head of Terrorism and the Media Desk

- **ICT Terror and Economy Desk**
  - Dr. Yossi Mann
  - Head of Terror and Economy Desk

- **ICT Psychology & Terror Desk**
  - Dr. Eran Shadach
  - Head of Psychology & Terror Desk
Academic Programs

B.A. and M.A. Government Programs with specialization in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security

Government Graduates of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy are well equipped to pursue a wide range of career paths in both the public, private and not-for-profit sectors as well as to continue with their academic studies. The B.A in Government (English and Hebrew tracks) with specialization in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security has 65 students.

In the academic year 2019-2020, 67 students are enrolled in the MA Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya.

The Executive Certificate Program in Counter-Terrorism Studies (Summer 19’)

The Counter-Terrorism Studies Executive Certificate Program provides concentrated, in-depth exposure to the phenomenon of modern terrorism and its characteristics, modus operandi, scope and dissemination throughout the world. The program combines academic study, simulation models, workshops, and onsite briefings.

This year, the program included 42 participants, including military personnel, police officers, government personnel, senior researchers, and students from the United States; Holland; Italy; Canada; China; Czech Republic; Japan; Republic of Korea; India; UK; Israel, and more.

Dartmouth “Academic Week”

During the week of December 8, 2019, the ICT hosted and toured a group of 12 B.A. students from the War and Peace Fellows Program at Dartmouth College, United States. The students were provided with different perspectives on counter-terrorism through small-group meetings and a series of lectures on Israel and Counter-Terrorism. The students also participated in field trips in several locations, including the Golan Heights, Jerusalem and the West Bank.
Projects and Research

RED-Alert is a research and innovation project funded by the EU’s Horizon 2020 programme to develop new online content monitoring and analysis tools to fight terrorism. In January 2019, ICT successfully passed the mid-year review.

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is currently in the last phase of the project, which is expected to be completed in May 2020. During the ICT Conference, a special workshop and a meeting were dedicated to RED ALERT.

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The International Cyber Terrorism Regulation Project (ICTRP)

The International Cyber Terrorism Regulation Project (ICTRP) has been carried out with generous funding from the Global Internet Forum to Counter-Terrorism (GIFCT) (a consortium of Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter and YouTube) through the Global Research Network on Terrorism and Technology (GRNTT) led by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

The project identifies and analyses regulatory models - laws, strategies, policies, and enforcement measures - for countering terrorists’ use of the internet (including cyber-enabled acts of terrorism) through two products: a website that is both easily accessible and provides an in-depth presentation of the models studied (www.ictrp.org); and a policy paper highlighting a set of recommendations for leveraging the lessons learned from these models.

The policy paper, published in July 2019, is co-written by Adv. Deborah Houseen-Couriel, Prof. Boaz Ganor, Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov, Stevie Weinberg, and Dafne Beri. Some of the key highlights of the paper are as follows:

1/ ICTRIP maps 16 state and non-state actors (countries, international organisations and social media providers) that employ regulatory measures for online counterterrorism.

2/ The regulatory measures studied are characterised by three challenges to enhancing cooperation and effectiveness among stakeholders.

   First, a lack of common definitions of prohibited terrorist internet activity across jurisdictional lines and within jurisdictions for different social media platforms.

   Second, an absence in most national jurisdictions of a holistic approach to counterterrorism on the internet.

   Third, the development of autonomous corporate policies & measures by social media platforms, which may differ between jurisdictions.
3/ Tackling these problems requires a multidimensional, multi-stakeholder approach to counterterrorism cooperation that is not only tactical, but also strategic.

4/ Small and medium-sized social media platforms should be provided with tools and capacity-building measures, including tailored training exercises and ‘how-to’ guides.

5/ Diverse modes of transparent information sharing of regulatory measures and practices should be implemented. The ICTR website, one outcome of this research, aims to serve as a platform for such exchange.

6/ All stakeholders should optimise joint use of technological tools that aid in countering terrorist abuse of the internet, with appropriate oversight and rule of law constraints.

7/ Further attention should be given to regulation and multi-stakeholder cooperation regarding terrorist abuse of the internet that results in physical destruction and damage.

Funded by the EU’s Horizon 2020 programme, Trivalent is a project that aims to create a better understanding of root causes of violent radicalization in Europe in order to develop appropriate countermeasures. The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is in the final stage of the project.
Facebook: Content Policy Research on Social Media Platforms

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is conducting a Content Policy Research on Social Media Platforms funded by Facebook. The aim of the research is to answer the following question: How can a thorough understanding of terrorists’ key messages and media strategy help Facebook stay ahead of the game in its constant struggle against terrorist propaganda?

