

# Annual Review 2018



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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.



During 2018, five senior researchers from a variety of fields joined the ICT

## Meet Our New Senior Researchers



### Prof. Gabriel Weimann

Prof. Weimann is a Professor of Communication (Emeritus) at the Department of Communications, University of Haifa, Israel; and a Visiting Professor at the University of Maryland, USA.

His research areas include political campaigns, persuasion and influence, modern terrorism and the mass media, online terrorism and cyberterrorism. Prof. Weimann received numerous grants and awards from international foundations, including the Fulbright Foundation, the Canadian-Israeli Foundation, the Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung and others.

Prof. Weimann is currently a Senior Researcher at ICT.



### Brig. Gen. Yehuda Fox

Brig. Gen. Yehuda Fox served in several command positions, mainly in southern Lebanon. Among his roles he serves as Commander of the "Shaham" battalion of the "Nahal" brigade; Commander of the "Judea" Brigade; Command Operation Officer of the Southern Command; Chief Corps Officer of the Paratroopers and the Infantry; Commander of the "Fire Fox" Division (former "Gaza Division").

Brig. Gen. Fox holds an LLB in Law from the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya and a MA in Security Studies from Haifa University. He also served as a Wexner Foundation Fellow at Harvard University.

Brig. Gen. Fox is currently on leave from the IDF and serves as a Visiting Fellow at ICT.





## Dr. Moran Yarchi

Dr. Moran Yarchi is a Senior Lecturer at the Sammy Ofer School of Communications, and the Head of the Public Diplomacy program, at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel. Her research areas include political communication, public diplomacy, media coverage of conflicts and terrorism, and election campaigns on social media.

Moran has been granted with several awards and scholarships such as the Hecht Prize for 2012-3, The ICA's annual conference Mass Communication Division's top paper award 2014.

Dr. Yarchi is currently a Senior Researcher at ICT.



## Dr. Ori Goldberg

Dr. Ori Goldberg's research focuses on the interaction between religious faith and political behavior. His specialty is Shi'a Islam and Iran. His doctoral dissertation, published by Routledge in 2011 (Shi'i Theology in Iran: The Challenge of Religious Experience), dealt with the role of religious experience in the creation of revolutionary Shi'i discourse in Iran.

Dr. Goldberg is the recipient of many academic prizes, including the Dan David Prize and the Wolff scholarship. He has served as a research fellow in several prominent institutions and foundations abroad, including Yale University, the Mellon Foundation, the Volkswagen Stiftung and others.

Dr. Goldberg is currently a Senior Researcher at ICT.



## Dr. Yossi Mann

Dr. Yossi Mann's research focuses on the commodities market mainly concerning issues related to the oil and gas industries in the Middle East. He spent a considerable period of time at the Universities of Gdansk and Szczecin in Poland and also attended Oxford University for his post-doctoral research.

Dr. Mann is currently the Head of the Middle Eastern Division at the Interdisciplinary Centre (IDC), Herzliya & Senior Researcher at ICT.



As part of its ongoing progress, the ICT has expanded its fields of research by opening three new research desks.

## New Research Desks



### Terror and Economy

The Terror and Economy Desk deals with the impact of the global economy on global terrorism, as a basis for formulating additional ways of coping with threats of terrorism in the West.

The projects will deal with issues such as the terrorist organizations' use of the Islamic economy to promote terrorism; the effect of interest rate changes on the organizations' cash flows; use of virtual currencies and more.



### Terrorism and the Internet

The "Terrorism and Media" Desk examines the relationship between state-sponsored terrorism and media. Furthermore, the Desk analyzes how terrorist organizations utilize media tools to spread their messages and radicalize vulnerable individuals. The research focuses on the analysis of platforms through which terrorist messages are disseminated. Publications in the "Terrorism and Media" Desk also review different strategies to counter the use of media by terrorist organizations.



### Iran and Shi'ite Terrorism

The "Iran and Shi'ite Terrorism" Desk is engaged in the analysis of Iran's involvement in terrorist activity. In addition, the desk examines the strategic aspect of Iran in terms of internal and external Iranian discourse and their influence on decision-making processes, which are translated into operative and tactical steps and implemented by the Revolutionary Guards.





## Academic Programs

### Academic Programs (BA & MA) in Government with Specialization in Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security

Government studies with specialization in counter-terrorism and homeland security cover, among others, the Israeli experience in countering terrorism, the nexus between failed states, terrorism and political development, the internationalization of modern terrorism and groups like al Qaeda and Hezbollah, the History of Modern Terrorism, and Law and Terrorism.

The BA (in Hebrew) in Government with Specialization in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security holds 98 students. Our program in English has 37 and our MA Program 74.

### Executive Certificate Program in Counter-Terrorism Studies

The Executive program, offered by the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy and the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), is a unique opportunity for professionals to learn about central issues in counter-terrorism and homeland security both from those with first-hand experience and those involved in cutting-edge research in these fields. Based on years of extensive research, instruction and work in the field, this multidisciplinary program brings together the best of academic theory and practical knowledge.

The 2018 Executive program included more than 40 students from different countries,

including: U.S.A, China, Italy, U.K, Germany, Brazil, India and many more.

Save the Date for the coming program: July 7th-26th, 2019.

### Academic Taglit: Birthright

ICT hosted during 2018 two groups of "Birthright Study Abroad", an Academic "Conflict Management & Counter Terrorism" course specially designed to Taglit project.

The two groups included 25-35 students each, all of them 18-25 years old. The students got a 12 day journey, class lectures, field trips, as well as urban warfare and terror attacks simulations.







The **RED-Alert project** is a European Union's Horizon 2020 funded project, aimed to provide LEAs with a complete toolkit to detect, collect, analyse and store online data from social media channels, related to terrorism. Led by a consortium comprised of tech companies, research centers and universities and LEAs, RED-Alert will cover a wide range of social media channels and will allow LEAs to take real-time coordinated action while preserving the privacy of the citizens.



RED-Alert brings the best of European research and innovation experts together to fight terrorism with a consortium of 15 organizations including European law enforcement agencies, supported by academic institutions and technology companies.

The specific objectives of RED-Alert are:

**Objective 1:** Improve available building blocks (NLP, SNA, CEP) and combine them with artificial intelligence (AI) in order to support the language, usability and privacy-preserving requirements of the RED-Alert solution.

