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WELCOME MESSAGE OF THE 2DAY AMBASSADOR CHAIR

WELCOME
To the 7th edition of
2DAY AMBASSADOR,
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FOR HIGH SCHOOLS



Dear friends and partners, distinguished guests, speakers and members of the Board of Trustees, dear students, teachers and members of the 2Day Ambassador Organizing Committee,

With greatest pleasure and highest satisfaction I welcome you at the 7th edition of the Lauder Conference - 2Day Ambassador, a remarkable opportunity to celebrate 12 years of exclusive academic partnership between the Ronald S. Lauder-Foundation, the Magna cum Laude-Reut Foundation, the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, the Romanian and Israeli Ministry of Education, the Embassy of the State of Israel in Romania, the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy and the Raphael Recanati International School in Israel, the City Hall of the 3rd District and the Bucharest School Inspectorate.

As our Lauder-Reut students enjoy and are aware of their unique educational offer that is singular in pre-university academics in Romania: accredited studies in Diplomacy, International Relations, Business, Media, Communication, Negotiation, Debate, and Public Speaking, they are also aware of their privilege and duty to share their experiences, knowledge and ideas with their peers in Romania, as well as abroad. This is the mission and the goal of the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex: preparing the next generation in the image of the future.

You, the students, are the future pillars of Romania and the world, creating new and wide ways with the contemporary personalities while carrying in sight your personal growth, imparting skills that express values. I express deep gratitude to Mrs. Ana Birchall, Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships Implementation, a great supporter and mentor of our school and to Romania's Ambassadors Dan Mihalache, Emil Hurezeanu and Adrian Cioroianu, who have come a long way back home to give honor to the young generation.

Our school took upon itself a difficult yet noble mission: growing the youth to lead the world of tomorrow, therefore you are ambassadors in the full sense of the word, you represent yourself, but also us and the values we pass on to you for a stable future. This week, the Lauder-Reut students visited 20 Embassies of foreign countries to Bucharest whose diplomatic corps I take the opportunity to salute and



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to thank for their entire support, year by year, in giving our students important tools to understand the role of the diplomats and the honor of practicing their diplomacy skills and learn from professionals.

I would also like to thank our traditional partners, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Minister Teodor Melescanu, and to welcome our guests from the Israeli Ministry of Education, Mrs. Adi Yahalomi Moshe, Director of the Department for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, whose presence here today brings us great joy by affirming our deep connection with Israel, in education, culture, development of innovation, as the uninterrupted friendship between our two countries. Therefore, this year's edition of the Conference brings together two heartfelt celebrations as testimony of peace and understanding: Israel's 70 years in a Romanian Centennial.

At the same time, allow me to salute our longstanding academic partnership with IDC Herzliya and the amazing lecturers they have sent to us every year to help broaden our knowledge and perspective on topics of utmost interest for the leaders of tomorrow. This year we have among us Professors Lesley Terris, Ely Karmon and Ori Barzel, whom are so eager to share with us their expertise. Much more than that, the IDC Herzliya has welcomed our alumni in attending their Bachelor and Master Degrees at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy in Israel, among whom I salute David Morarescu, here present as well, a dedicated young man who is building a strong diplomatic career, now in Brussels at the European Parliament.

Our ties with Israel are well-rooted and stable and we continue to expand them in accessing new forms of collaboration such as with the Center for Educational Technology whose CEO, Mrs. Gila Ben-Har is among us today, and preserving the existing ones with the Weizmann Institute and Haifa School of robotics.

A very dear partnership that we have cultivated along the years is with Tichon Hadash Highschool Herzliya with which we share a special exchange of students and as the Lauder-Reut students went to Israel in February this year, what better opportunity for them to return our visit than the 2Day Ambassador Conference! Therefore, I thank them very much for joining us in this edition as well as the students from 26 schools in Bucharest and the Pupils' Council, all of them bright young people ready to discover the secrets of the diplomatic world.

Dear students, this Conference is both the opportunity we provide to you by connecting you with the present day leaders and also your hard work from an early age that will bring us to the desired goal of a better world. I hope you feel as enthusiastic as I do about the massive support you enjoy from the present leaders in diplomacy, international affairs, executive administration and academics who, in their position of key-note speakers or moderators here today, are willing to deliver their message, experience and knowledge to you.

Wishing you and everyone here present the best of luck, I declare the works of the Conference open and I invite you to take advantage of this amazing networking experience as an enriching and fulfilling one.

Tova Ben Nun-Cherbis

Chair of the Conference



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2DAY AMBASSADOR – THE PROJECT, THE CONFERENCE

History

Since the year 2006, The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation Romania has been running a successful early education program consisting in a 3-year course in diplomacy and international affairs, for the students of the Lauder-Reut High School.

The program is part of a larger interdisciplinary platform, which includes early studies in business and financial education, communication, media & PR, debate and public speaking, science & math.

Why a business, media and diplomacy high school?

Because we think that an inter-disciplinary early education in such fields has become a must today and can be successful even in high school.

We believe our students should be offered this opportunity, of learning how to be a career diplomat, a professional advocate, business man, entrepreneur or communicator to their community and country.

To this end, Ronald S. Lauder, our founder, serves as the closest model: he's at the same time an internationally prominent community leader and philanthropist, a diplomat, businessman and entrepreneur, though educated to be a high class communicator and spokesman.

Mission & objectives. 2Day Ambassador – An Educational Service to the Community and to the Future of the Country

The Annual Lauder International Conference on Diplomacy and Global Affairs for High Schools – 2Day Ambassador is part of the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex interdisciplinary program of early education in business, media and diplomacy – but most important, it is Lauder-Reut community service aimed at educating the future leaders of the country-be them diplomats, politicians, scholars, businesspersons or other professionals in related fields.

As the only Romanian high-school with a formal curricular area dedicated to diplomacy and international affairs, the Lauder-Reut High-School takes pride in having established a tradition of annual events of national and international reach, in which students from Romania and abroad have the opportunity to interact with each other, as well as meet high-level diplomats, policy experts and cultural personalities.



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One of these highlight events is the “2Day Ambassador” – the Lauder International Conference on Diplomacy & Global Affairs for High Schools.

As The Lauder-Reut High School students enjoy an exclusive educational offer that is unique in pre-university academics: accredited studies in Diplomacy, International Relations, Business, Media, Communication, Negotiation, Debate, and Public Speaking, they want to share their experiences, knowledge and ideas, with their peers in Romania, as well as abroad. Our Lauder-Reut students follow these studies during 3 of the 4 high school years, all thanks to the exclusive academic partnerships that the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation has concluded with prestigious Romanian and foreign universities, the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, the Raphael Recanati International School and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy in Israel, the Lauder Business School of Vienna, the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, the Cannes Lions Office Romania, the University of Bucharest, The Polytechnic University of Bucharest, the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the Romanian Association for Debate, Public Speaking and Rhetoric.

This is why the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex initiated the Conference in 2012: our students' exclusive opportunity to access the fascinating world of diplomacy and international affairs, had to be shared with students from around the country and abroad.

Right from its start, the Lauder Conference has enjoyed a large support from the Romanian central and local authorities (the Presidential Administration, Ministries, Romanian Intelligence, the City Hall), whose highest level representatives have served the event, alongside with the chiefs of over 35 foreign diplomatic missions in Romania.

“I think that it is of great importance that a new generation of diplomats is educated and ready to represent Romania's national interest on the international stage – and this process can and should start in high school.”

“The idea of organizing such a conference as the 2Day Ambassador came as a natural follow up after Lauder Reut School decided on the introduction of diplomacy and international relations courses for high school students, eight years ago. It was a courageous decision taken by Lauder Reut, who embarked on this venture, on «unchartered waters», offering their students a unique educational program: accredited studies in Diplomacy, International Relations, Business, Media, Communication, Negotiation Debate and Public Speaking. I am very proud to say that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs immediately recognized the importance of such a program and offered its partnership to Lauder Reut, a partnership that has grown and developed continuously over these eight years”.

(Professor **Bogdan AURESCU**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the opening ceremony of the 3rd Edition of the 2Day Ambassador Conference, 2014)



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Messages and Mementos

Message of Mrs. Ana Birchall, Deputy Prime Minister, on the occasion of the “2Day Ambassador - The International Lauder Conference on Diplomacy and Global Affairs for High Schools”, 2018



Ms. President,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,

The Lauder Conferences for Diplomacy and International Relations demonstrates a solid initiative and tradition in ensuring the bright future of those who graduate *the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex*, providing the world with certainty of good leadership. I am honored to represent the Government of Romania and to be once again part of this wonderful event.



I would like first of all to congratulate the Jewish community in Romania and the Jewish people around the world and to pay them a special homage for celebrating 70 years since their declaration of independence, and to be grateful to the organizers, because they so kindly introduced in the title of this conference the fact that you are celebrating 70 years in a Romanian centennial. I can assure you that you will always find in Romania a strong partner and a true friend.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the young ones present here today, who I am sure will become respectable and responsible individuals, who will contribute to this world's wellbeing, and that they represent the embodiment of what our most

distinguished diplomat, Nicolae Titulescu, said: “The ideal itself is a reality in the making”.

I believe in a new mentality, approach and perspective to build the future of the international society. These solutions are taught to this new generation present here today, and this creates a valuable asset not only for Romania, but also for the international community.



