

# Generals in the Classroom:

*Professional Military Education in Israel and the United States, the Israel National Defense College and the National Defense University*

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

**12:00 PM**

**Zoom Registration**

Senior military officers and civilian officials who are earmarked to occupy leading positions in their country's national security establishment oftentimes attend designated Professional Military Education (PME) institutions as a prerequisite. These colleges and universities are focused on instilling the intellectual capacity to effectively engage and solve macro-level and acute challenges as well as employ critical thinking skills to ensure intellectual agility and flexibility. In this lecture, the speakers will compare the Israel National Defense College (INDC) and the National Defense University (NDU) to identify the differences and similarities between the two institutions and explain what it says about Israel's and the US' strategic culture and approach to the future of national security.



**Dr. Ilai Saltzman** is the Israel Institute Visiting Professor of Israel Studies at the University of Maryland's Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute of Israel Studies (GIIS). His research interests include International Relations theory, Israeli foreign and security policy, and U.S. foreign policy. He is the author of *Securitizing Balance of Power Theory: A Polymorphic Reconceptualization* (2012), and his work was published in academic journals such as *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Orbis*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *International Studies Review*, *Israel Studies*, *International Politics*, *Israel Affairs*, *the Journal of Political Science Education*, *The Journal of Psychohistory*, and *Political Science Quarterly*.



**Dr. Anat Stern** is a historian who specializes in legal history of the IDF and military history. Her research interests also include national security, and Civil-Military relations in Israel. She is a teaching Faculty member at Israel's Open University's history department. Between the years 2012-2020 She served at the Israel Defense Forces Military Colleges: first as lecturer and Academic Advisor at the IDF Command and Staff College (2012-2016) and later as lecturer and Head of Research at the Israel National Defense College (2016-2020). Her book titled *Combatants on Trial - Military Jurisdiction in Israel during the 1948 War* (Hebrew) was recently published by Yad Ben Zvi academic publishing house.



**GILDENHORN INSTITUTE  
FOR ISRAEL STUDIES**