**Objective 2:** Integrate all building blocks (NLP, SNA, CEP) in a holistic solution with real-time collaborative capabilities and create a baseline system (development environment) for current and future use.

**Objective 3:** Involve law enforcement agencies in drafting the specifications and the building of the RED-Alert solution.

**Objective 4:** Disseminate the project results to the scientific and law enforcement communities, prepare the exploitation of the RED-Alert solution and its individual modules.

**Follow us on social media!**

[Watch the RED-Alert video](#)







## Projects and Research



TRIVALENT is a Horizon 2020 EU funded project that aims to a better understanding of root causes of the phenomenon of violent radicalisation in Europe in order to develop appropriate countermeasures, ranging from early detection methodologies to techniques of counter-narrative.



The Inviso Intelligence Platform is a program led by Insikt Intelligence, to become a unique tool for the real-time detection of Jihadist radicals on

social media platforms. The solution has been developed and polished in collaboration with Law Enforcement Agencies and experts from ICT.



JANUS Initiative in collaboration with The Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy at the IDC Herzliya led by Amb. Ron Prosor, is a platform of international experts seeking for productive collaboration, practical analysis, and exchange of expertise on Hezbollah's global terror activities.

The Janus Initiative aims to eliminate Hezbollah's international funding by establishing the organization as illegal under international law.

[Read more](#)

Eliminating Hezbollah's access to its major sources of funding will paralyze the organization's ability to operate.



The Lone Wolf Project research jointly conducted by the ICT and the Israeli Ministry of Public Security, and led by Prof. Boaz Ganor and Prof. Ariel Merari. The project examined the profile of independent terrorists ("lone wolf") as reflected in the recent wave of terror attacks. As part of the research methodology, the ICT conducted a series of interviews with 45 prisoners and created a database of 700 lone wolves.

[JPost summary](#)



# ICTRIP

The International Cyber Terrorism Regulation Project

The International Cyber-Terrorism Regulation Project (ICTRP) is being carried out with funding from the Global Internet Forum to Counter-Terrorism (GIFCT) through a global research network led by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), based in London. GIFCT is an industry-led initiative comprising Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Twitter and will publish a series of papers that aims to provide recommendations around the prevention of terrorist exploitation of technology to policymakers, technology companies and other stakeholders.

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 initial products: a website that is both easily accessible and provides an in-depth presentation of the models studied; and a policy paper highlighting a set of recommendations for leveraging the lessons learned from these models, being prepared for publication by April 2019.

One of the key aims of the ICTRP is to eventually facilitate information exchange and cooperation among regulators who are dealing with this challenge in selected national and international jurisdictions; and among social media platforms that have initiated self-regulation with respect to hostile and illegal content. ICTRP's intended readership includes policymakers, lawmakers, researchers, and students in the field of counter-terrorism.



Terrorists are increasingly leveraging their use of the internet across ten major categories of hostile activity: propaganda, psychological operations, incitement, recruitment, radicalization, financing, information sharing (including training), intelligence, communications, and cyberterrorism. At the same time, governments, international organizations, and private companies that provide social media platforms (SMPs) have been developing measures to fight such hostile uses of cyberspace in general, and the internet in particular, through the use of an increasingly diverse regulatory toolbox.

Such regulatory measures encompass the traditional modes of national laws, strategies, and policies. They also include international treaties and protocols; the resolutions, decisions and public declarations made by international organizations; and capacity-building initiatives for bolstering the enforcement of counter-terrorism at the national and global levels. Although there are currently no overarching international treaties governing counter-terrorism efforts regarding terrorist use of the internet, several multilateral agreements and arrangements currently provide a normative basis for addressing some aspects thereof.



# ideas

## Working Group

### Understanding Salafi-Jihadist behavior patterns

**Chair:** Ambassador Dr. Dimitar Mihaylov, Former Ambassador of Bulgaria to Israel.

An examination of the way in which terrorist organizations use ideology, personal background, and various symbols in order to publish and distribute their messages to different target audiences.

An in-depth analysis of these messages enables a better understanding of Salafi-Jihadist behavior patterns.

### Proposal for the establishment of a Patrol Policing System

**Chair:** Mr. Roni Milo, Member of Professional Advisory Board, ICT; Former Mayor of Tel-Aviv & Former Minister of Police.

Experts of the discussion group are examining the possibility of establishing a system of police officers in Israel, based on successful global case studies, such as the United States, Japan, France and more.