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Diplomacy is the main peaceful way of ending and preventing conflicts. It is used to develop relations of collaboration and mutual understanding between countries. And it is eminently peaceful and rules out the possibility of war. Speaking from the perspective of Vice Prime minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' Implementation, I must tell you that in a Strategic Partnership, the diplomatic relation between two countries is not based only upon a defensive aspect, but undertakes a deeper meaning taking into consideration every domain that defines a country such as culture, education, society, economy, and transport.

Diplomacy is a special and unique art in which the personality of its representatives has an important role. Not in the meaning of a shine upon the individuality or originality, but as a true expert of all the possible rules of the knowledge regarding linguistics, culture, economy, education, because it is about gaining a friend, a collaborator or a partner in an endeavor, by persuasive means.

A diplomat, by definition, is the person defending the interest of his country, the one assuring its survival.

What you should be interested in, as future diplomats, is not what it is happening, but why it does happen in the first place. And what are the consequences and what could happen next. This is what diplomacy consists of, to see and understand events, observing each manifestation which can be overlooked by an untrained eye. To sum up, what you read is not what you see, what you see is not what you hear, what you hear is not what it is happening. It is imperative that you adapt to every situation.

I am sure I have in front of me a generation with outstanding qualities and they will face the changes of this world with courage and confidence. Keep in mind that it doesn't matter where the path of life might take you. Always have faith in yourself and in your abilities, don't be afraid to rely on those close to you and never forget that your most cherished treasures are what is in your heart and in your mind.

I very much look forward to the day when all of you will be among the leaders of tomorrow, not just in Romania, but on the international stage as well.

Thank you!



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Message of H.E. Mrs. Tamar Samash, Ambassador of the State of Israel, on the occasion of the "2Day Ambassador - The International Lauder Conference on Diplomacy and Global Affairs for High Schools"

I am delighted to address you on the occasion of the 7th edition of the "2Day Ambassador - International Conference on Diplomacy and Global Affairs for High Schools" organized by the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex.

I would like to congratulate the organizers and especially, Mrs. Tova Ben Nun-Cherbis, President of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation Romania, for their efforts and dedication in continuing this remarkable project that empowers young students to pursue their aspirations.

This year is a year of celebrations as we mark the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel and 7 decades of uninterrupted diplomatic relations between Israel and Romania. This bond transcends these 70 years, depicting a complex and long history. Aside of the strong friendship that our two people share, we also enjoy a genuine and powerful partnership in countless fields: cultural, academic, medical, agriculture, IT and military, to name a few. It is this strong connection based on common visions and values that will guide our efforts in promoting a deeper cooperation.

For us, the Israelis, the past and future have always been linked. Returning to our ancient homeland, 70 years ago, we have started to build our own country out of a dry land, with no resources, no water, and no friends around. We have developed new roads in science, technology, medicine, agriculture. We therefore have become a nation of inventors and have encouraged the creation of sketches and blueprints that protect, improve and save the lives of people around the world while supporting our fast-growing economy.

For some, Israel is the holy land, a place where they can reconnect with spirituality and always walk in the footsteps of history: King David, the Christ, the Crusaders.

For others, Israel is a Startup nation, a land of innovation, a market of brilliant minds and breakthrough. And there are those for whom Israel is a fierce enemy, who – sadly for them – never gives up.

For me, as for other more than 8 million Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze, Baha'i and others, Israel will always be, first and foremost, home.

Not all of these achievements would have been so extraordinary or maybe even possible without diplomacy and the outstanding work of our diplomats who have developed partnerships, have created new opportunities of cooperation, and have made Israel one of the top countries in the world.



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As the name of our national anthem “Hatikva” suggests, we look towards the future with hope, as we are confident in our power to overcome challenges, defy the struggles of history and geography and embrace both our successes as well as the aspects that need improvement.

Our journey has not been an easy one and it still is not but we have succeeded in finding our own path. And this is what I wish to all of you, to find your own voice, to believe in yourselves and to never give up on your values and dreams in spite of the many obstacles and closed doors you will encounter. Trust me, even if it is hard, it is hard that makes things great.





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Message of Mrs. Adi Yahalomi Moshe, Director of the Department for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Israeli Ministry of Education on the occasion of the "2Day Ambassador - The International Lauder Conference on Diplomacy and Global Affairs for High Schools", 2018

Honored guests,

Hello and a wonderful day, Shalom

I'm excited and happy to open this special event.

It is my honor to address you within my position as Director of the Department for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Israeli Ministry of Education.

About a year ago, the Israeli Minister of Education Mr. Naftali Bennett and the Director General Mr. Shmuel Abuav have established this Department within the Division of External Relations, which is headed by Dr. Dalit Atrakchi. The Minister and the Director General are investing great efforts and resources through the Israeli education system to strengthen ties between the State of Israel and the Jewish people in the Diaspora.

Minister Bennett, within his position, but also personally as a Jewish person, is doing his utmost to strengthen the ties between the Jewish people in the State of Israel and in the Diaspora. Minister Bennett's motive is driven from his strong belief in the brotherhood and unity of the Jewish people and his love to all Jews wherever they are.

I would like to share with you the fruitful and interesting work of the Department for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, which I am managing.

The department operates in two directions, one addressing the students of the Israeli education system and the other addressing the Jewish children in the Diaspora. We have set goals for these two directions:

*Jewish children in the Diaspora should feel a sense of attachment to the State of Israel, the Jewish people and its heritage

*Students of the Israeli educational system should learn about the Jewish people in the Diaspora and their challenges, as well as be aware of the importance for mutual responsibility



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These two goals guided me when creating and promoting my work plan, which I will present very briefly:

1. We are currently developing study units for Israeli students for the purpose of teaching about the Jewish people in the Diaspora. These computerized units are called "Brothers across the Sea," and they create a deep and mutual bond with the Jewish people worldwide.
2. In cooperation with the Israeli Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and the Center for Educational Technology – CET, we have established directorates in Latin America, Central Europe and France, which serve as supportive centers for the Jewish schools, and identify their unique needs.
3. In cooperation with the Jewish Agency, we created a unique program called "twin schools" which includes twinning relationships between schools in Israel and Jewish schools in different countries.
4. In cooperation with the World Zionist Organization, we send every year teachers to Jewish schools in Latin America and Europe. These teachers teach the Hebrew language, heritage and the history of Israel.

A few months ago, my husband and I were on a short vacation in Bucharest.

Mrs. Tova Ben Nun-Cherbis, the principal of the Lauder Reut School, heard about my visit to Bucharest and invited us to visit her school. (Those who know Tova know that it is impossible to refuse to this special and devoted woman.)

Although I was on vacation and promised my husband not to work, I immediately accepted her invitation and visited the school.

I arrived without any prior planning, and as I mentioned by chance. The visit to the school was one of the most exciting experiences I have ever experienced in my life (by the way, my husband was also very excited about it).

We arrived on the day when the children celebrated Tu Bishvat.

When we entered the gates of the school we saw children planting seedlings and in the background we heard the songs of the holiday.





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I had the privilege of getting to know the school, to meet the talented and exciting students who study there. I am sure that every child at the Lauder Reut School can be an ambassador of the State of Israel. As a Zionist deeply attached to my country and heritage, I was proud of the students. I would also like to mention the devoted and professional staff, who is in charge of all the educational activities, headed by Ms. Tova Ben Nun-Cherbis.

This thriving enterprise, established by Tova, is not obvious. Its contribution to the State of Israel by strengthening the connection between the community in Bucharest and the Jewish people in Israel is a valuable endeavor.

I am therefore very glad to be a partner of such a wonderful endeavor and see the Jewish School of Lauder Reut as a milestone for successful educational cooperative activity among the world's Jews.

Thank you!



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Mesajul Domnului Andi-Lucian Cristea, Vicepreședinte al Comisiei pentru politică externă a Parlamentului European și membru al Lauder-Reut Board of Trustees, cu ocazia Conferinței Lauder de diplomație și afaceri internaționale pentru învățământ liceal – 2Day Ambassador, 20-22 martie 2018

În calitate de vicepreședinte al Comisiei pentru politică externă a Parlamentului European îmi face o deosebită plăcere să salut tinerii participanți la cea de-a șaptea ediție a evenimentului 2Day Ambassador – Conferința de diplomație și afaceri globale organizată de Complexul Educațional Lauder-Reut.

An de an, Conferința a adus laolaltă tineri liceeni alături de personalități de primă mână a diplomației românești, într-un exercițiu binevenit de schimb de idei și dezbateri a principalelor teme de actualitate internațională.



Doresc să felicit organizatorii, în mod special pe Doamna Tova Ben Nun-Cherbis pentru tenacitatea și viziunea de care dă dovadă în gestionarea procesului educațional. Ca europarlamentar voi continua să fiu aproape de elevii Complexului Educațional ce își doresc aprofundarea domeniului diplomației, prin organizarea în fiecare an a vizitelor de studiu la sediul Parlamentului European la Strasbourg și Bruxelles.

În cursul vizitei din 2017, elevii participanți au avut ocazia să discute la Bruxelles cu Comisarul român Corina Crețu și au participat la sesiuni de întrebări și răspunsuri cu membrii ai Parlamentului European.

