

Call for Papers:
EAIS 9th Annual Conference on Israel Studies

*Israel in a Changing World:
Domestic and International Perspectives and Practices*

Virtually hosted by

**The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
Bucharest**

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Introduction:

The EAIS 9th Annual Conference on Israel Studies will take place from Sunday, 10 October to Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest. The conference will be held in English.

The aim of the conference is to bring together international scholars from a variety of disciplines, who are engaged in research in any aspect of Israel Studies – including, but not limited to, Politics, Literature, Security, Minorities, Social Studies, History, Migration Studies, Gender Studies, Economics, Law, Religion, Anthropology, Language, Culture, Film, Music and Art.

Given the current conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty about the travel restrictions in October, unfortunately, we are compelled to choose **on-line mode** of the conference.

Conference Outline:

Grasping the multilayered character of contemporary Israeli society is crucial for a clearer understanding of the directions that the state might take in the future. Standing between domestic and foreign issues, Israel remains a significant regional actor whose actions have global implications. The complexity of Israeli society in which Western and Middle Eastern cultural influences merge is one of the topics challenging the contemporary researchers. With regard to domestic politics, Israel, for almost seven decades, has aspired to reconcile its democratic and Jewish core values. In relation to its foreign partners for dialogue, Israel is still trapped in the tangled web of its special security considerations. These domestic and regional challenges are just some of the numerous conundrums which influence the society and the economy of the state and consequently its future steps. Long-term circumstances in the international arena have resulted in Israel's economic ties with its neighbors being underdeveloped, however, the backstage diplomatic relations seem to be partially improving.

At the same time, Israel has recently developed cooperation with Southern and Eastern Asia partners. It is essential, how this state of affairs shapes the perception of Israel by both internal and external actors and to what extent it changes their practices. All these aspects, as approached from different perspectives, are expected to significantly contribute to the field of Israel studies.

In this context, the EAIS together with the 'Theodor Herzl' Centre of Israeli Studies at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) in Bucharest aim to bring together academics, researchers, policy experts and civil society practitioners from the global academic community in fields that are relevant to the study of Israel's contemporary dynamics.

The new COVID-19 pandemic has a strong influence on the current global scene. As a global crisis, the current pandemic created an environment of pressure for most countries. The whole context resulted from this situation has brought new challenges in relation to public health, health security, resilience, and multilateralism.

The conference aims to address the general issues relating to how external and internal actors perceive and deal with the challenges to the Israeli state and its international role. At the same time, we would like to focus on more specific themes such as:

- Zionist traditions and current Israeli political strategies;
- Israeli mass-media in the age of news oversaturation;
- Dichotomy of Israel's image in the foreign media;
- Impact of changing ethnical landscape on external perception of Israel;
- Future of the start-up nation – is the high-tech development model sustainable and what can other economies learn from Israeli experience;
- Demographics, climate and political determinants of Israeli urban development;
- A region in constant flux – is there a chance for a watershed in Israel-Arab relations?
- Israel's diplomacy and tensions within the Western world;
- Challenges to Jewish and Arab education in Israel;
- Defining national and democratic character of the state – how special is the Israeli case?
- Perspectives on the future relations between Israel and an increasingly weakened and less influential European Union;
- Consolidation of the Israeli Transnational Diaspora and its repercussions for the Jewish State;
- Public health policies;
- Health security.

This is an open call for panels and papers. We encourage applications from established scholars as well as PhD students working on all aspects of Israeli history, society, politics and culture. This broad topic is intended to reinforce the multidisciplinary nature of Israel Studies.

Key Dates:

Deadline for Submission of all proposals: June 30th, 2021

Panel submissions and individual papers should be submitted using the on-line form.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by July 11th, 2021.

Instructions for Submission:

Both panel and paper proposals are to be submitted online:

[PAPER PROPOSALS - SUBMISSION FORM](#)

[PANEL PROPOSALS - SUBMISSION FORM](#)

In case of any difficulties, please contact: info@israelstudies.eu

How do I register for the Conference?

Online registration via EAIS website will open in July 2021.

The conference fee rates are as follows:

EAIS Member delegate rate: 100 euro

Non-member delegate rate: 150 euro

EAIS Member student rate: 50 euro

Non-member student rate: 75 euro

Contact Details

If you have any queries or questions related to the conference, please contact: info@israelstudies.eu

Conference Venue

The 'Theodor Herzl' Center for Israeli Studies at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest was founded in 2012. The Centre aims at advancing knowledge and a rigorous academic perspective on issues pertaining to the Israeli government, politics and society. The Centre has in its educational portfolio seven annual international conferences, one summer school, and more than ten modular courses and lecture. These events brought together members of the Academia, researchers, experts and students from all around the world in discussing various aspects related to Israel.

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