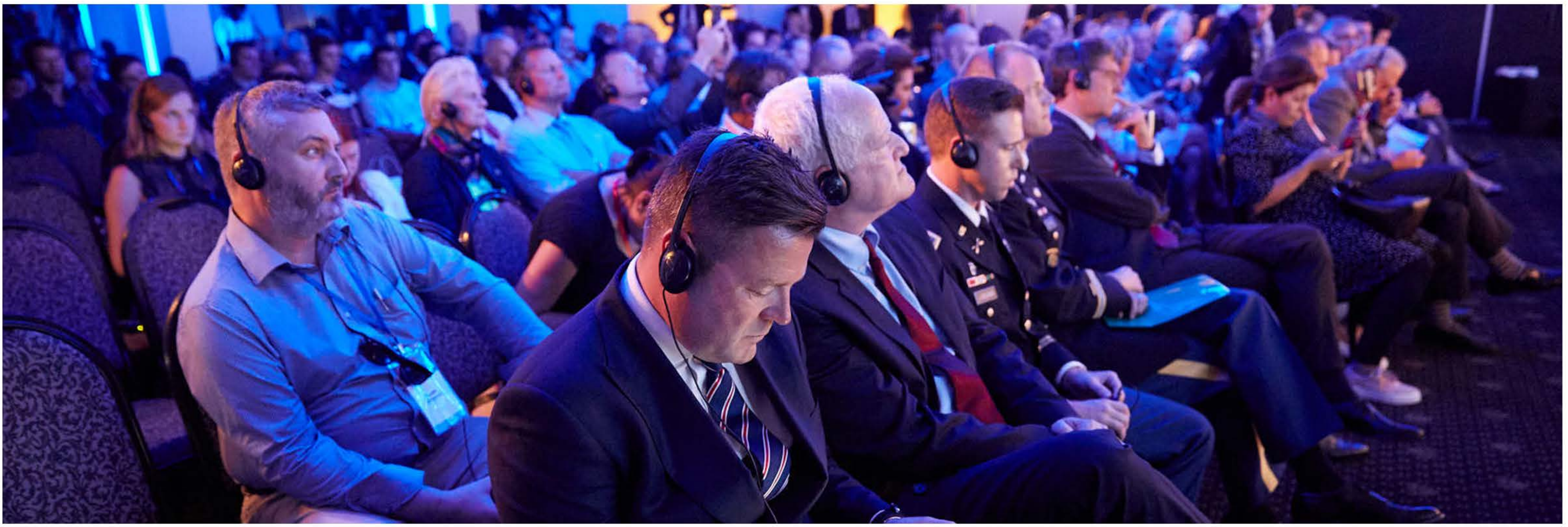
### Coping with Radical Islam

**Chair:** Col. Res. Dakar Eilat, Col. (Res.) Dakar Eilat, Associate ICT & Former commander in the Israel Prison Services.

The discussion group examines the phenomenon of radicalization in prisons, and analyzes other circles of influence that promote radicalization (from social networks to family circles).







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



**The Honorable Boyko**  
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



**Prof. Uriel Reichman**  
President and Founder  
of Interdisciplinary  
Center (IDC) Herzliya

**ICT's 19th International Conference  
on Counter-Terrorism**  
**Terrorism2020: Understand the Present  
Prepare for the Future**





The ICT team gives a number of presentations and briefings to ambassadors, military officials and government members.

# Selected Meetings and Briefings

**Lecture to soldiers and officers from an Israeli Air Force Base.**

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Eitan Azani, Mr. Stevie Weinberg.

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**RED-Alert briefings and meetings in London.**

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben-Yaakov.

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**Meeting with a Bulgarian Delegation composed of the Minister of Defense and officials from the Ministry of Interior.**

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Eitan Azani, Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben-Yaakov, Dr. Ely Karmon and Mr. Stevie Weinberg, the Bulgarian delegation: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense H.E. Krasimir Karakachanov, Minister of Interior Mr. Mladen Marinov.

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Prof. Boaz Ganor briefed a delegation from the German Parliament on the current security challenges in the region.

Dr. Eitan Azani and Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben-Yaakov briefed a delegation led by the Minister of Defense of Albania.



**Briefing to Outgoing Deputy Chief of the IDF General Staff, Maj. Gen. Yair Golan.**

A roundtable discussion on Israel's national security strategy in light of the terrorist threat.

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**Lecture to the Indian institute of public administration New Delhi.**

Prof. Boaz Ganor.

**Briefing to a delegation from the US Army War College.**

Dr. Eitan Azani briefed a delegation of US army War College Fellows (Lt. Col. and Col.) on the international threat of posed by Hezbollah.

**Briefing to the European Corporate Security Association on “The Global Jihad Threat to Europe”.**

Dr. Eitan Azani.

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**Dr. Eitan Azani and Mr. Stevie Weinberg briefed a French delegation from the Senate on the threat posed by lone wolf terrorism.**

**Lecture to students from Syracuse University.**

**Meeting with Outgoing Deputy Chief Police Commissioner Maj. Gen. Zohar Dvir and his command.**

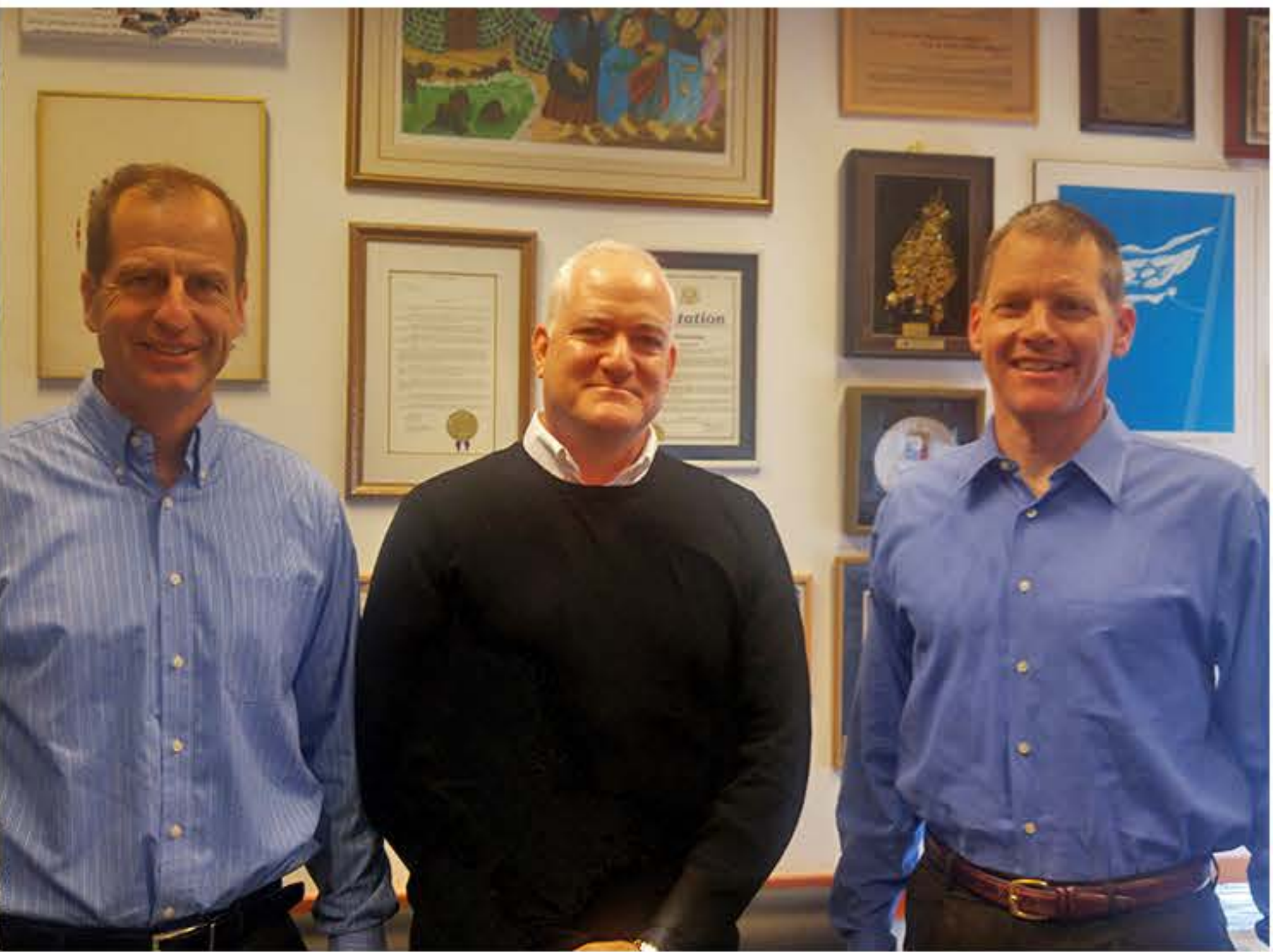
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Prof. Ganor delivered a lecture to the citizens of Herzliya on the Art of Counter-Terrorism.