Photo: European Commissary Corina Cretu and Mr. Andi Cristea, Vicepresident of the External Politics Commission of the European Parliament, receiving the Lauder-Reut students (October 2017)



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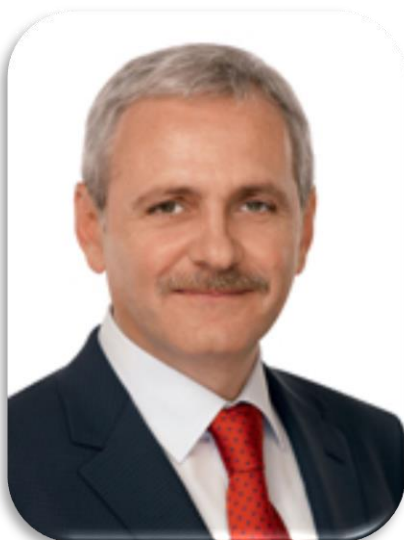
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Introducerea studiilor diplomatice la nivel liceal este cu certitudine o idee excelentă pe care trebuie să o promovăm și să o sprijinim. Diplomația este prin excelență o profesie vocațională, iar cel mai bun moment pentru orientarea vocațională a noilor generații este în perioada studiilor liceale. Așadar, salut și susțin această inițiativă a Complexului Educațional Lauder-Reut,



Mai mult ca niciodată, România are nevoie de reconstrucția unei noi școli diplomatice care să ne readucă prestigiul din timpul lui Nicolae Titulescu. Istoria ne arată cât se poate de clar că în momentele de cumpănă destinul unei țări depinde de diplomații săi. Așadar, atunci când vorbim despre destinul României trebuie neapărat să ne uităm la viitoarele generații de diplomați care se formează acum și de a căror inteligență și pricepere va depinde viitorul țării noastre.



Prin urmare, stimați invitați, vă rog să îi priviți cu multă atenție pe acești tineri excepționali care deja au făcut primii pași în cariera lor de diplomați. Cu siguranță o bună parte dintre ei vor scrie viitoarele pagini de istorie ale României. În mâinile lor ne vom încredința destinul și viitorul României. Așadar consider că e de datoria noastră să îi sprijinim și să îi călăuzim în dezvoltarea lor profesională. Prin ei am început deja să ne construim propriul viitor.

Domnul Liviu Dragnea, Președintele Camerei Deputaților, cu ocazia Conferinței Lauder de diplomație și afaceri internaționale pentru învățământ liceal – 2Day Ambassador, 28-30 martie 2017



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MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI NAȚIONALE

*Felicit întreaga echipă a Complexului
Educațional Lauder-Reut pentru inițiativa de a
organiza acest eveniment, precum și cursul
acreditat de diplomație și relații internaționale.
Totodată, doresc să vă adresez felicitări și*



*dumneavoastră, participanților, pentru
interesul manifestat față de o temă de
actualitate cum este cea a diplomației. Mă
bucură reacția pozitivă a elevilor la o astfel de
posibilitate de a discuta și identifica soluții la
problemele cu care diplomații de carieră se
confruntă în prezent. Misiunea diplomaților
implică astăzi o diversitate de domenii și mă
bucur să remarc că educația se află printre
instrumentele importante ale diplomației.*

**Domnul Pavel Năstase, Ministrul
Educației Naționale, cu ocazia
Conferinței Lauder de diplomație și
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învățământ liceal – 2Day Ambassador,
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Stimată doamnă Președinte,

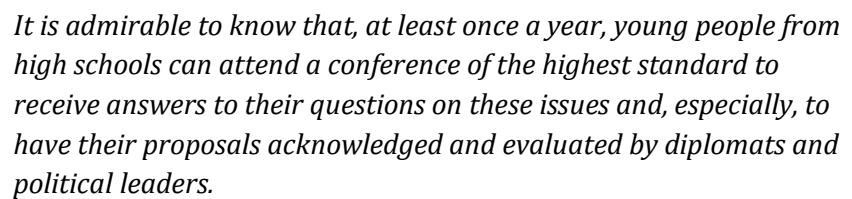
Vă mulțumesc pentru invitația de a deschide cea de-a VI-a ediție a *Conferinței de diplomație și afaceri internaționale pentru învățământul liceal*, din data de 30 martie 2017. Având în vedere parteneriatul deja devenit tradițional dintre Ministerul Afacerilor Externe și Complexul educațional Lauder-Reut, în măsura în care agenda de acțiuni diplomatice îmi va permite, îmi va face o deosebită plăcere să particip la deschiderea *Conferinței*.

Vă comunic, pe această cale, acordul Ministerului Afacerilor Externe pentru utilizarea siglei instituției și a mențiunii că evenimentul este organizat sub auspiciile Ministerului Afacerilor Externe al României, detaliile urmând a fi discutate cu Direcția Diplomație Publică, Culturală și Științifică.

Vă rog să primiți, stimată doamnă Președinte, expresia deosebitei mele considerații.



Doamnei Tova Ben Nun-Cherbis
Președinte
Fundatia Ronald S. Lauder România
Complexul educațional Lauder-Reut



I congratulate the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex for the excellent planning of this conference and for the very current themes chosen for the debate agenda. I am convinced that every participant will learn useful and captivating information, and will contribute with ideas and solutions that could be reflected in our foreign policy-making.

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PROGRAM

19th/20th MARCH 2018

ACTIVITY: ONE-DAY DIPLOMATIC INTERNSHIP

OBJECTIVES: Introducing the students to the daily activities of a diplomatic mission, so that they may get an idea about the problems, challenges, and satisfactions of the diplomatic profession. Students will prepare beforehand for the visit by studying the defining historical and cultural landmarks and they will also be familiar with the contemporary political, economic and diplomatic priorities, in 3 main directions:

- *Bilateral Relations with Romania on Relevant Fields of Development (Education, Economy, Science and Innovation etc.)*
- *Encouraging the Young Generation into Diplomatic Studies*

PARTICIPANTS: The students of the Lauder-Reut Senior High attending the accredited courses in diplomacy and international relations

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The Lauder-Reut High School Students' Diplomatic Internship Schedule

NR CRT	Ambasada	Dată/Ora	Profesor insotitor	Elevi participanti	
				Speaker	
1	ARGENTINA	20.03/ora 11.00	Diana Ionescu	Rares Pitulice IX U	Irina Manolescu, Ruxandra Pelin
2	ARMENIA	19.03/ora 11 sau 12	Diana Gomboș	Andrei Nitulescu X R	Monica Burcusel, Andreea Olteanu
3	AUSTRIA	20.03/ora 10.00	Cristina Paunescu	Alina Niculae X U	Smaranda Enache , Gheorghe Ioana, Alexia Marta
4	CANADA	19.03/ora 10.00	Ella Stefana	Dara Iovitu IX R	Alexe Patricia, Toma Moisescu, Bianca Trușcă
5	CEHIA	20.03/ora 10.00	Diana Gherasimiuc	Rares Bunda IX R	Eliza Tolici, Felix Firescu, Tal Ionescu
6	CROATIA	19 .03/ora 11	Victor Diaciov	Maria Progloff X R	Ana Cojocar, Eva Stegaru, Marc Varzariu
7	GERMANIA	19.03/ora 11.00	Andreia Poclitaru	Irina Melesteu X R	Gabriel Gheorghe, Andrei Dragne, Horia Niculae, Francesca Parcalabescu
8	GRECIA	20.03/ora 10.00	Diana Gombos	Alessandra Voicu XI U	David Sobolevschi, Sarah Mira Daniel, Sabin Ion Stavarache
9	ISRAEL	19.03/ora 14.00	Roy Nissim	Cobrea Tudor X U	Tal Ionescu, Barak Azor, Daria Goldenberg, Bianca Gheorghiu
10	ITALIA	19.03/ora 15.30	Diana Popescu /Luiza Marcai	Monica Stancescu IX R	Antonia Ionescu, Claire Raicu, Cezara Giugula
11	JAPONIA	20.03/ora 10.30	Silvia Acsinte	Teodor Szokoly X U	Maria Lukacsi, Maria Sima, Teodora Petre, Cezara Giugula
12	MEXIC	19.03/ora 11.00	Irina Roth	Elton Dincă IX U	Teodor Tender, Alexandra Stoina, Marius Tatarici
13	NORVEGIA	20.03/ora 11.00	Liana Ionescu	Dimitrie Dinculescu XI R	Dan Arbănașu, Maria Dumitrașcu, Iulian Ivănescu
14	OLANDA	19.03/ora 11.30	Anca Mândru	Matei Vlădescu X U	Vlad Marin, Filip Iovitu, Gabriel Gheorghe
15	POLONIA	19.03/ora 10.00	Alice Constantin	Miruna Mladin IX U	Ianis Musat, Alexandru Ghita, Elena Becheanu, David Biris
16	SLOVACIA	19.03/ora 10.00	Adelina Morcov	Filip Goșu IX U	Alexandra Camarasan, Lukas Ionescu, Ana Dorobantu



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17	SLOVENIA	20.03/ora 10.00	Catinca Matice	Christian Rîmniceanu XIU	Ciprian Anghel, Maria Isachievi, Daniela Costea
18	U.S.A.	20.03/intre11- 12.00	Morgan Beckett	Ioana Mogos XI R	Stefan Ciorascu, Mihnea Macovei, Mario Ilinca
19	VATICAN	20.03/ora 13.00	Marilena Vilciu	Robert Stefan XI U	Ioana Marchis, Giacomo Rotman, Daniel Stefan, Iris Polihroniade
20	I.D.R.	19.03/ora 9- 12.00	Marilena Vilciu	Daria Goldenberg IX U	Teodor Szokoly, Smaranda Enache, Maria Lukacsi, Giacomo Rotman
21	M.A.E.	20.03/ora 10.00	Ruxandra Ivan Laurentiu Lambrinoc	Gabriel Gheorghe X R	Filip Gosu, Irina Melesteu, Monica Stancescu, Andrei Nitulescu, Elena Becheanu, Cobrea Tudor, Matei Vladescu, Monica Burcusel, Andreea Olteanu, Daria Iovitu, Maria Progloff
22	Lauder Ambassador			Ciprian Anghel XI R	