The project consists of a Comparative Thematic Analysis of Global Terrorist Organization’s Online Communications Strategy. It aims to provide an analysis of key messages disseminated online by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), al-Qaeda, Hamas & Hezbollah in English, Arabic and French.

The “Lone Wolf” Project

The Lone Wolf Project, conducted by ICT’s Prof. Boaz Ganor and Prof. Ariel Merari, in partnership with the Israel Ministry of Public Security, focused on independent terrorists (lone wolves) in the surge of terrorism that Israel experienced from October 2015 to December 2017. The study is based on a database of 700 attackers who took part in 560 attacks.

The project has been completed and the final report on the project has been submitted. In the next steps, the ICT will draw out some articles with different topics on this research.

"The Next War in the North"

The “Northern War” is a joint project of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Federation of Local Authorities in Israel, aiming to prepare Israel to a potential future conflict in the North. The project is divided into three stages: (1) developing a “bottom-up” doctrine for closing potential gaps in the national bodies or institutions; (2) showing how this doctrine can be implemented in the city of Herzliya, and (3) increasing awareness about this threat to effectively prepare the local population.
The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is working on two projects that aim to make the EU designate Hezbollah a terrorist organization in its entirety.

The JANUS Initiative, in collaboration with the Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy (AEI) at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, aims to eliminate Hezbollah’s international funding by establishing the organization, in its entirety, as illegal under international law.

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) cooperated with the Abba Eban Institute (AEI) in designating Hezbollah as a terrorist organization in Germany.

Hezbollah: A TERRORIST Organization

A Joint Project of AJC and ICT

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the American Jewish Committee (AJC) produced an exhaustive fact-based report which examines, one by one, claims made by diplomats and governments against designating Hezbollah a terrorist organization in its entirety. The report examines Hezbollah claims and provides a fact-based analysis that refutes each of these claims. While each of these responses stands alone, together they offer powerful proof that all of Hezbollah should be considered a terrorist organization.
During ICT’s 19th World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Prof. Boaz Ganor launched the “ENOUGH” campaign, a social movement changing the narrative vis a vis terrorism. “ENOUGH” aims to give a voice to the global movement against terrorism, as well as to provide a platform for real-time, live, direct reports of terrorist attacks.

There is an overwhelming silent majority in the world that may not necessarily share the same political views, goals and set of beliefs, but have one thing in common – they all stand against terrorism in all shapes and forms. These people need to speak out, protest and act, if only online, against terrorism, and we want to give them the platform to do so.

“ENOUGH” is guided by a simple principle: *Terrorism is Terrorism is Terrorism - and in one way or another, we are all its victims.*

We set out to accomplish the following:
• Connect people around the world and create a first of its kind, counter-terrorism social movement, either online or on the ground.
• Express global protest by citizens, irrespective of race, religion and gender, against the phenomenon of terrorism.
• Act together as a global community, against terror by reaching millions of members all over the world.
• Be empowered, inter alia, by courageous terror victims who despite having suffered the hard hit, are here. Living. Winning. Inspiring.

**We are here to say ENOUGH to terror!**

For additional information, contact info@enoughterror.com
The International Counter-Terrorism Review (ICTR)

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, in cooperation with Next-Gen 5.0, has launched the International Counter-Terrorism Review (ICTR). ICTR aspires to be the world’s leading student publication in Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism Studies. The Review provides a unique opportunity for students and young professionals to publish their papers, share innovative ideas, and develop an academic career in Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism Studies.

The publication also serves as a platform for exchanging research and policy recommendations addressing theoretical, empirical and policy dimensions of international issues pertaining to terrorism, counter-terrorism, insurgency, counter-insurgency, political violence, and homeland security. ICTR’s Advisory Board includes leading experts, scholars and professionals in the field of Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism.

The Editorial Board of the International Counter-Terrorism Review (ICTR) is composed of more than 20 young professionals and emerging scholars in the field of Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism. Members of ICTR’s editorial board are affiliated with some of the world’s most prestigious institutions, including but not limited to Harvard University, Georgetown, Columbia University; King’s College London; Stanford University; the London School of Economics (LSE); Sciences Po Paris; Syracuse University; George Washington University, as well as the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, where many of them took BA and MA courses in Counter-Terrorism and completed an internship at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT).