**Briefing & Discussion with IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Ronen Manelis.**

Prof. Boaz Ganor and Mr. Stevie Weinberg.

**Briefing & Discussion with Maj. Gen. Aharon Haliva, Head of the Operations Directorate, IDF**

ICT experts

**Road Show to Estonia & Finland which included briefing to Members of Parliament and Meeting with Senior Officials.**

Dr. Ely Karmon.

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**Introductory meeting with the new Ambassador of Croatia to Israel H.E. Vesela Mrđen Korać.**

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Eitan Azani and Mr. Stevie Weinberg.

**Briefing to Dr. Gerhard Conrad (Director, European Union Intelligence and Situation Centre).**

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Eitan Azani, Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben-Yaakov, Dr. Ely Karmon and Mr. Stevie Weinberg.



The ICT team organizes and participates in conferences and seminars dealing with counter-terrorism throughout the year, all over the world.

## Conferences and Seminars

### The International Homeland Security Forum

The International Homeland Security Forum "The modern war is the war of Counter-Terrorism and while we are talking about the art of counter terrorism, all of us has to be and are artists of counter terrorism.

Because the art of counter terrorism is much more than an expertise. This is something that requires a lot of knowledge on the one hand, and a lot of experience on the other."

ICT's very own founder and executive director, Prof. Boaz Ganor recently moderated and helped organize the International Homeland Security Forum (IHSF), which took place in Jerusalem, Israel. Organized by the Israeli Minister of Public Security, MK Gilad Erdan and the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirsten Nielsen, the IHSF included more than 20 Ministers of Public Security from all over the world.

At the conference, Prof. Ganor lectured on the hot topic of lone-wolf terrorism, and discussed the importance of classifying terror actors as component of the art of countering terrorism.







## Cyber Policies Seminar

The ICT organized a seminar for 30 judges from the military courts on radicalization, terrorism in cyberspace, the radicalization processes in prisons, and counter-terrorism policies of democratic countries.

## ICT in Collaboration with the Jabotinsky Institute

A seminar in cooperation with the Jabotinsky Institute on Terrorism, Security and Peace.

## Ragonis Foundation Scholarships Ceremony in memory of Maj. Eyal Ragonis z"l

The ICT and 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, in memory of his military and civilian accomplishments.

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Yaakov Amidror, former head of the National Security Council, participated in the ceremony and reviewed Israel's security and intelligence challenges.

## The Role of Egyptian Sufis in Fighting Radicalisation

Dr. Michael Barak participated in an International Conference on the "Role of Egyptian Sufis in Fighting Radicalisation" at Tel Aviv University, Israel. The meeting hosted experts in the field and members of the Egyptian Opposition Party.



## BICOM Lecture

Dr. Eitan Azani gave a lecture on "ISIS and latest developments in the Jihadi world" to a delegation of senior journalists led by the Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM).

## Are Local Authorities in Israel Prepared for an Emergency?

Prof. Boaz Ganor Participated in the panel "Are Local Authorities in Israel Prepared for an Emergency?" during the Muni Expo 2018 organized by the Federation of Local Authorities in Israel.





ICT collaborates with international institutes and universities throughout the year.

These are selected collaborations during 2018

## International Collaborations

### The National Security College in Bulgaria



ICT established an academic partnership with the National Security College in Bulgaria.

As part of the cooperation between the two institutes, a student delegation arrived to Israel for a series of lectures in late February 2019.