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21st MARCH 2018

ACTIVITY: WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

TIMEFRAME: 14:30 – 20:00

LOCATION: JW Marriott Hotel Bucharest

PARTICIPANTS: 270 students from

- The Pupils' Council Bucharest
- 22 public high schools in Bucharest
- Tichon Hadash High School, Israel (delegation of 10)
- The Lauder-Reut High School, Bucharest

Hosts:

Tova BEN NUN-CHERBIS, President of the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex, Chair of the 2Day Ambassador Conference

Dan SANDRU, Director of Studies, The Lauder-Reut Educational Complex

14:30 – 15:00 Registration and refreshments

15:00 – 15:15 Welcome messages & rules of procedure (English language)

Ruxandra IVAN, Teacher of Diplomacy & International Affairs, Associate Professor, University of Bucharest

Nae SOVAIALA, Junior High Teacher of Public Speaking at Lauder, Director of Training for the Romanian National Debate Association (ARDOR)

15:15 – 16:00 Presentation of the Interdisciplinary Center IDC Herzliya – Why study in Israel? (English language)

Lesley TERRIS, Academic Director and Assistant Professor, International Program, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya, Israel

Ely KARMON, Senior Research Scholar at The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel

Or BARZEL, Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya, Assistant Academic Director of the International Program in Government, Raphael Recanati International School (RRIS), IDC Herzliya, Teaching Assistant, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya, Israel

David MORARESCU, Lauder-Reut Alumnus, Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya, Master of Arts in Diplomacy, University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies, Trainee at the European Parliament

16:00 – 17:30 MOCK MULTILATERAL DIPLOMATIC SESSION – public speaking contest and quiz for the students audience (English language)

The session will be held by the Lauder-Reut senior high students, based on their one-day internship at the foreign embassies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & the Romanian Diplomatic Institute.



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They will state the position of the countries whose diplomatic missions they have visited, as well as of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Romania and the Romanian Diplomatic Institute.

The best three public speakers will be chosen by a **jury of students supervised by Serban PITIC**.

The quiz is animated by Nae SOVAIALA who enters after every 3 speeches and asks questions connected to the countries presented. The students who answer correctly receive points for their school delegation and they will be awarded at the end.

Moderators:

Ruxandra IVAN, Teacher of Diplomacy & International Affairs, Associate Professor, University of Bucharest

Nae SOVAIALA, Junior High Teacher of Public Speaking at Lauder, Director of Training for the Romanian National Debate Association (ARDOR)

17:30 – 18:30 Buffet dinner

18:30 – 19:00 VOTING SESSION

19:00 – 19:15 DEBRIEF SESSION

19:15 – 20:00 DEBATE SESSION: Brexit and the Future of European Union (English language)

Debaters:

Serban PITIC, Coach of the Romanian National Team for the World Schools Debating Championship

Ioana COVEI, United Nations Youth Delegate of Romania, Head of Debating and Public Speaking Department for Lauder-Reut, Assistant Coach for the Romanian National Debate Team

Nae SOVAIALA, Junior High Teacher of Public Speaking at Lauder, Director of Training for the Romanian National Debate Association (ARDOR)

Laura DRAGOI, Assistant Coach for the Romanian National Team, Finalist Oxford IV



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22nd of MARCH 2018

ACTIVITY: CONFERENCE

LOCATION: The Romanian Parliament - Deputies Chamber, the Duca Hall

PARTICIPANTS:

270 students from:

- The Pupils' Council Bucharest
- 22 public high schools in Bucharest
- Tichon Hadash High School, Israel (delegation of 10)
- The Lauder-Reut High School, Bucharest

08:00 – Registration

08:30 Refreshments & cake

08:30 – Rules of Procedure
08:45

THE OPENING OF THE 2DAY AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE, 7th EDITION, 2018

09:00 – (English language)

10:00 Welcome by Master of Ceremonies – **Daniel APOSTOL**, MBA, Senior Journalist, who introduces the

Hosts:

Tova BEN NUN-CHERBIS, President of the Lauder-Reut Educational Complex, Chair of the 2Day Ambassador Conference

H. E. Mrs. Tamar SAMASH, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel

Guests:

Ana BIRCHALL, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships Implementation

Teodor MELEȘCANU, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Andreea PĂȘTÎRNAC, State Counsellor for External Politics of the Romanian Prime Minister

Adi YAHALOMI MOSHE, Director, Jewish Education in the Diaspora, Ministry of Education, Senior Division of External Relations and UNESCO, Israel

10:00 – Q & A session

10:15

10:15 – **PANEL DISCUSSION: The Life of a Diplomat – Challenges and Satisfactions** (English language)

10:45

Key-note speakers:

H. E. Monsenior Miguel Maury BUENDIA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Holy See

H. E. Ján GÁBOR, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Slovakia

H. E. Sergey MINASYAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Armenia



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	H. E. Mr. José Guillermo Ordorica ROBLES , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States Master of Ceremonies: Daniel APOSTOL , MBA, Senior Journalist
10:45 – 11:05	Refreshments & snacks
11:05 – 12:10	PRESENTATION: Being A Romanian Ambassador during the Brexit Turmoil (English language) Key-note speakers: H. E. Mr. Sorin-Dan MIHALACHE , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland H. E. Mr. Emil HUREZEANU , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania in the Federal Republic of Germany, Member of the Lauder-Reut Board of Trustees and mentor for diplomatic studies for our students H. E. Mr. Adrian CIOROIANU , Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Romania to UNESCO, Romania's Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, Paris, Member of the Lauder-Reut Board of Trustees and mentor for diplomatic studies for our students Master of Ceremonies: Daniel APOSTOL , MBA, Senior Journalist
12:10 – 12:20	Q & A session
12:20 – 13:20	PANEL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION: Fake News and Ways to Fight Against Informational Manipulation (English language) Key-note speakers: Alina BÂRGĂOANU , PhD Professor and Dean of the Communication and Public Relations Faculty, European Commission expert on fighting fake news Cristian DIACONESCU , Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice Radu TUDOR , Journalist, politics and military analyst Ion M. IONIȚĂ , Senior-Editor for Adevarul, Editor-in-Chief for Historia magazine Master of Ceremonies: Daniel APOSTOL , MBA, Senior Journalist
13:20 – 13:30	Q & A session
13:30 – 13:40	GROUP PICTURES with the diplomatic corps and students of the Lauder-Reut High School
13:40 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:00	PRESENTATION: Russia in the Middle East (English language) Key-note speaker: Ely KARMON , Senior Research Scholar at The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel



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15:00 – 15:10	Q & A session
15:10 – 16:10	<p>PRESENTATION: Cyber-Attacks Trends and Methodology. Approaches for Investigation and Prevention Methods (English language)</p> <p>Key-note speaker: Nir ALKABETS, Advocate, 23 years of service as Head of Investigations and Deputy Chief of Unit in the National Cyber Unit of the Israeli Police, co-owner of CMOS LTD</p>
16:10 – 16:20	Q & A session
16:20 – 16:40	Refreshments & snacks
16:40 – 17:20	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: CASE FOR ISRAEL – Middle East and Worldwide (English language)</p> <p>Key-note speakers: Diplomacy and Negotiations in International Relations Lesley TERRIS, Academic Director and Assistant Professor, International Program, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya, Israel Introduction to Intelligence Or BARZEL, Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya, Assistant Academic Director of the International Program in Government, Raphael Recanati International School (RRIS), IDC Herzliya, Teaching Assistant, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya, Israel</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies: Daniel APOSTOL, MBA, Senior Journalist</p>
17:20 – 17:30	Q & A session
17:30 – 18:00	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 2DAY AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE, 7th EDITION, 2018</p> <p>Participation diplomas offered to the students present by the Ministry of Education</p>



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Participants

SCHOOLS ATTENDING THE 7TH EDITION, 2018

The Pupils' Council Bucharest

Nume si prenume	Funcție	Liceu
ARCIDIACONO BIANCA ANNE MARIE	Presedinte	Colegiul National "Ion Neculce"
UDRISTE TUDOR	Prim-VicePresedinte	Colegiul National "Tudor Vianu"
GOGAN RAZVAN	Prim-VicePresedinte	Colegiul National "Tudor Vianu"
RADULESCU MINA	Prim-VicePresedinte	Colegiul National "Grigore Moisil"
MURESAN PETRA	VicePresedinte	Colegiul National "Sfantul Sava"
BUTU ILINCA	VicePresedinte	Colegiul National "Grigore Moisil"
BERCHESAN SEBASTIAN	Vicepreședinte	Colegiul National "Sfantul Sava"
PETRESCU ANDREI	Secretar	Liceul Teoretic "C.A Rosetti"
STANESCU IONUT-ALEXANDRU	Director Departament Cultural, Educational si Programe Scolare	Colegiul National "Ion Creanga"
VREME VICTOR	Director Departament Invatamant Tehnologic si Vocational	Colegiul National German Goethe
CONSTANTINESCU ANDRADA	Director Departamentul Avocatul Elevului	Colegiul National "Sfantul Sava"
GHENCEA MARA NATALIA	Director Departament PR si Comunicare	Colegiul National "Sfantul Sava"

