



## Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy Newsletter 2020-2021

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### Dear Friends of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy

It is my pleasure to share with you the latest Lauder School Newsletter, which offers a snapshot of some of the many exciting activities held by the Lauder School during the 2020-2021 academic year.

The past year has been an eventful one, both for our school and the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC) at large. Most importantly, after prolonged efforts, the Israeli Council on Higher Education has officially recognized the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya as a university. Henceforth, the IDC Herzliya will be known as Reichman University, named in honor of IDC Herzliya founder and president, Prof. Uriel Reichman, who led a tireless and determined effort to establish what is now Israel's first private university. On behalf of the entire Lauder School community, I wish to congratulate Prof. Reichman on this stellar accomplishment that will benefit not only our institution, but higher learning in Israel in general.

Despite the persistence of the Covid-19 crisis this past year, the Lauder School has launched numerous exciting and innovative projects and activities. In addition, our world-class faculty continued to produce high quality research that has gained international recognition. I am proud to report that earlier this summer, the Lauder School of Government was ranked among the top 151-200 academic programs in Political Science in the 2021 Shanghai Ranking of the world's top academic programs. It was the third most highly ranked program in Israel, and it ranked higher than any other school at Reichman University.

We are looking forward with excitement to the next academic year. In 2021-2022, we will be inaugurating a new in-house research institution--the Institute for Liberty and Responsibility. In addition, we will soon be announcing a major curricular reform set to begin in the fall of 2022—one that will ensure that students of government at Reichman University will be fully prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

In the meantime, I hope you will enjoy the highlights from this past year, as showcased in the present newsletter.

**I wish you all a happy, healthy, successful, and sweet new year!  
Shana Tova!**



Prof. Assaf Moghadam  
Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy  
Reichman University

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### What's New?



From left to right: Oudi Recanati, Chancellor, Reichman University, Dr. Yifat Shasha-Biton, Minister of Education, Prof. Uriel Reichman Founder & President at the ceremony on campus announcing the status of IDC Herzliya as a university, August 18th, 2021.

## Lauder Hour



Launched in 2020, the Lauder Hour offers a series of informal meetings between Lauder School lecturers and students. Discussion topics included the electoral system in Israel, the evolving role of China in the Middle East, oil and energy in the region, and Israel-Sudan relations. The purpose of the meetings is to promote intellectually stimulating discourse between our students and professors in small groups and away from the formalities of the classroom.

## Arena for Social Change



Arena for Social Change Concluding Field Trip, June 2021.

The Arena for Social Change program, supported by the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation and led by the Lauder School of Government, exposes students to decision-making processes and key nodes of influence in the Israeli public.

Through lectures and meetings with key figures and organizations active in the area of social change in the public, private and third sectors, the program equips students with the necessary tools to spearhead processes of change within Israeli society.



Dr. Amnon Cavari, Director of the Institute for Liberty and Responsibility.

## Institute for Liberty and Responsibility

The Institute for Liberty and Responsibility will be formally launched on November 29th, 2021. Directed by Dr. Amnon Cavari, the Institute aims to explore ways to enhance the democratic and liberal values of the Israeli public and political elites. Guided by the belief that to thrive as a liberal democracy, Israel must nurture a civic society and a political leadership committed to the principles of liberty, political responsibility, and good governance, the Institute will create a hub built on three main pillars: Research, Education, and Public Outreach.

## Talking Lauder

The Lauder School is proud to have established a Podcast series by the name "Talking Lauder" in cooperation with IDC Radio. The podcast is hosted by Lauder School students Sharon Bresler and Hila Roded.

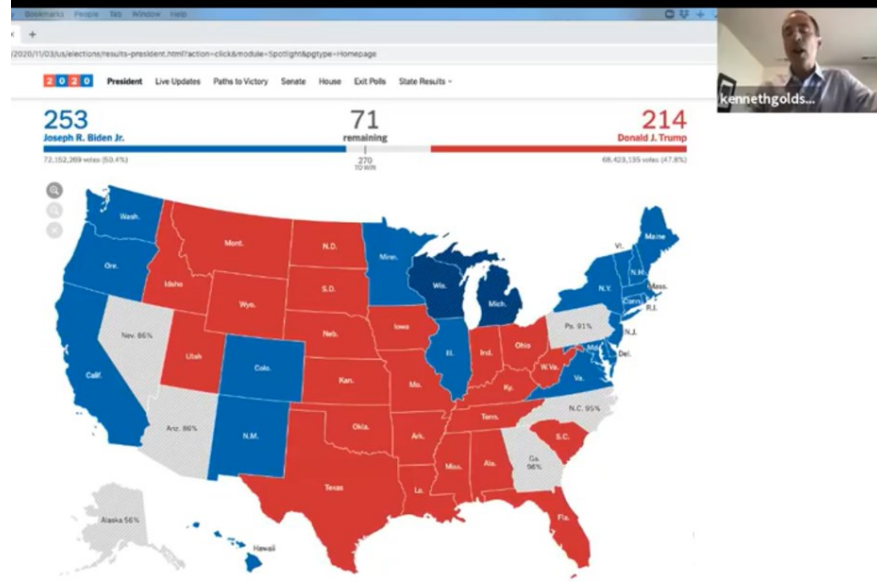
The podcasts featured Lauder School faculty and instructors, students, and alumni, who showcased their achievements in research, innovative ideas, and analysis of current affairs. Episodes included discussions on topics such as American public opinion towards the State of Israel, Lebanon's history and its situation today, the backsliding of democracies in contemporary politics, women's role in decision making in Israel, and the development of smart cities across the globe.