### CTED



ICT cooperates with the United

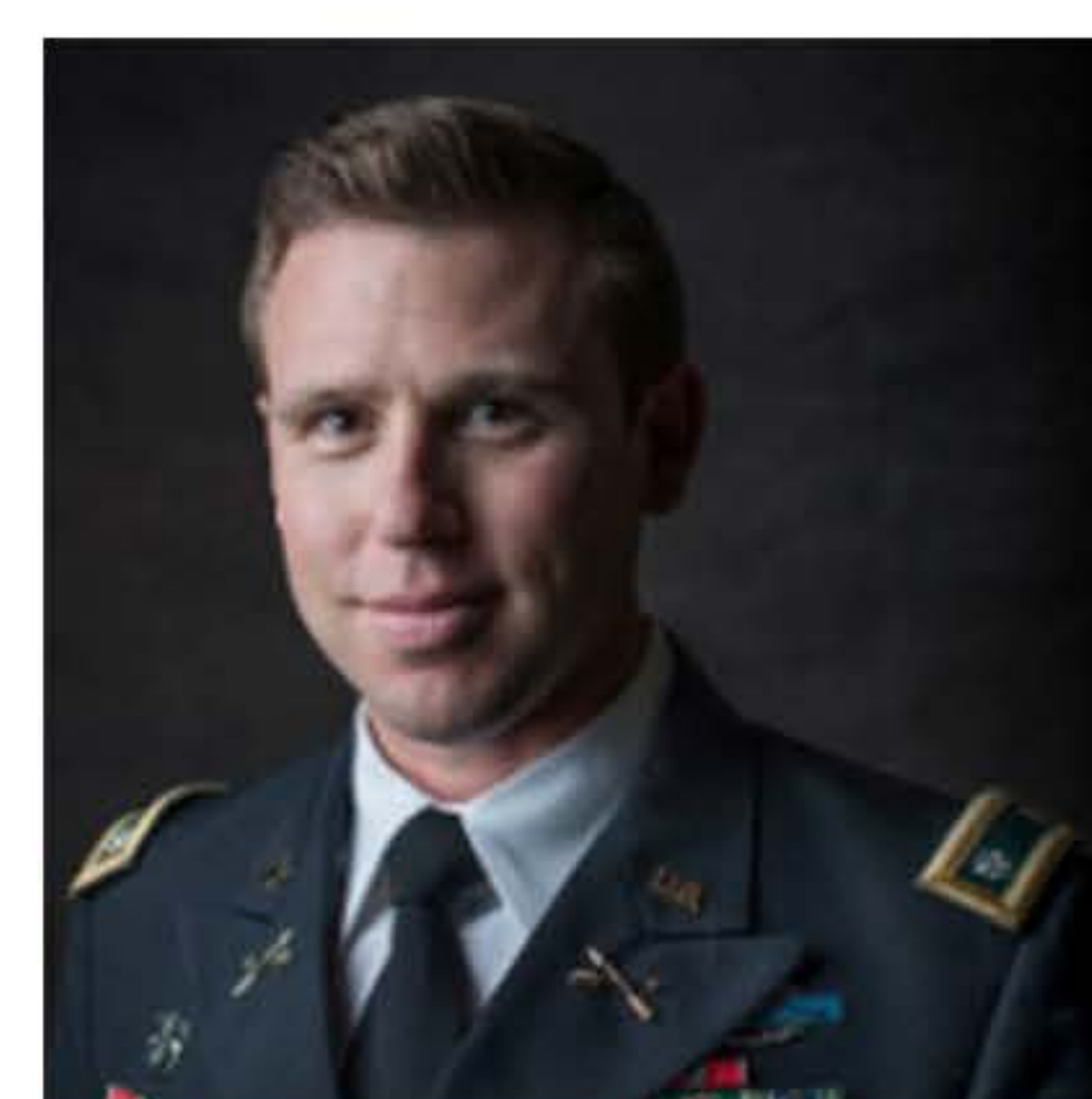
Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTED). Assistant Secretary General and Executive Director of CTED Michele Coninx participated in the ICT's 18th Annual International Conference. Additionally, Prof. Assaf Moghadam, a senior researcher at the ICT, represented the ICT and spoke at a special UN session on 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".

### Collaboration with the Pentagon

Each year, the ICT hosts an associate from the United States

army for one year.

College Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Lindeman, Brent W., US Army war Fellow LTC. Lindeman has previously serves as the Director of Future Operations for Special Operations Command Central.



### ATA



The ICT collaborates with the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA), which is a nonprofit organization active in 38 countries across and beyond the Atlantic Alliance.





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

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism's (ICT's) 18th Annual World Summit on Counter-Terrorism took place in Herzliya, Israel from September 3-6, 2018.

Guests from around the world convened for two days of plenary sessions which were held on September 3rd and 4th, 2018 and two days of workshop sessions which took place on September 5th and 6th, 2018. The 18th Annual World Summit surrounded the theme of the "Art of Counter-Terrorism", addressing five major areas every "artist" of counter-terrorism must master in order to effectively counter terrorism.

ICT's Annual World Summit is the largest of its kind, and provides unparalleled opportunity for cooperation in the field of counter-terrorism. Boasting the presence of over 1,000 world-renowned experts, practitioners, scholars and academics with diverse backgrounds in areas of counter-terrorism, the International Summit allows for the establishment of professional networks, and fosters meaningful international cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

**Get the full conference summary [here!](#)**

**Save the Date for ICT19: September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**





ICT researchers and associates regularly publish articles, chapters and books dealing with counter-terrorism, decision making, radicalization and much more.