Guest Schools

Tichon Hadash Highschool, Israel

ADI FRIEDLAND	Teacher
HILA ZIV	Student
RON TOWERS	Student
LIOR SHITRIT	Student
TOMER RAZON	Student
YAFFA GIDJAYEV	Student
LIRI BURSTEIN	Student
NOGA PESKIN	Student
SHIRA ELDAR	Student
SHIR DULBERG	Student



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Bucharest, Romania

NO.	SCHOOL	DISTRICT
1	Junior Highschool no. 20	3
2	Cezar Bolliac Junior Highschool	3
3	Leonardo Da Vinci Junior Highschool	3
4	Junior Highschool no. 81	3
5	Junior Highschool no. 84	3
6	Junior Highschool no. 88	3
7	Junior Highschool no. 92	3
8	Junior Highschool no. 112	3
9	Junior Highschool no. 149	3
10	Junior Highschool no. 195	3
11	Federico Garcia Lorca Junior Highschool	3
12	Elena Cuza National College	6
13	Nicolae Labiş Junior Highschool	3
14	Ion Neculce National College	1
15	I. G. Duca Junior Highschool	5
16	Herăstrău Junior Highschool	1
17	Junior Highschool no. 79	4
18	Iancului Junior Highschool	2
19	Mihai Viteazu National College	2
20	Matei Basarab National College	3



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Key-Note Speakers

Tamar SAMASH (nee CATARIVAS)

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel



Born December 28th 1951 in
Jerusalem – Israel; Married, With Two
Children

Studies

- 1969: Sorbonne University Paris, French Culture Specialization
- 1971 – 1974: Hebrew University Jerusalem, BA Bible studies and French literature
- 1977: Hebrew University

Jerusalem, MA French literature and civilization

- 1992 – 1993: Mass media specialization
- 1993: Managing formation
- 2012 – Present: working on a PhD thesis, Paris VIII University

Professional background

- 1974 – 1975: Reporter, French division, Israeli Broadcasting Authority
- 1975 – 1977: Cadet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- 1977 – 1979: Middle East Division, MFA
- 1979 – 1981: Cultural and Scientific relations division, MFA
- 1981 – 1984: Consul of Israel, Montreal, Canada
- 1984 – 1986: First assistant, Cultural and Scientific relations division, MFA
- 1986 – 1988: Deputy Director, Training division, MFA
- 1988 – 1991: Counsellor, Embassy of Israel in Bucharest, Romania
- 1991 – 1994: Deputy Spokesperson, Press division, MFA
- 1994 – 1999: Director, International academic relations, MFA
- 1994 – 1999: Special appointment – counsellor to the Director General of the MFA on women's affairs
- 1999 – 2003: Consul General of Israel, Marseille, France
- 2003 – 2004: Director, Political relations with the Vatican, MFA
- 2005 – 2007: Spokesperson for foreign media, Press division, MFA
- 2007 – 2011: Ambassador of Israel in Belgium and Luxembourg
- 2012 – 2015: Ambassador, Northern Europe division, MFA
- 2015 – Present: Ambassador of Israel in Romania



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Ana BIRCHALL

Vice Prime Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' Implementation

In January 2018, Ana Birchall was appointed Vice Prime Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' Implementation in the Romanian Government.

In October 2017, Ana Birchall was appointed Chair of the Joint Special Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate for the coordination of necessary parliamentary activities to prepare the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first semester of 2019, after being appointed Head of Romanian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in September 2017.

On January 4, 2017, Ana Birchall was sworn in as Minister Delegate for European Affairs. In February 2017, she acted as interim Minister of Justice in the Romanian Government.



In December 2016, Ana Birchall won a second term as deputy in Vaslui County, thus continuing the parliamentary work begun in 2012. Between February 2015 and December 2016, she served as Chairman of the European Affairs Committee in the Chamber of Deputies. In April 2014, she was appointed High Representative of the Prime Minister for European Affairs and partnership with the United States of America (non-remunerated position, held until October 2015), after holding the position of Advisor to the Prime Minister in 2012.

In 2002, Ana Birchall began her career as lawyer in New York City, collaborating with White & Case LLP law firm. In 2003, she returned to Romania with her family, where she made her debut in politics and administration as advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2005 she was appointed senior-adviser for the Commission on Foreign Affairs of the Senate of Romania. Also, between July 2008 and June 2012, she worked in the private sector collaborating with important law firms, especially in the field of financial restructuring and insolvency.

She graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest and the Faculty of Law and International Relations (valedictorian) of the "Nicolae Titulescu" University in 1996. Ana Birchall continued her studies at Yale Law School, Yale University, USA, being the first Romanian to be admitted simultaneously for the Master of Studies in Law at several universities such as Yale, Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge and New York University. She graduated from the Yale Law School: Master of Studies in Law in 2000, and in 2002 she got her Ph.D. in Law (J.S.D.) under the guidance of Professor Anthony T. Kronman, Dean of Yale Law School. The theme of her thesis was "Bankruptcy law applied to banking systems in Central and Eastern European countries" – a comparative analysis of bankruptcy law applicable to the banking system in USA, UK, France, Germany, Romania, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. Throughout her Ph.D. studies, she was a Goldman Fellow scholar, scholarship granted by Yale Law School. Also, she was a "Student Marshal" as representative of the Ph.D. students, class of 2002, from Yale Law School.



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Apart from her political career, Ana Birchall is a member of Bucharest Bar; the Executive Committee of Yale Law School Association, Yale Law School; Ambassador of the acclaimed NGO, Vital Voices, and of Policy Network in Great Britain and Terra Nova in France. Also, Ana Birchall is a former member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House.

Ana Birchall is married with Martyn Birchall (British citizen). They have a teenage son, Andrew, currently studying in Great Britain. Ana Birchall is living in Bucharest, Romania, with her family.



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Adi YAHALOMI MOSHE

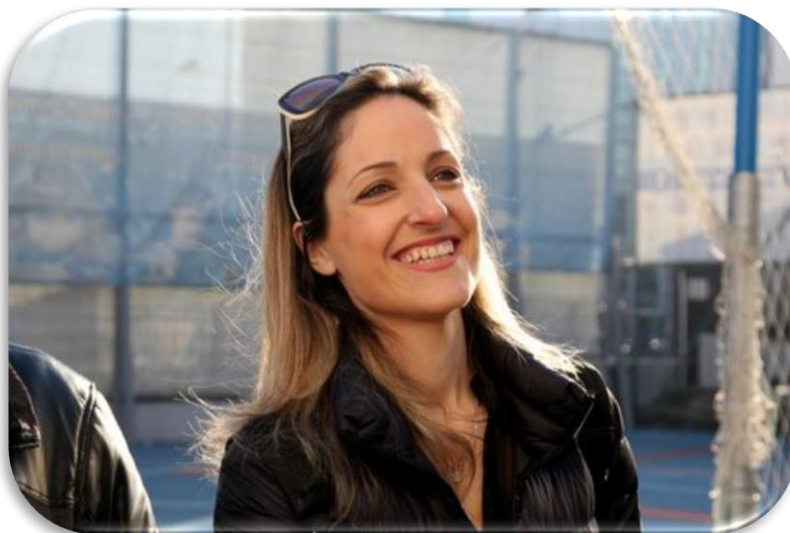
**Director of the Department for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, the
Israeli Ministry of Education**

Born in Jerusalem, in 1977

Married + 3

Academic Education:

- 2007 - 2009 - Master's Degree in Education, David Yellin College
- 1998 - 2001 - Bachelor's Degree in Education, David Yellin College



Vocational Training:

- 2007 - 2009 - Exceeded in a Formal Management Course - Lifshitz College
- 2007 - 2007 - Certified Trainer: Jewish Training Course - Lifshitz College
- 2002 - Course of Integrating Expression and Understanding in Multi-Language Subjects

Work Experience:

- 2017 - Director of Department for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, Ministry of Education, Israel
- 2005 - 2017 - National Instructor for Hebrew Language Learning in High Schools
- 2005 - 2017 - Lecturer and Teacher for Hebrew Language Learning

Languages:

- Hebrew
- English



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Gila BEN-HAR

CEO of Center for Educational Technology (CET), Israel



Gila Ben-Har is the CEO of Center for Educational Technology (CET), an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing education in Israel and beyond.

CET's goal is to provide every student the opportunity to study in a learning environment that combines rich, quality content; state-of-the-art technology; and advanced pedagogy, which together will place students at the forefront of knowledge and prepare them for life in the 21st century. CET was originally

established by the Rothschild Foundation in 1971, and today is Israel's largest educational NGO. CET staff, consisting of about 600 employees, includes experts in a variety of areas, from education and curriculum development in all academic, to assessment and evaluation, to educational technology and IT.

In her previous position, Gila Ben-Har was head of the Education, Culture and Sport Administration in the Municipality of Tel Aviv-Jaffa. She is a member of the first graduating class at the School for Educational Leadership in Jerusalem ("Mandel"). She received her Bachelor and Master degrees from Bar-Ilan University, specializing in curriculum, educational administration and technology in education.

The Center for Educational Technology (CET)

<http://www.home.cet.ac.il/cet-world/>

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- Establishment of comprehensive, media-rich, digital data collections
- Development and deployment digital learning platforms and models for teaching, learning and assessment
- Development of models (synchronous and asynchronous) and implementation of online courses, virtual mentoring programs and virtual high school
- Development of models of online teachers' training
- Development of online professional tools for assessment and evaluation in social and educational fields

The CET staff, consisting of about 600 employees, includes top experts in a variety of areas, from education and curriculum development in all academic subjects (such as mathematics, science, language and more), to assessment and evaluation, to educational technology and IT.