For all Talking Lauder Podcast episodes press [here](#). Also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.



## Events





## Election 2020: What Happened and What's Next?

On November 5th, 2020, the Lauder School organized an event focused on the 2020 U.S. elections, featuring Prof. Ken Goldstein, a Professor of Politics at the University of San Francisco and a senior consultant to the ABC news elections unit. Prof. Goldstein presented his insights regarding the challenges of administering the elections during the pandemic, as well as an analysis of the accuracy of election surveys. Prof. Goldstein spoke about possible challenges of the election outcome, and the meaning of the outcome to the future of U.S. democracy. Finally, Prof. Goldstein addressed students' concerns regarding the confidence in the accuracy of the election results by analyzing real-time election returns from various districts.

## Dynamics of Proxy Wars

Hosted by Lauder School Dean Prof. Assaf Moghadam, this event explored the longstanding use of proxies in international armed conflicts as well as contemporary dynamics of proxy wars. Speakers included Dr. Vladimir Rauta, from the School of Politics, Economics, and International Relations at the University of Reading, Dr. Alexandra Stark, a senior researcher at New America, and Michel Wyss, from the Military Academy at ETH Zurich and Leiden University.

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# Dynamics of Proxy Wars

Thursday, April 22, 2021

17:00 Israel time | 10:00am EST

A Lauder Forum Event

Hosted by the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy

Dr. Vladimir Rauta, University of Reading

Dr. Alexandra Stark, New America

Mr. Michel Wyss, Military Academy at ETH Zurich and University of Leiden

Moderator:

Prof. Assaf Moghadam, Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya

## The Impact of Climate Change on the National Security of Israel and the Region

In this event, the Lauder School of Government collaborated with the School of Sustainability and the Institute for Policy and Strategy to highlight the role of Israel and the Middle East as a climate change "hotspot", as well as the strategic threat of climate change to Israel and the region. Some key topics covered included the impact of climate change on military training, capabilities, and infrastructure of the IDF and other armies in the region; the effect of climate change on regional competition/cooperation between Israel and Gulf states; as well as steps regional leaders should take to increase climate change awareness and combat its negative effects.



From top left to right: Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Maoz Rosenthal, Dr. Amnon Cavari. From bottom left to right: MK Moshe Arbel, Dr. Ilana Shpaizman, MK Meirav Ben-Ari.

### The Change in the “Government of Change”

Hosted by the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility and moderated by Dr. Chaim Weizmann of the Lauder School of Government, the speakers at this event were asked whether the new Israeli government indeed constitutes a government of change. Speakers at the event included Members of the Knesset Moshe Arbel (Shas) and Meirav Ben-Ari (Yesh Atid), Lauder School faculty members Dr. Amnon Cavari and Dr. Maoz Rosenthal, and Dr. Ilana Shpaizman from Bar Ilan University.

### Exceptional Student Activity



Yitzi Zobin (Left) and Shimon Packer (Right)

## TEDxIDCHerzliya New Millennium

In December 2020, the Lauder School hosted a TEDx event on the IDC Herzliya campus, held in accordance with the guidelines of the TED organization. The TEDx was initiated by Government B.A graduates Yitzi Zobin and Shimon Packer and focused on the impact of technology on human behavior.



From left to right: Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Minister Nachman Shai, Former Minister Raleb Majadele, Minister Zeev Elkin, Minister Karine Elharrar

## Democracy Day

This annual Lauder School student-initiated event examines issues, challenges and dilemmas facing the Israeli government and society. Held in March 2021, the 14th Democracy Day established a dynamic platform for direct interactions between politicians and students. This past year, the Democracy Day event was held under the headline "Land of Tribes and Camps" and focused on key divisions in Israeli society, as well as on ways of bridging these gaps.





