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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.
ICT's 18th World Summit: International Conference on Counter-Terrorism

During September 3-6, 2018 we held our 18th International Conference on Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel.

ICT’s Annual International conference has, over the past 18 years, become one of the most noteworthy and influential events in the field of counter-terrorism, and is known worldwide as a conducive environment for counter-terror experts, security professionals and leading academics to network, exchange views and establish cooperation and working relationships.

This year’s conference delved into the “Art of Counter-Terrorism”. The art of countering terrorism involves finding solutions to the dilemmas that states face and struggle to address in their fight against terrorism. These dilemmas formed the pillar of this year’s conference and acted as the primary themes for discussion by experts in the various keynote addresses, panels, and workshops.

Over 1,400 people from 65 countries attended this year’s conference, including current and former heads of state, ministers, members of parliament, heads of security agencies and police departments, as well as academics and professional experts, judiciaries, businessmen and students.
We want to thank all the participants for their contribution to the success of our 18th International Conference and to invite you to watch all sessions and workshops, hear all the radio interviews and see all pictures. A written conference summary will be published in the following weeks.

Make sure to save the date for next year's conference:

ICT's 19th International Conference on Counter-Terrorism

The Honorable Boyko Borisov
Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. Aimen Dean
Author, My Time as the West's Top Spy Inside Al-Qaeda

DAC Lucy D'Orsi
Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police

MK Gilad Erdan
Minister of Public Security, Strategic Affairs & Information
During June 2018, the Israel Ministry of Public Security gathered the "International Homeland Security Forum" in Jerusalem with the participation of delegations from 20 countries headed by relevant Ministers responsible for homeland and public security in their respective countries.

ICT’s Founder & Executive Director Prof. Boaz Ganor, initiated the Forum that was led by the Israeli Ministry of Public Security, MK Gilad Erdan & Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen. Prof. Ganor moderated the forum and presented the topic of "The Art of Counter-Terrorism and the Lone-Wolf Phenomenon".

[Watch video]
Five Mossad Directors talk: Intelligence, Terrorism and Decision Making

Five former Mossad directors, from 1968 to 2016, brought together to give the audience a one of a kind opportunity to hear about the job, the conflicts and everything a Mossad director faces in his position.

UN High-level Conference on Counter-Terrorism

Prof. Assaf Moghadam, ICT's Director of Academic Affairs, recently represented the ICT and spoke at the UN High-level Conference on Counter-Terrorism.

At the UN, Prof. Moghadam presented the importance of international collaboration when countering terrorism due to the "growing diversity of terrorist actors that have stepped up their cooperation with the aim of advancing these groups’ political and ideological goals".
Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak participated in the Inaugural Military Operations Course which took place at West Point - The U.S. Military Academy, NY. The course was designed to enhance the participants' understanding of how the US conduct military operations. The participants took part in targeting practice and met with the Director of Defense and Strategic Studies at West Point and a MAJ Special Forces who had deployed in the Philippines - among others. The course offered valuable insights on the availability and development of sophisticated weaponry, the targeting process, and the future of warfare.
Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Orit Adaro served as Women’s Corps officer of the 36th Division (Armor Division) in the Golan Heights during Operation Peace for Galilee. Adaro has served as an ICT Associate for many years. In this framework, she has taken and continues to take part in many of the ICT’s events, lectures to diverse audiences, represents the ICT in international conferences, and participates in many think tanks in her areas of expertise.

1980-1990
Head of the women’s section in Camp 80 for new recruits and commander training courses.

1990-1992
Women’s Corps officer of the Nahal Brigade during the period of mass immigration from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

1992
Studied at the IDF National Security College and was the only woman in her class.

1994-1997
Commander of the Army 12th Corps training base for women and co-established a forum for training base commanders.

1997-2000
Promoted to the rank of Brig. Gen. and became chief officer of the IDF Women’s Corps.

2000-2003
Transferred from the IDF to the Israel Prison Service, was promoted to the rank of Lt. Gen. and served as Commissioner of the Israel Prison Service.
ICT Spotlight
Brig. Gen. (Res.) Gadi Zohar Associate at ICT, IDC Herzliya

1974-1978
Head of terrorism and the Palestinian desk in the Military Intelligence Directorate Research Division in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

1981-1985
Commander of the Human Intelligence (HUMINT) unit of the Military Intelligence Directorate.

1986
Founded the terrorism department of the Military Intelligence Directorate and served as its first head.

1991-1995
Head of the Civil Administration in the Coordinator of the Activities of the Government in the Territory (COGAT).

Today, among other things, Brig. Gen. (Res.) Gadi Zohar serves as Chairman of the Peace and Security Association, which brings together experts in the fields of national security and serves as an Associate at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at IDC Herzliya. In this framework, he takes part in the ICT’s events, including working groups, projects and conferences in his areas of expertise.
Selected Publications

A New Study on Lone Wolf Terrorism in Israel

Prof. Ariel Merari and Prof. Boaz Ganor

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Iran and Shi’ite Terrorism - The Decision-Making System in Iran and the Balance of Power

Dr. Ori Goldberg

The Significance of the Victory by Erdoğan and his “Justice and Development Party” (AKP) in Turkey’

Dr. Michael Barak

In the Media

Dr. Eitan Azani and Dr. Ely Karmon in an article on Hezbollah's Role in the Present Israeli-Iranian Confrontation

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Shabtai Shoval in an article to Israel Defense on Israel's National Security Strategy for 2030

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Dr. Ely Karmon in an article “What has changed in the Middle East”

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- Non-Conventional Terrorism

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- Military Personnel
- Counter-Terrorism Experts
- Homeland Security Officials

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