The Review welcomes essays; articles; dissertation chapters; commentaries and academic papers of maximum 5,000 words. Papers are published on the ICT and NextGen 5.0 websites and social media accounts, as well as on ICTR’s Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages. In addition, ICTR will launch a paper competition in March 2020, in memory of Dr. Jonathan Fine.

Read ICTR’s Submission Guidelines
The Youth Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA)

In December 2019, the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, and the Israeli Chapter of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA) have established the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA)’s Israel Chapter. YATA Israel aims to empower young leaders of today and tomorrow, while promoting the values embedded in the North Atlantic Treaty.

YATA Israel is a member of the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA), which is the youth component of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA). YATA represents a network of over 24 YATA National Youth Organizations gathering young professionals, university students and researchers interested in Euro-Atlantic and international security policies. YATA draws together young leaders, while promoting a dynamic youth engagement and transatlantic cooperation in areas of international security and defence.

The aim of YATA Israel, as a Chapter of YATA International, is to foster the transatlantic bond and the values embedded in the North Atlantic Treaty: security, democracy and the rule of law. In addition, YATA Israel commits to enhance cooperation between International ATA and YATA Chapters and to empower the next generation of security leaders while promoting NATO-Israel relations.

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Join YATA Israel
World Summit on Counter-Terrorism - ICT’s 19th Conference
#Terrorism2020: Understand the Present, Prepare for the Future

ICT’s 19th World Summit on Counter-Terrorism took place on September 9-12, 2019 in Herzliya, Israel. ICT’s Annual Conference is one of the largest and most influential events in the field of counter-terrorism today. Over 1,200 academics, heads of state, ministers, members of parliament, heads of security agencies, decision-makers as well as professional experts and students participated to the ICT’s 19th World Summit on Counter-Terrorism. This year’s conference had over 22 sessions with more than 150 speakers. ICT’s World Summit on Counter-Terrorism offers a unique opportunity to establish professional relationships and serves as a platform for international cooperation against terrorism.

Some of the workshops of the conference were: “Theatres of Global Jihad”; “Homegrown Terrorism in the West”; “Cyber-terrorism”; “The security of Jewish Communities”; “Iran’s Global Reach”; and “White Supremacists and Right-Wing Terrorism”. As always, a memorial ceremony was held for the victims of terrorism and of the 9/11 attacks.

This year, the conference was followed by an “Off-Site Training Weekend”, which consisted of an intimate, closed forum with high-ranking military, government, and homeland security officials. The offsite weekend included four private training forums and workshops, designated for senior decision and policymakers in the field.

Watch Conference Sessions   Read the Full Conference Summary
Subterranean Challenges in War and Peace & The Inaugural Meeting of the International Working Group on Subterranean Warfare

On December 15-17, 2019, Dr. Daphné Richemond Barak, together with Dr. Rivka Weil, organized a conference on “Subterranean Challenges in War and Peace”, which took place at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel.

The conference was organized in cooperation with the ICT; the Harry Radzyner Law School; the Sammy Ofer School of Communications; the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy; the Modern War Institute at West Point; the Lieber Institute for Law and Land Warfare; and the Embassy of the United States. Some of the sessions of the conference included: “Technological solutions to Subterranean Challenges”; “What is unique about underground warfare, if at all?”; “Are all tunnels created equal?”.

The conference ended with a field trip to a tunnel in the Israel-Lebanon border. The group also visited the El Poran military camp in the Golan Heights and witnessed a training exercise of the IDF.

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Ragonis Foundation Scholarships In Memory of Maj. Eyal Ragonis Z”L

The ICT and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy grant each year a scholarship promoting research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security in memory of Architect Maj. Eyal Ragonis z”l, to commemorate his military and civilian accomplishments.

The purpose of the Ragonis Foundation is to promote Research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security. Participants include IDC Herzliya students; IDF soldiers and officers; ICT fellows and associates, as well as interns.
The ICT team gives a number of presentations and briefings to ambassadors, military officials and government members.

**January**

Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov presented RED ALERT in a workshop on Countering Radicalization in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Ely Karmon participated in the Bulgarian IISC conference in Budapest, on March 1, 2019, as member of the Bulgarian IISC General Assembly.

From January 31st until February 1st, the ICT hosted a delegation from the “National Defense College” in Sofia, Bulgaria for two days of courses on terrorism.

**April**

Dr. Eitan Azani briefed police officers during a seminar in Germany.