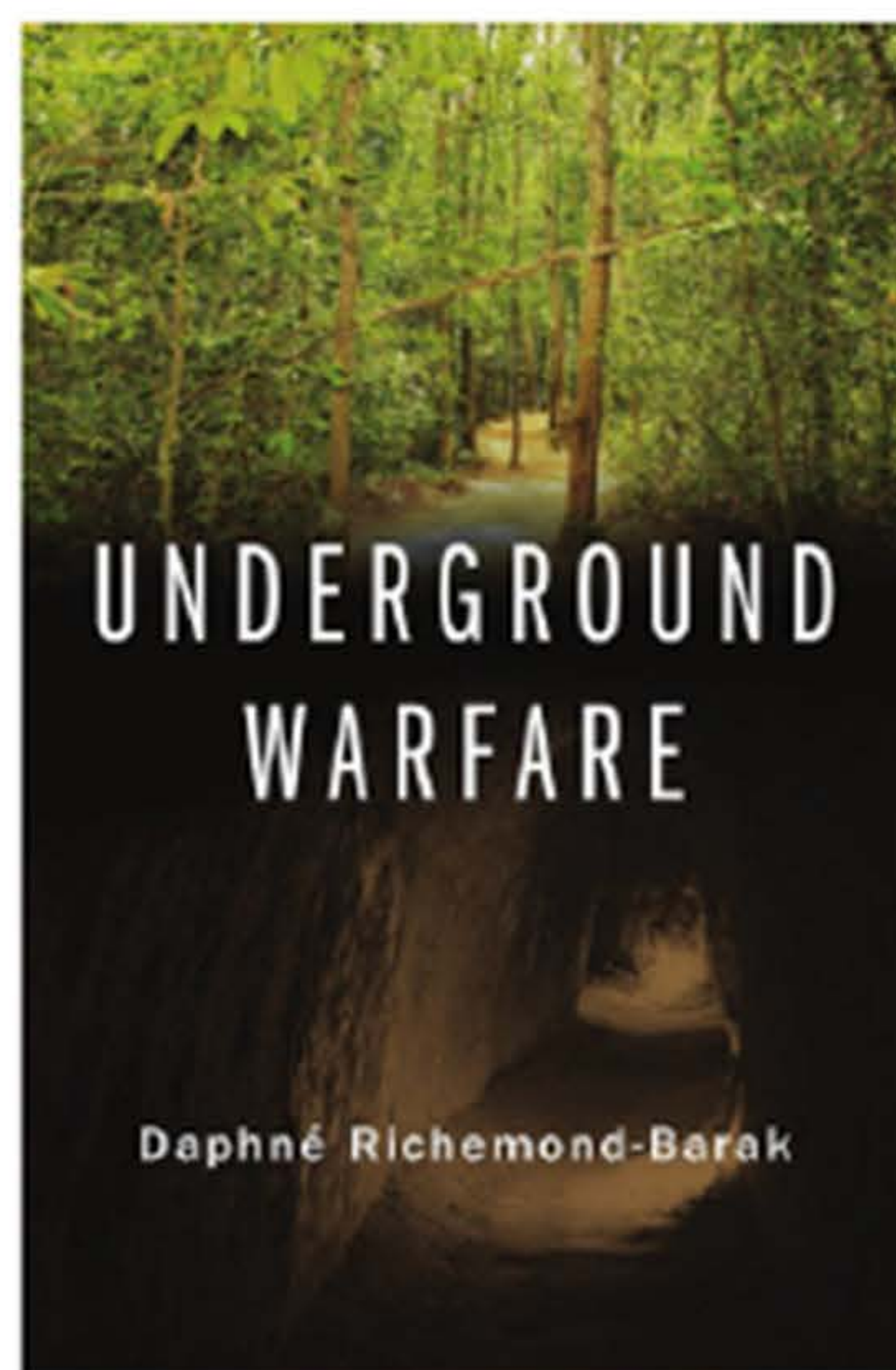
## Publications



### The Counter-Terrorism Puzzle: A Guide for Decision Makers

A manual of counter-terrorism measures for decision-makers giving the reader tools to make rational and effective decisions. For the first time the book was released in Japanese on February 13, 2018.

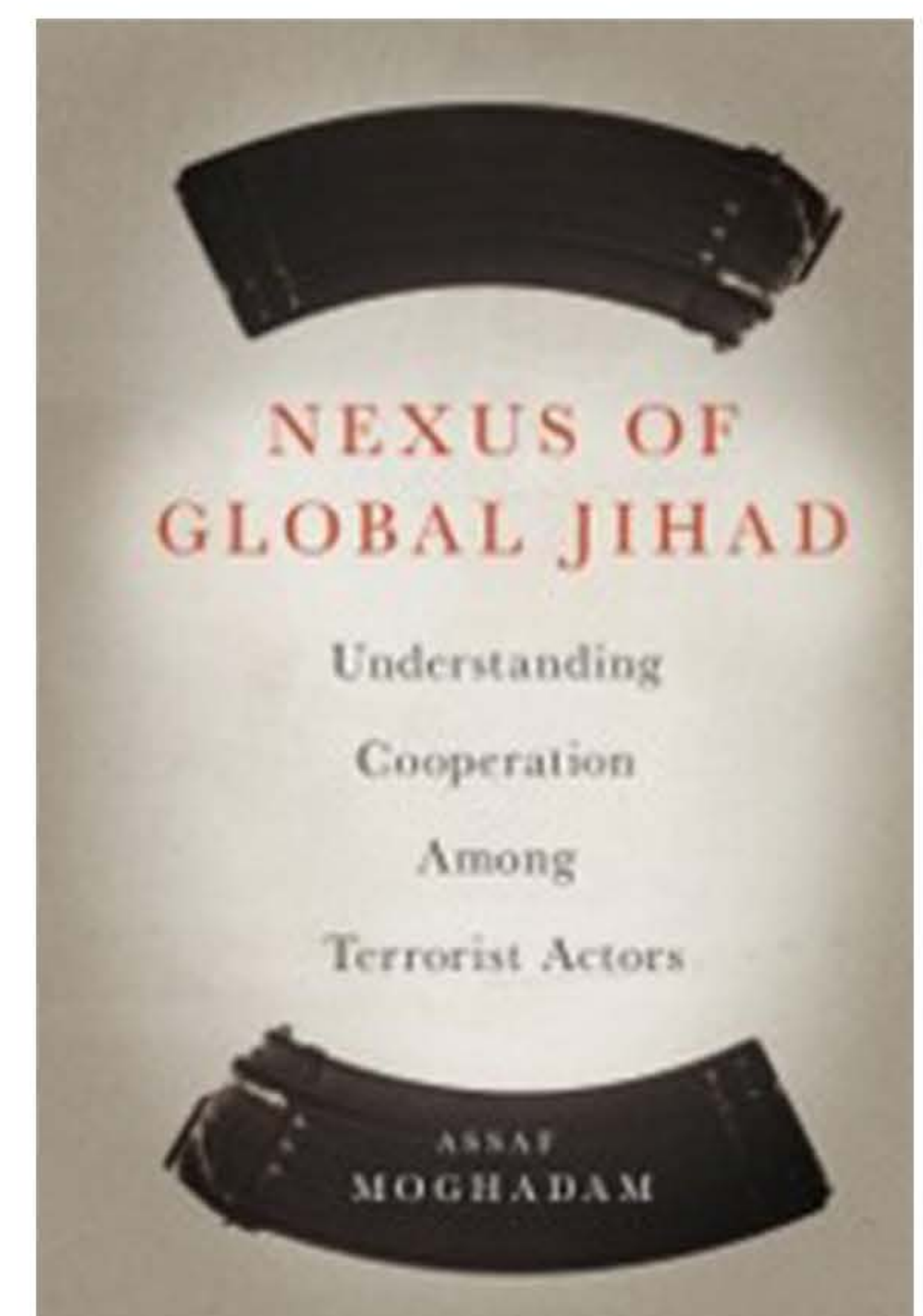
By **Prof. Boaz Ganor**



### Underground Warfare

“Underground Warfare focuses on the use of tunnels from the perspective of international law, and regulated by the laws of war, and analyzes situations in which cross-border tunnels may lead to the outbreak of war.

By **Dr. Daphné Richemond Barak**



### Nexus of Global Jihad

“Nexus of Global Jihad identifies types of terrorist actors, the nature of their partnerships, and the environments in which they prosper to explain global jihadist terrorism's ongoing success and resilience”.