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Based on our expertise in developing Science and Math simulations and learning objects we played a major role in the development of Science Literacy and Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) for the PISA 2015 (Programme for International Student Assessment of the OECD). In 2012 CET established MindCET – A world leading EdTech accelerator, ensuring innovation remains at the forefront of CET's mission.

MindCET

<http://www.mindcet.org/en>

MindCET is an EdTech innovation center, which brings together entrepreneurs, educators and researchers to develop groundbreaking learning technology in Israel and abroad. MindCET is an independent body within the Center for Educational Technology (CET).

MindCET is in its 5th year of activity and has been one of the worlds' pioneer to bring the entrepreneurial culture into the educational world. Today, it is globally recognized as a leader and an important reference to the EdTech ecosystem, taking part on world forums and partnerships with major universities, R&Ds, Hi-Tech companies and alike, in order to strengthen, explore and develop innovative pedagogical solutions.





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- R&D Unit – MindCETeX is a cadre of entrepreneurial groups that explore the opportunities of cutting-edge technologies and develop innovative pedagogical solutions, in partnership with leading corporate and university R&Ds.
- Teachers & Schools – The T.E.A.M. (Technology early adopters of MindCET) is a network of teachers, principals and students, serving as testing ground for new education-technologies. After piloting, they provide real world feedback and guidance for entrepreneurs looking to work in the educational system.
- Publications – MindCET makes all its activities transparent to all EdTech stakeholders (educators, startups, investors, decision makers, ...) in order to help develop this new ecosystem, by publishing reports, magazines, blogs, conferences, and alike.

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Dan MIHALACHE **Ambasador Extraordinar și Plenipotențiar al României în Regatul Unit al Marii Britanii și Irlandei de Nord**

Dan Mihalache a fost numit Ambasador al României în Regatul Unit al Marii Britanii și Irlandei de Nord, prin Decret nr. 575 din 8 iunie 2016, semnat de Președintele României, Klaus Iohannis.

Dan Mihalache (n. 1971) este absolvent al Facultății de Drept, Universitatea București (1994) și doctor în Științe Politice (SNSPA, 2008). A absolvit, de asemenea, cursurile Colegiului Național de Apărare (1998). Este specialist în analiză și marketing politic, fiind, începând cu anul 2010, mai întâi, cadru didactic asociat și apoi lector universitar la Universitatea Creștină „Dimitrie Cantemir”.

A fost responsabil de analiză și comunicare în numeroase campanii electorale. Începând cu 2009 a condus în mai multe rânduri Departamentul de Analiză Politică și Comunicare al Partidului Național Liberal (PNL). În 2014 a fost responsabil de strategia campaniei electorale prezidențiale a Președintelui PNL, Klaus Iohannis.

Are experiență în administrarea instituțiilor publice, îndeplinind funcțiile de consilier al Prim-ministrului (2001-2004), Secretar General Adjunct al Guvernului (2012), Secretar General Adjunct și Secretar General al Senatului (2013-2014). A fost deputat în Parlamentul României (2004-2008), observator și membru al Parlamentului European (2006-2007).

În perioada decembrie 2014 - iunie 2016, Dan Mihalache a ocupat funcția de Consilier prezidențial, șef al Cancelariei Prezidențiale și șef al Administrației Prezidențiale.

Președintele României, Klaus Iohannis, l-a decorat pe Dan Mihalache cu Ordinul Național „Steaua României” în rang de Cavaler.

Este coautorul volumului *Trei ani la urne*, vol. I (Nemira, 2012), alături de Iulia Huiu. A publicat, de asemenea, numeroase articole de analiză. Vorbește fluent limbile germană și engleză.

Este căsătorit cu Mădălina Mihalache





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Emilian Horațiu HUREZEANU (Emil HUREZEANU)

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to Germany



Data și locul nașterii: 26.8.1955, Sibiu

Cetățenie: germană și română

Căsătorit cu Rucsandra Hurezeanu, 2 copii

Experiența profesională:

- 1976-1980 Redactor și secretar de redacție al revistei culturale „Echinox”, Cluj-Napoca
- 1980-1981 Consilier juridic, UJCAP, Alba-Iulia
- 1981-1982 Avocat, Baroul de avocatură Mediaș, județul Sibiu
- 1983-1991 Redactor și redactor-șef, Radio Europa Liberă, serviciul de limba română, Radio Europa Liberă, München, Germania
- 1991-1994 Director adjunct și director, serviciul de limbă română, Radio Europa Liberă, München, Germania
- 1995-2002 Director al Redacției de limbă română, Radio Deutsche Welle, Köln, Germania
- 2002-2011 Corespondent Deutsche Welle București
- 2002-2003 Manager de proiect, Gruner & Jahr – Ziarul Evenimentul Zilei, București
- 2003 martie/septembrie- Consilier de politică externă și comunicare al prim-ministrului
- 2002-2003 Profesor invitat, Relații Internaționale, Facultatea de Studii Europene, Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca
- 2005-2009 Producător de politică externă, Realitatea TV
- 2006-2008 Director editorial al ziarului România liberă, București
- 2007-2008 Profesor-invitat, Catedra de Filosofie, Facultatea de Relații Internaționale, Universitatea „Al.I. Cuza”, Iași
- din 2010 Profesor-invitat Colegiul Național de Apărare, curs pentru relații internaționale
- 2008-2009 Membru al Boardului editorial, Ziarul Cotidianul
- 2009-2010 Președinte al Boardului editorial, Realitatea-Catavencu
- 2011-2013 Realizator de politică externă „Compas”, Money Channel TV
- 2012-2015 Invitat special în emisiuni de actualitate politica la Digi 24
- din iunie 2015 Decret prezidential de numire ca ambasador al României în Republica Federală Germania



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Educație

- 1974 Diplomă de bacalaureat, Liceul Octavian Goga, Sibiu
- 1979 Diplomă de licență, Facultatea de Drept, Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca
- 1982-1983 Bursier Herder la Universitatea Viena, Facultatea de Relații Internaționale
- 1985 Bursier, Programul special pentru relații internaționale, Universitatea Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
- 1991 Master în relații internaționale și strategie, Universitatea Boston, USA

Limbi străine:

Română, Franceză, Germană, Engleză

Publicații:

- 1979 "Lectia de anatomie", Editura Dacia, Poezii, Premiul de Debut al Uniunii Scriitorilor
- 1992 "Șapte poeți de la Sibiu", Antologie de lirică, Bruxelles-București
- 1993 "Primele, ultimile", Poezii, Editura Albatros, București
- 1996 "Între câine și lup", Eseuri, Editura Apostrof, Cluj-Napoca
- 1998 "Cutia neagra: 1001 minute la microfonul Europei Libere", Interviuuri, Editura Albatros
- Premiul pentru publicistică al Uniunii Scriitorilor
- 2015 "Pe trecerea timpului", Jurnal politic românesc 1996-2015, editura Curtea Veche
- 2016 "Opere complete", Editura Paralela 45, București

Distincții:

- 1998 Cetățean de Onoare al orașului Sibiu
- 2002 Ordinul Național „Pentru Merit” în rangul de Comandor
- 2013 Crucea "Andrei Șaguna" a Mitropoliei Transilvaniei
- 2015 Ordinul "Coroana României" în rangul de Cavaler, înmănat de majestatea sa, Mihai I
- 2015 Ordinul "Credință și Virtute" în rangul de Mare ofițer, Marea Lojă a României
- 2015 Doctor "Honoris Causa" - Universitatea de Vest Timișoara
- 2016 Doctor "Honoris Causa" - Universitatea Andrei Șaguna din Constanța
- 2016 Doctor "Honoris Causa" - Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu
- 2016 Membru în Consiliul de Administrație al Fundației Magna cum Laude Reut, București și mentor al proiectelor de diplomație
- 2016 Membru în Consiliul de Administrație New Europe College, București



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Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Romania to UNESCO, Romania's Permanent Delegation to UNESCO in Paris, Former Foreign Affairs Minister (2007), Professor, Historian and Journalist

Member of the Lauder-Reut Board of Trustees and mentor for the diplomatic projects

Alina BÂRGĂOANU

Profesor universitar doctor, decan al Facultății de Comunicare și Relații Publice; expert în cadrul grupului la nivel înalt pentru combaterea știrilor false (Comisia Europeană); Președinte al Institutului European din România; autor, coautor și editor al mai multor cărți de specialitate, dintre care menționăm: "Why Europe? Narratives and Counter-narratives of European Integration" (2017, coautor), "United by or Against Euroscepticism. An Assessment of Public Attitudes towards Europe in the Context of the Crisis" (2105, coeditor), "The Crisis of the European Union" (2013, coeditor), "Examenul Schengen. În căutarea sferei publice europene" (2011, autor), "Tirania actualității. O introducere în istoria și teoria știrilor" (2006, autor), "Mass media și societatea" (2003, coautor); fondator și director al revistei online Convorbiri Europene (www.convorbirieuropene.ro); bursier Fulbright (2001- 2002).





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Cristian DIACONESCU

is a Romanian diplomat and lawyer as formation.

He was Vice-President of the Romanian Senate, Minister of Justice (March - December, 2004) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2008-2009, 2012).

In 2000, he was appointed Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC).

In May 2012, Cristian Diaconescu became Chief of the Presidential Administration, position held until April 2014. As of 2013 until today, Cristian Diaconescu is member of the "UN CTBTO Eminent Group".

Since 2007, Cristian Diaconescu has a PhD in international trade law at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest.



