

# The 2022 Annual Conference on National Security and Democracy

The Israel Democracy Institute, Pinsker 4, Jerusalem

Monday, November 28



9:30–10:00 AM Registration

10:00–10:30 AM Greetings

**Yohanan Plesner**, President, Israel Democracy Institute  
**Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy**, Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Israel

Address by the **Minister of Defense, MK Benny Gantz**

10:30–11:00 AM

**Public Perceptions of the IDF**  
**The IDF in the Eyes of the Public: Presentation and discussion of the 2022 Survey**

**Dr. Idit Shafran Gittleman**, Head of the Military and Society Program, Israel Democracy Institute; Reichman University  
In conversation with  
**Prof. Tamar Hermann**, Academic Director, Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research, Israel Democracy Institute; The Open University of Israel  
**Prof. Amichai Cohen**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**The Standing Army Model**

Moderator: **Dr. Asaf Malchi**, Researcher, Israel Democracy Institute; Lecturer, Ono Academic College

Panelists:

**Eli Bing**, Deputy Director of the Budget Division, Ministry of Finance,  
**Brig. Gen. (res.) Dr. Sasson Haddad**, Former Financial Advisor to the IDF Chief of Staff and Head of the Budget Division, Ministry of Defense  
**Prof. Karnit Flug**, Vice-President, Research, Israel Democracy Institute and William Davidson Senior Fellow for Economic Policy; Former Governor, Bank of Israel  
**Ofer Shelah**, Former MK, Senior Researcher, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

12:30 – 12:45 PM

Address by **Yair Lapid**, Prime Minister of Israel

12:45–1:30 PM Lunch break

1:30–2:00 PM

**Amos Harel**, Military Affairs Commentator, Haaretz, in conversation with **Maj. Gen. (res.) Amir Eshel**, outgoing Director General, Ministry of Defense

2:00–3:15 PM

**Tweets from the Field: The Military and the Media**

Moderator: **Dr. Tehilla Shwartz-Altshuler**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute

Panelists

**Maj. (res.) Keren Hajioff**, Prime Minister's International Media Spokesperson; Former Spokesperson, IDF Northern Command  
**Amos Harel**, Military Affairs Commentator, Haaretz  
**Brig. Gen. (res.) Ronen Manelis**, Former IDF spokesperson; Former Director General, Ministry for Strategic Affairs; Commentator, Kan News  
**Roy Sharon**, Military and Security Affairs Commentator, Israel Broadcasting Corporation

3:15–3:45 PM

**Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer**, Director, Center for Security and Democracy, the Israel Democracy Institute in conversation with **Maj. Gen. Peretz Amar**, Southern District Commander, Israel Police

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**The Political Echelon's Oversight of the Military**

**Yohanan Plesner**, President, Israel Democracy Institute in Conversation with **MK (and Lieut. Gen. [res.]) Gadi Eizenkot**, National Union Party and 21st IDF Chief of Staff

Moderator: **Prof. Amichai Cohen**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College

Panelists

**Col. (res.) Shmuel Latko**, Former Staff Director, Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee  
**Prof. Suzie Navot**, Vice President, Israel Democracy Institute  
**Dr. Roy Schöndorf**, Former Deputy Attorney General (International Law)

**Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer**, Director, Center for Security and Democracy, the Israel Democracy Institute in conversation with **Dr. Eyal Hulata**, National Security Adviser and Head of the National Security Council

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Break

12:00 – 1:30 PM

**Skullcap and Steel: The Military, Religion and the Religious**

Moderator: **Yair Ettinger**, KAN News, Commentator on Religion and State

Panelists

**Sharon Brick-Deshen**, Executive Director, Kolech Religious Women's Forum  
**Brig. Gen. (res.) Zvika Fayirizen**, Director General, Yad Vashem; Former IDF Chief Education Officer  
**Lt. Col. (res.) Rabbi Ram Moshe Rabad**; Former Chief Chaplain, Israel Air Force  
**MK Simha Rotman**, Religious Zionism Party  
**Dr. Idit Shafran Gittleman**, Head of the Military and Society Program, Israel Democracy Institute; Reichman University

1:30–2:15 PM Afternoon Break

2:15–3:45 PM

**The GSS and the Law: 20 Years of the General Security Service Law**

Moderator: **Adv. Eli Bechar**, Former Legal Advisor, General Security Service

Panelists

**Adv. Itzhak Bam**  
**Adv. Gil Gan-Mor**, Director of the Civil, Social, and Human Rights Units the Association for Civil Rights in Israel  
**Adv. Amir Kahane**, Researcher, Israel Democracy Institute  
**Col. (res.) Jana Modzgvishvily**, Former Inspector of GSS Interrogee Complaints, Justice Ministry; Former Chief Military Prosecutor

The conference will be live-streamed  
on the Israel Democracy Institute website

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There will be simultaneous English  
translation throughout the conference