By **Prof. Assaf Moghadam**





## Threat to the United States Homeland: Internet Propaganda and Planners Inspiring Individual Jihad

By: Michael R. Kelvington



## Middle East Braces for a Tense May

By: Dr. Ely Karmon



## Global Jihad – The Shift from Hierarchal Terrorist Organizations to Decentralized Systems

By: Dr. Eitan Azani



## A New Study on Lone Wolf Terrorism in Israel

By: Prof. Boaz Ganor and Prof. Ariel Merari



## The Illusion of Aviation Security in Light of Current Terror Threats

By: Mr. Danny Shenar



## MIA: An International Definition of Terrorism

By: Prof. Boaz Ganor



## Iran and the terror in Sistan - Baluchistan province

By: Dr. Shaul Shay



## How to Miss a Propitious Time

By: Mr. Shabtai Shavit



## Fighting Terrorism: The Democracy Advantage

By: Dr. Amichai Magen



# Counter-Terrorism Studies

July 7 to 26, 2019

## Executive Certificate Program at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel



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For past decades, the Lauder School of Government has been offering courses on terrorism, counter-terrorism and homeland security. These courses are taught by leading international scholars and Israeli security professionals from the ICT.

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Founder and Executive Director of the ICT and Dean of the Lauder School of Government, is the program's director.





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## *ICT Spotlight*

### **Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel, Associate at ICT, IDC Herzliya**

**Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel previously served as the Director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the National Security Council. He currently serves as the deputy Commander of the Depth Corps of the IDF. He has also served as the head of Israel-US International Exercise Directorate since 2003. In this framework, he is in charge of planning and managing the military exercises, including drawing conclusions.**

**Nuriel has served as an associate at the ICT for several years.**

**In this framework, he took part in many of the ICT's events,**

**lectured in front of various audiences,**

**participated in simulations,**

**gave briefings to foreign guests and officials**

**on a political and security level,**

**and participated in many think-tanks**

**in his field of expertise.**



In his opinion, the greatest terrorism threat facing the world today is non-conventional terrorism as it is a very simple to produce. There are detailed explanations for preparation of these weapons on the internet and non-conventional material can be hidden inside any product, however small.

Nuriel's outlook on counter-terrorism consists of three central views that he believes will significantly improve the ability to protect the country's citizens, when implemented:

- Nuriel believes that the municipal level plays an important role in all things related to counter-terrorism. In his opinion, the mayor knows best what his district needs from a security standpoint. He should be given the option, for example, to decide for himself how to protect public places in the city, such as cafes. Therefore, we must begin to delegate more and more authority to the municipal level, rather than the federal level. In addition, in his opinion, a multi-casualty event should be practiced at a municipal level at least twice a year, something that is not done at all at this level.





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# ICT Spotlight

**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Orit Adaro Associate at ICT, IDC Herzliya**

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.

## 1992

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

## 1997-2000

Promoted to the rank of Brig. Gen. and became chief officer of the IDF Women's Corps.



## 1990-1992

Women's Corps officer of the Nahal Brigade during the period of mass immigration from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

## 1994-1997

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

## 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.





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# 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).

## 1986

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

## 1981-1985

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

## 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.





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**Ron Shamir, Former Head of the Technology Division,  
Israel Security Agency (ISA)**

*An interview on the key cyber security challenges facing countries*

**1991**

## **Israel Security Agency (ISA), software developer**

Here he learned about the ability of information systems to serve as a central factor in gathering and processing information, and converting it from information stored in the systems into intelligence used to thwart attacks.

**1997**

Was appointed **head of the software development division** at the ISA

**2003-2006**

## **Head of the cyber department**

**2006-2009**

## **Head of the department**

In this framework, he was responsible for building work plans and determining development methodology.

**2003-2006**

## **Head of the technology division of the Shin Bet.**

In this framework, he also served as a member of the organization's senior management and was a partner in the organization's strategic decision-making until 2013 when he retired from the organization.

According to Ron, the term cyber, from a narrow approach, refers to attacking computers on the one hand and protecting them on the other. Computers are found in practically every device today.









# Experts at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism Discuss: Operation “Northern Shield” – Risks and Prospects