In parallel to his professional career, Cristian Diaconescu carried out a teaching and scientific activity as a Founding member and professor of the Foundation of the Romanian National College of Defense, associate member of the Jamestown Foundation, Scientific Secretary of the Romanian Association of International Law and International Relations and professor of the Law and International Human Rights Institute.

As of 2016 he is Visiting Professor at the American University of Kuwait. Since October 2016, he is Doctor Honoris Causa of Andrei Saguna University in Constanta.

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Ion M. IONIȚĂ



Born 1963

Editor-in Chief, Historia Magazine

Senior-editor and columnist, Adevărul Newspaper

TV presenter for current affairs programmes and talk-shows with Realitatea TV, TVR

Political and foreign affairs analyst and collaborator of national and local TV and Radio stations

I have been working as journalist since 1990 with the main press companies in Romania: Adevărul, România Liberă, and ProTv.

1986 – Graduated of Bucharest University

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Radu TUDOR

Born on July 24, 1970.

25 years experience in media as TV host and anchor, columnist and radio collaborator. Covering NATO Summits since 1994, moderator and invitee to several events on institutions, forums and NGO's for defence, security, intelligence and foreign affairs: NATO, SHAPE, Aspen Institute, German Marshal Fund and others. Radu Tudor is the host of daily political show "Punctul de intalnire" at Antena 3 TV, the CNN partner in Romania.

Awarded in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014 and 2015 by Romanian Association of Professionals in Television (APTR). Since 2000, Radu Tudor is Jane's Defence Weekly correspondent in Romania.

Radu Tudor is a graduate of the Higher School of Journalism, graduate in audio-visual media at Faculty of Journalism Bucharest, a graduate of National Defense College (1995) and the National Security College (2001). He has a Masters in National Security (2007) from the National Defense University "Carol I".

Besides journalistic studies, Radu Tudor has a solid background on analysis on defense, intelligence, international relations. Quoted in articles and studies by US Atlantic Council, Rand Corporation, International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Strategic Studies Institute – US Army War College, New York Times, BBC. You can also find his comments and analysis on www.radu-tudor.ro

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Academic Education

- 1994 Bachelor's Degree, Dept. of Political Science, Tel Aviv University.
- 1998 Master's Degree (with Honors), Dept. of Political Science, Tel Aviv University.
 - Thesis: The Warden's Game: A Solution to the Israeli-Syrian Conflict.
- 2008 Ph.D., Dept. of Political Science, Tel Aviv University
 - Dissertation: It Takes Three to Tango: A Rational Approach to International Mediation.

Academic Employment

- December 2015 Visiting professor for the Israel Institute at Sciences-Po Lille, France
- 2008 – present Assistant Professor, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya
- 2011 – present Academic Director, International Program, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Terris, Lesley & Orit Tykocynski, Inaction Inertia in International Negotiations: The Consequences of Missed Opportunities, British Journal of Political Science 2014 (forthcoming, April 2016).

Maoz, Zeev, Lesley Terris, Ranan Kuperman, & Ilan Talmud 2007. What Is the Enemy of My Enemy? Causes and Consequences of Imbalanced International Relations, 1816-2001, Journal of Politics, 69(1):100-115.

Maoz, Zeev and Lesley Terris 2006. Credibility and Strategy in International Mediation, International Interactions, 32:409-40.



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Maoz Zeev, Ranan Kuperman, Lesley Terris, Ilan Talmud, October 2006. Structural Equivalence and International Conflict: A Social Network Analysis, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 50(5): 664-689

Terris, Lesley and Zeev Maoz, September 2005. Rational Mediation: A Theory and a Test, *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(5): 563-583

Book Chapters

- Maoz, Zeev and Lesley Terris 2009 (Reprint). Credibility and Strategy in International Relations. In: Bercovitch, Jacob and Scott Gartner (eds.) *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings*, London and New York: Routledge, pp. 69-95.
- Maoz, Zeev, L. Terris, R. Kuperman and I. Talmud 2007. 'Network Centrality and International Conflict, 1816-2001. Does it pay to Be Important?' In *Applications of Social Network Analysis*. Edited by T. N. Friemel. Konstanz: UVK Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, pp. 121-152
- Maoz, Zeev, Lesley Terris, Ranan Kuperman, and Ilan Talmud 2005. 'International Relations: A Network Approach', in Alex Mintz and Bruce Russett, eds, *New Directions for International Relations*, Lexington Books.

Other Publications

Mintz, Alex, Lesley Terris & Inbal Heckman (Eds) 2011. *Iran: The Day After; Simulation Insights and Policy Recommendations*. IDC Herzliya (Hebrew)

Papers and Abstracts - Proceedings of Conferences

- *Inaction Inertia in International Negotiations: The Consequences of Missed Opportunities* (with Orit Tykocinski), American Political Science Association (APSA), August 28-31, 2014 Washington DC.
- *Inaction Inertia in International Negotiations: The Consequences of Missed Opportunities* (with Orit Tykocinski), ISA ISSS-ISAC Joint Annual Conference, 4-6 October 2013, George Washington University, Washington DC.
- *To Trust or not to Trust: Negotiator Credibility in International Mediation Processes*. Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 8-11 July 2013, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC).
- *Leadership Change and Mediation in Intrastate Conflicts* (with Carmela Lutmar). Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 8-11 July 2013, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC).
- *What do they Want/ Rebels' Objectives and Mediation in Civil Wars* (with Carmela Lutmar), American Political Science Association (APSA), Sept. 1-4 2011, Seattle, Washington.
- *Disputant Credibility in Mediation Processes*. First Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 16-18, 2011, Dublin.
- *How Long Will it Last? Peace Agreements and Leadership/Regime Changes* (with Carmela Lutmar), International Studies Association (ISA), April 1-4, 2012, San Diego, CA.



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- *Disputant Credibility in Mediation Processes*. International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, February 17-20, 2010 New Orleans.
- *Leadership Change and Conflict Resolution in Civil War* (with Carmela Lutmar). Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), September 3-5, 2010, Washington DC.
- *Network Centrality and International Conflict, 1816-2001: Does it Pay to be Important?* (With Zeev Maoz, Ranan Kuperman, Ilan Talmud), Applications of Social Network Analysis (ASNA), October 4-6, 2006, University of Zurich.
- *Credibility and Strategy in International Mediation* (with Z. Maoz), Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), September 1-4, 2005, Washington DC.
- *Conflict Versatility and Game Transformation*. Seminar of the Decision Making and Economic Psychology Center, March 9, 2005, Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva.
- *The Enemy of my Enemy: Is he my Friend* (with Zeev Maoz, Ranan Kuperman, Lior Elazar), Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), September 1-5, 2004, Chicago.
- *Structural Equivalence and International Conflict, 1816-2000: A Social Network Analysis of Dyadic Affinities and Conflict* (with Zeev Maoz, Ranan Kuperman, Ilan Talmud) APSA Centennial Meeting, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia.
- *International Relations: A Network Approach*. Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS), Leonard Davis Institute for international Relations, April 6, 2003, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- *The Strategy of Mediation: A Rational Model of Mediator's Choices Strategy of Mediation* (with Zeev Maoz), Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), August 29-September 1, 2002, Boston.
- *International Networks and System Stability* (with Zeev Maoz and Ranan Kuperman), International Studies Association (ISA), March 24-27, 2002, New Orleans.
- *Rational Mediation: A Theory and a Test* (with Zeev Maoz). American Political Science Association (APSA), August 30-September 1, 2001, San Francisco.

Grants, Prizes and Awards

- March 2002 Dean of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University, and scholarship for academic excellence
- Oct. 2002 Israel Foundation Trustees, writing scholarship
- May 2003 Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, PhD research grant
- Oct. 2011 IDC Research Grant (based on ISF evaluation)

Development Activities

Recognizing the educational and research value given in role-play simulations in the class room I have integrated simulations into classes using a computer simulation platform that allows for the conduct of interactive negotiation/mediation simulations over time (in and out of the classroom), while documenting all interactions for educational and research purposes.



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Other Relevant Activities

- 2014 – present Steering Committee member of Israeli branch of the International Association for Conflict Management (ICAM).
- 2013 – present Consultant to the IDC President for the Advancement of Women in the Academia (under direction of the Israeli Council for Higher Education, MALAG)
- 2011 – present Academic director of the IDC RRIS program in Government
- 2010 – present Board Member of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS).
- 2010 – present Planning and execution of strategic and negotiation simulations at the Lauder School of Government IDC Herzliya (as part of course on Political and Security Simulations of the Lauder School MA program in Political Marketing)
- 2008 – present Board member, The Israeli Association for International Studies
- 2009 – 2011 Academic Advisor, IDC RRIS program in Government
- 2008 – 2009 Academic Advisor, Lauder School of Government, Israeli program

Academic events at IDC

- 2013 Simulation on Israeli-Palestinian negotiations for the Daniel Pearl Journalism Institute at IDC (June 2013)
- 2011 Organizer and academic chair of The Ninth Annual Conference of the Israeli Association for International Studies, IDC Herzliya (December 2011)
- 2009 Co-organizer (with Prof. Alex Mintz) of conference: New Directions in International Relations held at IDC (June 2009)

Membership in scientific organizations

- American Political Science Association
- European Political Science Association
- International Society for Political Psychology
- International Studies Association
- Israeli Association for International Studies

Ad hoc reviewer for:

- American Political Science Review
- Conflict Management and Peace Science
- International Studies Quarterly
- International Interactions
- Journal of Peace Research
- Journal of Politics



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Supervision of Graduate Students

- Andreas Kreig - MA Thesis 2009 (with Prof. Galia Golan)
- Raphael Ben Levi – MA Thesis 2015 (with Dr. Amnon Cavari)
- Tali Farkas – MA Thesis (in progress)

Teaching

- Courses taught
- Diplomacy and Negotiations in International Relations (BA)
- MA Seminar (MA)
- Conflict analysis (MA)
- International Mediation (MA)
- Advanced Research Seminar (MA Thesis Track)
- Political and Security Simulations (MA)



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Ely KARMON



Dr. Ely Karmon is a Senior Research Scholar at The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel. He lectures on international terrorism and CBRN terrorism at the M.A. Counterterrorism Studies at IDC.