Dr. Ely Karmon briefed Japanese diplomats on the current situation in the Middle East.

On April 11-12, Mr. Stevie Weinberg participated in Facebook’s Content Policy Research Initiative workshop in Paris, France.

The workshop discussed Facebook’s policymaking and operations in the field of hate speech and preventing offline harm, dangerous groups and individuals and the future of research collaboration in these fields.

**March**

Dr. Eitan Azani met a Delegation of German members of parliament as part of the Middle East Peace Forum (NAFFO).

Dr. Eitan Azani gave a lecture to security professionals in Mexico.

Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov and Mr. Etai Handman gave a lecture and simulation about “Terrorism and Critical Infrastructure” in Varna Medical School.

**May**

Dr. Eitan Azani, Dr. Ely Karmon & Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel briefed a high level security official from Africa.

On May 20, 2019, Prof. Boaz Ganor gave a lecture on “The Threat of Resurgent Terrorism in Europe” during an event at the European Political Strategy Center, hosted by Ambassador Mihnea MOTOC.

Dr. Ely Karmon met with a professional from Strasbourg University to discuss potential cooperation.

July
The ICT paid a visit to the CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team) located in Beer-Sheva and were briefed by Mr. Igal Unna.

Mrs. Lorena Atiyas Lvovsky represented the ICT at the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)’s Annual Summit.

The Summit took place on July 24, 2019 at Facebook Headquarters in San Francisco, California.

On May 21, 2019, Prof. Boaz Ganor participated in a panel discussion on “Current Counter-Terrorism Challenges” with ASG for Emerging Security Challenges, EUCTC, at NATO. Prof. Ganor & Mr. Stevie Weinberg then briefed several NATO and EU officials on current terrorism trends.

September
During the ICT Conference and at the request of the UN, a special delegation from Russian speaking countries participated in a series of lectures given by ICT experts.

Dr. Eitan Azani gave a seminar to Security Officials in Czech Republic.

June
Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov participated to the EIS Summit.

Adv. Deborah Housen-Courriel presented the project in London, UK.

August
Dr. Ely Karmon briefed a media delegation from Britain on the “Threat posed by Hezbollah, Hamas and Iran”.

October
Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov gave a lecture to security officials in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
On October 16-17, 2019, Dr. Ely Karmon participated in the “Bucharest Forum”, as a speaker in the panel on “Global Threats”.

**November**

From November to December, 2019, Prof. Boaz Ganor delivered several talks in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.


Prof. Boaz Ganor was interviewed on the Leighton Smith Podcast from New Zealand on November 28, 2019.

Dr. Eitan Azani gave a lecture at the “Terror and Communication” Conference, which took place at Haifa University, Israel.

Dr. Eitan Azani met with Ralf Michelfelder, President of the State Criminal Police Office in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

**December**

Dr. Eitan Azani met with senior-level officials from the Kenyan Electricity Generating Company.

Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov gave a lecture in a counter-terrorism symposium in Beijing about different “Radicalization Actors, Motivations & Counter-Measures”.

Dr. Ely Karmon participated in a panel on the “Future Threats of Terrorism” at the NATO College Foundation conference, Rome, 10-11 December, 2019.

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Daphné RichemondBarak and Ms. Nadine Liv participated at a conference on Artificial Intelligence and Challenges in Modern Warfare organized by the Harry Radzyner Law School at the IDC Herzliya, in cooperation with Microsoft, on December 25, 2019.
ICT researchers and associates regularly publish articles dealing with counter-terrorism, decision making, radicalization and more

**Publications**

- **Artificial or Human: A new Era of Counter-Terrorism Intelligence?**
  By: Prof. Boaz Ganor

- **Digital Terrorism in the Israeli Election Campaign?**
  By: Terror and the Media Desk

- **Potential Connection between the Trafficking of Women on the Darknet and the Financing of Terrorism**
  By: Ms. Nadine Liv

- **Muslim Coverts Who Turn to Global Jihad: Radicalization Characteristics and Countermeasures**
  By: Dr. Eitan Azani and Dr. Liram Koblenz-Stenzler

- **Setting the Record Straight on Hezbollah**
  Produced in cooperation with the AJC

- **The “Tunnel Strategy” Among Palestinian Armed Factions in the Gaza Strip**
  By: Dr. Michael Barak
ICT Spotlight

Prof. Gabriel Weimann, Senior Researcher, Head of the Terrorism and Media Desk, at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

1982

He completed his doctorate in Communication at the Hebrew University. His research dealt with the spread of information on social network.