Congratulations to our talented students included in the 2020 Dean's List, and to the recipients of the Ehud Sprinzak Prize, named after the Founding Dean of the Lauder School of Government at the IDC. The Ehud Sprinzak Prize is awarded to the best research project submitted by a team of 2nd year government students. This year's prize was awarded to a project on the issue of over-policing of the members of the Ethiopian community in Israel.

In June 2021, The Lauder School teamed up with the Raphael Recanati International School to host the first student run Government Conference. Speakers at the conference discussed issues related to COVID-19, China, and the Middle East. Lauder School of Government Dean, Prof. Assaf Moghadam offered greetings. Speakers included Prof. Gerald Steinberg of Bar Ilan University, Carice, Witte founder and executive director of SIGNAL, and Dr. Ayner Barnea of the University of Haifa.



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# COVID-19, CHINA AND THE MIDDLE EAST: HOW IS OUR REALITY CHANGING?

## Tuesday, 1 June 2021, 3:00 Israel Time

### 16:00 Greetings

Prof. Assaf Moghadam, Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya

### 16:10 The Effects of the Abraham Accords on the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process

Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University  
Moderator: Dafne Beri, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, IDC Herzliya

### 16:55 China: Policy and Society

Carice Witte, Founder and Executive Director, SIGNAL  
Moderator: Hema Pesswani, IDC Herzliya

### 17:40 Civil Rights and Mass Surveillance in the Post COVID-19 Era

Dr. Avner Barnea, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa  
Moderator: Alexander J. Klein, IDC Herzliya

### Organizing Committee

Tzviya Graff Orbach, Yonatan Strashun, Alexis Tellebaun  
Students, RRIS Program in Government, IDC Herzliya

Meeting Register Here:

<https://idc.il.com/online/register?eventId=usq919@wafv318ru0Q498h01a>

The event will be held in English and will be broadcast live via Zoom



## Crisis of Governance in Israeli Democracy

In June 2020, a series of meetings of faculty members and students was held, following a call by IDC President, Prof. Uriel Reichman, to address the urgent challenges of governance facing the State of Israel. The main issues debated included the regulation of the checks and balances between the legislature and the executive; the advantages and drawbacks of the current electoral system in Israel and the role of the political parties; legal aspects such as the role of basic laws in Israeli society and the need for an Israeli constitution.

## Faculty Achievements



**Dr. Amnon Cavari is the Co-Recipient of the Association for Israeli Studies Young Scholar Award**



**Major-General (Ret.) Amos Gilead received the "Knights of Government Quality" Award of 2020**



**Professor Dima Adamsky received the Outstanding Researcher Award for 2021**



**Prof. Asif Efrat received the Outstanding Lecturer Award for 2021**



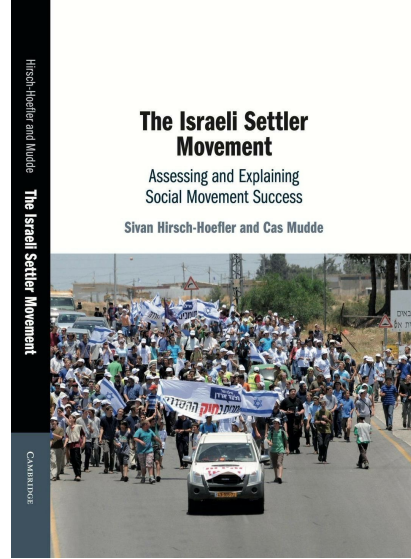
**Lauder School instruct Avital Leibovich is the first Israeli to receive the Order of Scanderberg Award from the President of Albania**

## Published Books





**Ksenia Svetlova**  
על עקבים במוזרח התיכון  
October 2020  
פרדס הוצאה לאור



**Prof. Sivan Hirsch-Hoeffer, The Israeli Settler Movement: Assessing and Explaining Social Movement Success (Cambridge University Press, November 2020)**



**Ambassador Ron Prosor**  
נאופן לא דיפלומטי  
מסביב לעולם בשלושים שנה  
May 2021  
ידיעות ספרים



**Prof. Boaz Ganor, Israel's Counter Terrorism Strategy: Origins to the Present (Columbia University Press, July 2021)**

## Recent Publications from the Lauder School Faculty

To read, click [here](#).

## ICT - SAVE THE DATE



Each year, the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya hosts its World Summit on Counter-Terrorism. ICT's World Summit on Counter-Terrorism has become one of the largest and most influential events in the field of counter-terrorism today. The conference provides a vital opportunity for high-profile experts, practitioners, and decision-makers from diverse disciplines to establish professional relationships, and serves as a platform for the formation of international cooperation.

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