

The Annual Conference on National Security and Democracy

November 19 - 20, 2024

At the Israel Democracy Institute 4, Pinsker St., Jerusalem

Two sessions will be conducted in English; the rest of the conference will be in Hebrew

Tuesday November 19, 2024

Police and Internal Security

09:00 - 9:30 Registration

09:30 - 09:45 Opening Remarks

Prof. Suzie Navot, Vice President for Research, Israel Democracy Institute

09:45 - 10:30 The Police on October 7

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director of the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with: **Commander Dr. Shlomi Shitrit**, Chief Historian, Israel Police History Department

10:30 - 11:15 "Police and Internal Security from the Perspective of Israeli Society" Survey: Presentation and Discussion of the 2024 Survey Findings

Discussion moderated by: **Moshe Steinmetz**, Police Affairs Correspondent, Kan News
Prof. Tamar Hermann, Senior Fellow and Academic Director of the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research, Israel Institute for Democracy
Adv. Rawyah Handaqlu, Head of the Emergency Headquarters to Combat Crime and Violence, the National Committee of Heads of the Arab Local Authorities

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 11:45 Insights on Demonstrations in Israel from the Perspective of a Police Clown

Dr. Yael Litmanovitz, Senior Researcher at the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with "Hashoteret Az-Oolay Yhyeh Yoter Tov" (Policewoman So Maybe it Will be Better), Mishtara Yashar-El-HaLev (play on the Hebrew words Isra-el "Israel Police Straight to the Heart")

11:45 - 13:00 Policing Demonstrations: Between the Constitutional Right and Policing Demonstrations in the Field

Discussion moderated by: **Adv. Anat Thon-Ashkenazy**, Director of the Center for Democratic Values and Institutions, Israel Democracy Institute
Orly Almagor-Lotan, Senior Team Leader, Knesset Research and Information Center
Deputy Commissioner (Retired) Amos Ya'akov, former Commander of the Border Police
Dr. Yael Litmanovitz, Senior Researcher at the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute
Adv. Gaby Lasky, Co-founder of the support and advisory system for protest detainees
Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer, Senior Fellow at the Democratic Values and Institutions Center and in the Public Corruption Program, Israel Democracy Institute

13:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 13:45 The Accelerated Arming in the Civilian Space: Between Public Security and Public Safety

Adv. Mirit Lavi, Researcher at the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute
In conversation with: **Deputy Commissioner (Retired) Sigal Bar Zvi**, former Head of the Operations Division of the Israel Police

13:45 - 15:00 "The Policing Network" in Internal Security and the Transfer of Power to Local Authorities

Discussion moderated by: **Tomer Lotan**, Guest Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; former Director General, Ministry of Internal Security
Knesset Member Merav Ben-Ari, Yesh Atid; Member of the National Security Committee
Deputy Commissioner (Retired) Kobi Cohen, former Judea and Samaria District Commander of the Israel Police
Shelley Saber, Chairperson of the Security Committee and member of the Kfar Saba City Council
Knesset Member Ariel Kellner, Likud; member of the National Security Committee and the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee
Carmel Shama Hacohen, Mayor of Ramat Gan
Pini Schiff, CEO of the National Organization of Security Companies in Israel

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 - 16:00 Crime in Arab Society - Rahat as a Case Study

Discussion moderated by: **Dr. Yael Litmanovitz**, Senior Researcher at the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute
Waheed Alsana, Director of the Community Security Organization, Rahat
Adv. Zohar Ackerman Elia, Project Manager of the "Stop the Bleeding" Program, State Attorney's Office

16:00 - 17:15 Police Independence: Challenges and Solutions

Discussion moderated by: **Prof. Suzie Navot**, Vice President for Research, Israel Democracy Institute
Commissioner (Retired) Roni Alsheich, former Commissioner of the Israel Police
Deputy Commissioner (Retired) Alon Asor, former Deputy Commissioner of the Israel Police
Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College
Knesset Member Gilad Kariv, the Democrats Political Party; former Chairman of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee; Member of the National Security Committee

17:15 - 17:30 Closing Remarks

Wednesday November 20, 2024

The Military and External Security

09:15 - 9:45 Registration

09:45 - 10:00 Opening Remarks

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director of the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute
Michael Rimmel, Director of Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung Israel

10:00 - 10:15 Reconstruction of the Gaza Envelope, Security and Community after October 7

Noa Barak Weshler, Director of Marketing and Media, Israel Democracy Institute
In discussion with: **Tal Shaul**, former Head of the VIP Protection Division of the Shin Bet, resident of Kibbutz Kisufim and a leader of the rehabilitation of the kibbutz

10:15 - 11:00 "The IDF from the Perspective of Israeli Society": Presentation and Discussion of the Survey Findings for 2024

Discussion moderated by: **Amos Harel**, the military correspondent of Haaretz newspaper
Prof. Tamar Hermann, Senior Fellow and Academic Director of the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research, The Israel Democracy Institute
Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 11:30

Yohanan Plesner, President, Israel Democracy Institute
In conversation with **Knesset Member Yair Lapid**, Leader of the Opposition; former Prime Minister

11:30 - 12:45 The People's Army After October 7: Reserve Service in the IDF

Discussion moderated by: **Prof. Elisheva Rosman Stollman**, Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University
Eli Bing, Deputy Commissioner of Budgets, Ministry of Finance
Amos Harel, Military Correspondent, Haaretz newspaper
Brigadier General (Res.) Guy Hazoot, author of the book "The High-Tech Army and the Cavalry Army"
Dr. Rinat Moshe, The Open University and the Association of Civil-Military Researchers
Brigadier General (Res.) Hoshea Friedman-Ben Shalom, former Chief Reserve Service Officer in the IDF

12:45 - 13:15 Lunch Break

13:15 - 13:30

Prof. Suzie Navot, Vice President for Research, Israel Democracy Institute
In conversation with: **Ehud Olmert**, former Prime Minister

13:30 - 14:45 Wartime Decision-Making Processes

Discussion moderated by: **Yohanan Plesner**, President, Israel Democracy Institute
Eitan Cabel, former Minister, Knesset Member and Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee
Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College
Major General (Res.) Yaakov Amidror, former National Security Advisor of Israel; Senior Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security (JISS)
Dr. Roy Scheindorf, former Deputy Attorney General (international law); Head of the International Arbitration Department, Herzog Law Firm

14:45 - 15:00

Dr. Jesse Ferris, Vice President of Strategy, Israel Democracy Institute
In conversation with: **Knesset Member Lt. General (Res.) Gadi Eisenkot**, the National Unity Party; Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee; former Member of the Swords of Iron War Cabinet; 21st IDF Chief of Staff

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 - 15:30 Hostages and Missing Persons in International Law

Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College
In conversation with: **Dr. Shelly Yeini**, Head of the International Law Department, Hostages and Missing Persons Family Forum; faculty member at the Academic Center for Law and Business in Ramat Gan

15:30 - 16:00 Israel at War: a View from the Outside (In English)

Speakers TBA

16:00 - 16:45 From Jerusalem to The Hague (In English)

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director of the Center for Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute
Chatting with:
Professor Malcolm Shaw KC, Practicing Barrister
Prof. Yuval Shany, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute

16:45 - 17:00 Closing Remarks

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