He began his career at Haifa University, in the Department of Sociology and later in the Department of Communication and served there as a Full Professor of Communication. Since then, he continues to be involved in research in the field of persuasive communication, propaganda, terrorism and Media, online terrorism and cyber-terrorism.

1985

He completed a post-doctorate at Stanford University on Terrorism and Media.

Since 1985

He has served as a visiting professor at leading universities around the world, such as Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Maryland (USA), Carleton University (Canada), University of Mainz, University of Munich (Germany), University of Singapore, New York University in Shanghai (China), and others.

1996

He founded the Department of Communication at Haifa University, which he headed for eight years.

To date, he has published nine books, seven Monographs and over 180 scientific articles and book chapters. He has also won dozens of international research grants (in the US, Canada, Germany, Australia and the European Community), academic awards, and more.

In 2019, he was appointed Senior Researcher and Head of the Terrorism and Media Desk at the ICT.
LT. COL. (Res.) DR. ERAN SHADACH, SENIOR RESEARCHER, HEAD OF THE TERRORISM AND PSYCHOLOGY DESK AT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM (ICT) AT THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER (IDC) HERZLIYA

AN INTERVIEW ON USING PSYCHOLOGICAL TOOLS TO UNDERSTAND THE PHENOMENON OF TERRORISM

Served in the IDF reserves as a psychologist in fields related to terrorism.

1996-2000

Completed a clinical internship at the Tel Aviv University Psychological Services and the Shalvata Mental Health Center. In 2006 he was certified as an instructor in psychotherapy and diagnosis.

2000

Completed his doctorate at Tel Aviv University on the topic: ‘Models of Schizophrenia in Animals’.

2001

Staff member in the Program for Training Group Leaders at the School of Social Work, Tel-Aviv University.

2003

Staff member in the Psychology Department at the Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo and teaches undergraduate and graduate students.

2004

Founded the Clinical Psychology program at the Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo and headed it until 2005.

2008

Served as the Chief Professional Manager at the 'Reut Institute of Psychotherapy' in Tel-Aviv.

For several years, he has served as a Research Fellow at the ICT.

In 2019, he was appointed Senior Researcher and Head of the Terrorism and Psychology Desk at the ICT.
ICT Spotlight

Dr. Yossi Mann, Senior Researcher, Head of the Terrorism and Economics Desk at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)

An interview on the impact of the global economy on international terrorism

2001-2004
Dissertation at Bar-Ilan University. The central argument of the study was that cultural differences within Saudi Arabia were the cause of internal tensions in the country.

2003-2008
Lecturer at Bar-Ilan University on the subject of society, politics and economics in Saudi Arabia.

2008-2009
Moved to Poland, Gdansk and Szecin Universities, to examine Poland’s potential to become a leading biofuel market in the European Union.

2009-2010
Post-doctoral research at Oxford University on the Middle East oil market. At the same time, he worked as an analyst at a commodities company in the crude oil market.

2015
Head of the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

2013-2018
Advisor to the government ministries on oil and the Middle East economy.

In 2018, Dr. Mann was appointed Head of the Middle East division at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at IDC Herzliya, and Head of the Terrorism and Economics Desk at the ICT.
Experts at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism Discuss:
The Significance of the Rise in Terrorist Attacks in the West Bank
Editors: Dr. Eitan Azani and Dr. Liram Stenzler-Koblentz

“The recent attacks in the West Bank do not seem to reflect a new wave of terrorism, but rather they are the result of one or two cells that have not yet been captured.”
Prof. Boaz Ganor, Founder and Executive Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), and Dean of the Lauder school of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

“Hamas is trying to generate attacks in the West Bank, but Israel, in cooperation with the Palestinian security apparatuses, is able to keep the organization on a low flame.”
Yaakov Perry, Senior Associate at ICT, IDC Herzliya; Former Director of the Shin Bet, Former Minister of Science, Technology, and Space

“The existing Israeli infrastructure of the Shin Bet and the IDF is sufficient to deal with the present type of challenge, which is not a new type nor characteristic of terrorist attacks that require a new method of response.”
Col. (Res.) Lior Lotan, Senior Researcher & Former Executive Director, ICT, IDC Herzliya & Former Coordinator for Prisoners of Wars (POWs) & and Missing in Action MIAs), Prime Minister’s Office