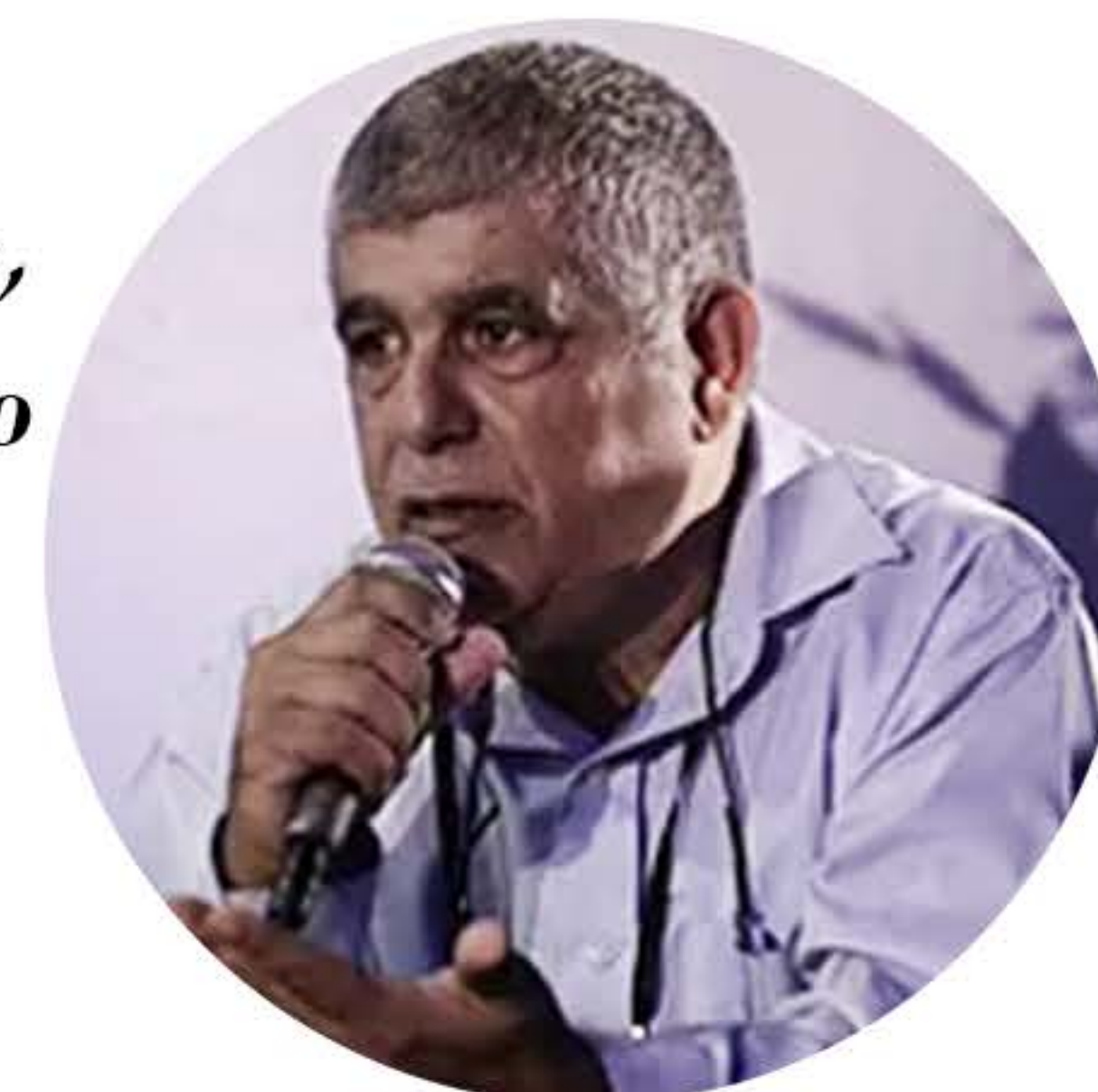


***Israel is acting wisely in Operation “Northern Shield” and is combining a political and military strategy.***

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amos Gilad, Head of the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) & Chairman of the Herzliya Conference Series, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya; Former Head of the Security-Political Wing at the Ministry of Defense; Head of the Military Intelligence Research Division



***As time passes, the friction between Hezbollah and the IDF increases, which could result in the deterioration of Operation “Northern Shield” to a war situation, even if neither side is interested in one.***



Dr. Eitan Azani, Deputy Director, ICT; Head of Counter-Terrorism Studies at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya



***The exposure and neutralization of the tunnels is expected to significantly decrease the possibility of a surprise penetration by Hezbollah into the Galilee.***

Col. (Res.) Ronen Cohen, Associate, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya; Former Central Command Intelligence Officer; Head of the Terror Arena, Deputy Head of the Research Division, Military Intelligence Directorate



***Operation “Northern Shield” is intended as a signal to Hezbollah and Iran to stop building Iranian rocket factories in Lebanon, and as a signal to Russia to allow a certain freedom of action in Syrian and Lebanese air space.***



Dr. Ori Goldberg, Expert on Iran and Shi'ite Islam, Lauder School of Government and Diplomacy; Senior Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya





*The exposure of the tunnels helps neutralize Hezbollah’s ability to use them, but this ability is not as significant and central to Hezbollah as it is to Hamas. Hezbollah’s greatest threat was and remains its arsenal of missiles and rockets.*

*Brig. Gen. (Res.) Eli Ben-Meir, Associate, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya; Former Head of the Research Division at the IDF Military Intelligence*



**The threat to Israel on the northern border is divided into several sectors with different characteristics. In all sectors, the threat stems from Iran’s strategic ambitions, with different characteristics in each sector.**



*Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya*



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# Experts at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism Discuss: The Implications of Trump’s Withdrawal from the Nuclear



*The withdrawal of the United States from the nuclear agreement is one part of a much more complex picture, one that includes Israel’s attacks on Iranian targets in Syria and the exposure of the intelligence operation in Iran.*

*Dr. Eitan Azani, Deputy Executive Director, International Institute for CounterTerrorism (ICT); Head of the CounterTerrorism Division at the Interdisciplinary (IDC) Center, Herzliya.*



**Trump’s withdrawal from the nuclear agreement is not expected to shake up the region and we do not expect to see an increase in terrorism.**



*Brig. Gen. (Res.) Amnon Sofrin , Former Head of the Intelligence Directorate in the Mossad; Associate, ICT, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya*





***Iran's response in the region to the US withdrawal from the nuclear agreement is tied to what is currently happening in Syria and to the attacks that Israel is carrying out against Iranian assets there.***

*Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya*



**A differentiation should be made between the short/immediate-term and the long-term regional outcomes of the withdrawal from the nuclear agreement. A differentiation should also be made between the actions that the Iranians will take because of Trump's withdrawal from the agreement and the actions that might be carried out against Israel in retaliation for actions attributed to Israel that are being carried out in Syria against Iranian assets.**



*Brig. Gen. (Res.) Eli Ben-Meir, VP Cyber & Intelligence at Sdema Group; Former head of the research division in the Intelligence Corps; Associate, ICT,*



***The withdrawal from the nuclear agreement is not expected to lead to an increase in terrorism in the region. The interest of the Iranians is for the nuclear agreement to remain intact despite the American withdrawal.***

*Dr. Ori Goldberg, Expert on Iran and Shi'ite Islam, Lauder School of Government and Diplomacy; Senior Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya*





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During 2018, Mr. Diker interviewed experts on various topics. One of the interviews was a panel discussion [“Are Iran and Israel on a Collision Course to War?”](#), with Mr. Naftali Granot, Lt. Col. (Res.) Michael Segall and Dr. Ori Goldberg.

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[Counter-Terrorism Through Cyberspace](#) - Dr. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Erin Seltman, Adv. Deborah Housen Couriel.



[The Security Situation in the Gaza Strip](#) - Dr. Anan Wahabi, Col. (Res.) Avi Eliyahu.



[An interview with Mr. Daniel Cohen, Head, Strategy & Intelligence at the Abba Eben Institute.](#)



[Syria: Local, Regional, Global Battlefield](#) - Dr. Ely Karmon.



[An interview with Adv. Deborah Housen-Couriel, Research Associate and Adjunct Professor, ICT, IDC Herzliya .](#)



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ICT draws upon a comprehensive and international network of individuals and organizations with unique expertise on terrorism and counter-terrorism research, public policy analysis and education, dispersed all over the world, including the United States, European Union and Israel. An acclaimed management and research staff at ICT spearheads the Institute's efforts to coordinate the struggle against global terrorism and leads a worldwide team of affiliates and academic partners working to encourage cooperation among experts and disseminate innovative ideas for policymakers in the fight against terrorism.

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