“In order to reduce the scope of terrorism, it is necessary to act simultaneously on three channels: political, economic and security. Economic well-being can reduce the number of people who turn to terrorism.”
Dr. David Koren, Associate at the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Director of the Eastern Jerusalem Strategic Planning Department in the Ministry of Education, Former Advisor to the Mayor of Jerusalem for Arab and Eastern Jerusalem Affairs
“We are in a process of change. The security stability we have become accustomed to in the West Bank in recent years is being challenged and is in decline.”
Brig. Gen. (Res.) Hagai Mordechai, Associate, ICT, and Former Chief of Staff for the IDF Ground Forces HQ, Former West Bank Division Commander

“The recent events in the West Bank are the result of actions that are carried out by Hamas fighters in a controlled and systematic manner in order to restore the Palestinian issue to the agenda and make it difficult for Israel to continue its policy of containment. These are not “bottom-up” events that come from the public, since there is no identification with a with a national resistance. The public wants stability and a good economy.”
Dr. Col. (Res.) Anan Wahabi, Associate ICT, IDC Herzliya & Former Commander of the Information Operation Unit, IDF

“The scope of crime in the West Bank during the last decade has been lower than in Israel during the same period. If this cooperation would have existed in the Gaza Strip, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad would not have been successful in promoting terrorist activity to the same extent.”
Col. (Res.) Ronen Cohen, Associate, ICT, IDC Herzliya &., Former Central Command Intelligence Officer; Head of the Terror Arena & Deputy Head of Production Division of the Intelligence Directorate, IDF

“It is quite possible that Hamas' successes in the Gaza Strip in the form of riots at the fences and clashes with IDF forces, coupled with attempts by Hamas in Gaza to ignite a new intifada outside of the Gaza Strip, inspired its rival, Abu Mazen, in the West Bank.”
Brig. Gen. (Res.) Shalom Harari, Associate, ICT, IDC Herzliya & Former Advisor on Palestinian Affairs for Israel’s Defense Ministry
Experts at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) Discuss: Regional Challenges in Light of the US Withdrawal from Syria

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“A physical presence in the territory is extremely important to build and maintain strategic capabilities, and increase influence. America’s physical presence in Syria is a strategic asset for Israel, mainly because it serves as a counterweight to the Russian and Iranian presence. The withdrawal of US forces leaves the Middle East to Putin’s almost free will and Iranian influence.”

Shabtai Shavit, Chairman, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) Board of Directors, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Former Head of the Mossad

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Maj. Gen., (Ret.) Amos Gilead, Executive Director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC); Former Director of Policy and Political-Military Affairs at the Ministry of Defense; Former Chief of the Intelligence Research and Analysis Division at the Military Intelligence Corps, Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, and IDF Spokesperson

“The US withdrawal from Syria will harm Israeli interests, not only because Iran will become stronger but Russia will also become the strongest force in the region.”

Dr. Eitan Azani, Director of Research, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT); Head of the Terrorism Division at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya
“The US withdrawal will not affect Israel since there will probably continue to be an American presence in Al-Tanf.”
Meir Javedanfar, Expert on Contemporary Iranian Politics; Lecturer at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

“Following the US decision to leave Syria, the only way to deal with the threat from Turkey, and simultaneously guarantee that Iran does not emerge the greatest victor from the civil war in Syria, is to establish positive working relations with Russia and the Assad regime.”
Ely Karmon, Senior Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT); Lecturer at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

“The US withdrawal provides a tailwind and strengthens Turkey’s standing in the Middle East, and leaves it to face the other forces involved in Syria - Russia, Iran and the Assad regime - without an American counterbalance. The step will force Ankara to get closer to Moscow or at least be more attentive to it than to Washington.”
Ambassador Ron Prosor, Head of the Abba Eban Institute of International Diplomacy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya; Former Israeli Ambassador to the UN and United Kingdom

“The withdrawal will result in a certain intensification of Islamic State forces in Syria and a focused effort to attack Syrian, Shi’ite and Kurdish targets. However, even if there will not be any real change in the field, on the PR level, the Islamic State will leverage the American withdrawal to strengthen its image in the eyes of its supporters in the territory of the caliphate and outside it, and perhaps to attract additional volunteers to its ranks.”
Dr. Michael Barak, Senior Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT); Lecturer at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

“At its peak, the Islamic State controlled a territory of 200,000 kilometers. Today, it controls only several dozen kilometers. The US withdrawal from Syria is not expected to cause a change in its power.”
Dr. Ronen Zeidel, Lecturer on Iraq and the Islamic State at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya
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