He holds a B.A. in English and French Culture from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, a Licence in International Relations from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and a Licence in Bantu languages from the Ecole de Langues Orientales, in Paris. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Haifa University.

Associate Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence (ICSR), London, UK.

Member of the UN Security Council Affairs Division (SCAD) Roster of Experts on terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Member of the International Permanent Observatory (IPO) on Security Measures during Majors Events at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), Turin, Italy (2002-2008). In this framework he participated in UN seminars preparing security at Athens Olympics (2004), Turin Winter Olympics (2006) and Beijing 2008 Olympics.

Member of the General Assembly of the International Institute for Security and Cooperation, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Served as advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Defense and to the Anti-Semitism Monitoring Forum of the Israeli Government Secretariat.

Has written extensively on international terrorism, and has participated in numerous international conferences. His book *Coalitions between Terrorist Organizations: Revolutionaries, Nationalists, and Islamists* was published in May 2005 by Brill Academic Publishers (Leiden and Boston). The Center for Strategic Leadership, U.S. Army War College, published his monograph, *'Iran-Syria-Hizballah-Hamas: A Coalition against Nature. Why does it Work?'* (May 2008).

Dr. Karmon's fields of research include political violence, international terrorism, CBRN terrorism, and the strategic influence of terrorism and subversion in the Middle East and worldwide. He is a frequent commentator on Middle Eastern issue in the Israeli media and numerous media outlets worldwide.



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Ori BARZEL

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Education

- 2014 – Ph.D. – Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Topic: *The Effect of Cognitive Images on Decision Making and Policy Planning*

- 2010 – 2012 MA – Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Thesis track

Topic: *Using a Decision Board Aided Simulation as a Tool for National Security and Foreign Policy Planning and Making* **Graduated Magna Cum Laude**



- 2007 – 2010 BA – Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
 - Specializations: Conflict Resolution, Middle East
 - Graduate of Syracuse-IDC's Student Exchange Program, Summer 2009
 - Graduated Magna Cum Laude
 - Employment Experience
- 2017 – Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya
- 2015 – Assistant Academic Director of the International Program in Government, Raphael Recanati International School (RRIS), IDC Herzliya
- 2011 – Teaching Assistant, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya
 - BA courses: Introduction to Intelligence, Basics of Intelligence Research, Governmental Risk Analysis, Society & Politics in the Fertile Crescent, Nationalism & Islam, Palestinian Society & Politics, Israel's Neighboring Countries;
 - MA courses: Core Issues in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Diplomacy and Conflict in the Era of Globalization, Strategic Surprise, Theaters of Global Jihad, The Political System of Israel
- 2016 – 2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - Methodology of Research in Political Behavior
- 2010 – 2012 Research Assistant, Brigadier General (Res.) Amos Gilboa – "Mr. Intelligence", biography of Aharon Yariv, former Head of the Directorate of Military Intelligence (AMAN)
- 2011 – 2012 Research Assistant, Ambassador Zalman Shoval – article on U.S.-Israel relations, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya



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- 2010 Research Assistant, Prof. Ilai Alon – organizing an Israel-Lebanon Negotiations simulation

Military Service

- 2004 – 2007 IDF – Intelligence Corps
 - Mandatory and regular service
 - Crew commander
 - Completed service as Staff Sergeant
 - Conferences
- 2014 "Bashar al-Assad's War & Peace Decision Making: Foreign and Domestic Policies" (Hebrew), the Annual Meeting of the Israel Political Science Association, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- 2013 "Bashar al-Assad's War & Peace Decision Making", the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), IDC Herzliya
- 2012 "Bashar al-Assad's War and Peace Decision Making", The 8th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (together with Maya Stockman)
- 2011 Thesis presentation (poster), the Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies

Volunteer Activities

- 2009 – 2010 Activist in IDC's Student Body
- 2008 – 2009 The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
 - Research Assistant - 'Hosen' project (aimed at building national resilience to terrorism)
 - Coordinator of 'Terrorism and Instability in Lebanon' workshop during ICT's 8th International Conference (September 2008)
- 2001 Nitzan - the Israeli Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
 - Child's tutor

Languages

- Mother tongue: Hebrew
- Total fluency in reading, writing and speaking: English
- Good fluency in reading, writing and speaking: Arabic

Fields of interest and research

Decision making, foreign policy, Middle East studies, negotiation strategies, conflict resolution, intelligence studies.



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David MORĂRESCU

An aspiring diplomat who believes in the power of the handshake and masters the art of negotiation. A highly motivated, passionate and proven hardworking individual with strong analytical and communication skills. Currently a part-time MA student in Brussels he is currently working at the European Parliament, where is putting forward his knowledge, credentials and enthusiasm.



EDUCATION

MA student (Sept. 2016 - Aug. 2018)

University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies

- International Conflict and Security
- International Migration

Exchange student (Sept. 2015 - Oct. 2015)

Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs

BA student, magna cum laude (Oct. 2013 - Jul. 2016)

Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC), Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy

- Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security
- Global Affairs and Conflict Resolution

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Diplomacy
- Conflict Resolution
- International Relations
- Counter-terrorism
- Homeland Security
- EU Public Affairs



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trainee (Sept. 2017 – present)

European Parliament

- Support in policy, drafting summaries and briefings
- Meetings with stakeholders
- Communication and event organizing

Security analyst intern (Mar. 2015 – Jun. 2015)

Embassy of Romania to the State of Israel

- Issued weekly reports on the security situation in Israel
- Attended diplomatic events and conferences
- Assisted the consular section with procedural work

Policy analysis intern (Aug. 2014)

Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dept. of Analysis and Policy Planning

- Involved in the daily activities of the Department
- Closely monitored asymmetric warfare in the Middle East
- Assisted in planning the Romanian Annual Diplomatic Reunion

VOLUNTEERING

- 15th Annual Herzliya Conference (Jun. 2015)
- IDC representative - “2Day Ambassador” international conference in Bucharest, Romania (2014 – 2015)
- IDC Marketing Department (2013 – 2016)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Romanian: native
- English: full proficient user
- Hebrew: intermediate user
- French: basic user

OTHER AWARDS & COMPETENCES

- IDC merit scholarship award
- IDC Dean’s List scholastic distinction
- Sports (running, mountaineering, swimming)
- Magen David Adom first aid certificate
- EU driver’s license



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Hans KLEMM **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the** **United States of America**

On September 21, 2015, Hans Klemm assumed the duties of the Ambassador of the United States of America to Romania. Previously, Ambassador Klemm served as Acting Director General of the Department of State; the Senior U.S. Official to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum; Coordinator of all U.S. civilian and military rule of law programs in Afghanistan; and as the U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

In addition to multiple tours in Japan, Ambassador Klemm worked at U.S. Embassies in Bonn, Seoul and Port of Spain.

Ambassador Klemm was graduated from Indiana University (B.A.) and Stanford University (A.M.), and is married to Mari Kano.



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Felipe Alvarez DE TOLEDO

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Argentina



Category: Minister Plenipotentiary 1st Class

Birthdate: 04/01/1955

Place of birth: Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic

Marital status: Married, 4 children

University Studies: Agricultural Engineer (UNBA, 1979).

Others Studies:

- Course International Trade Bank of Boston, Buenos Aires 1985
- IV Course of International Commerce (ICE, Instituto de Comercio a'll Estero), Roma, 1986
- International Relations Course, ISEN, Buenos Aires, 1993

Languages: advanced English and Italian; knowledge of French and Arabic

- **April 1984:** Join Economic and Foreign Commercial Service as third Secretary
- **1984-1986:** Export Office Section
- **August – December 1986:** Scholarship in Italy (ICE, International Commerce).
- **1987-1992:** Argentine Embassy of Egypt. Head of the economic and commercial section. INVAP company representative during the tender process and the negotiation process by which the Egyptian government acquires an experimental 5MW nuclear reactor.
- **December 1991:** Second Secretary
- **February 1993:** Back Argentina. Directorate General of Promotion of Foreign Trade
- **August 1993 – August 1996:** North America Section
- **September 1996 – February 2005:** Deputy Chief of Mission at the Argentina Embassy of Republic Syria. Politic, Consular, Commercial Sections in Syria, Jordan and Iraq
- **June – July 1999:** Charge d'Affaires in Lebanon
- **August 2000 – February 2001:** Charge d'Affaires in Iran
- **March 2005 – August 2007:** MERCOSUR Section. Head of the Argentina Delegation on Free Trade Agreements / Preferences Extra-regional fixed MERCOSUR with other countries or blocs (Israel, South African Custom Union (SACU) and Gulf Cooperation Council (CCG))
- **August 2007:** Consul at the General Consulate and Promotion Center of Argentina in Barcelona
- **December 2010 – March 2014:** General Consul at the General Consulate and Promotion Center of Argentina in Barcelona
- **December 2015:** Designated at Ambassador to Rumania.
- **October 2014 – September 2016:** Charge d'Affaires in Syria
- **October 2016:** Ambassador to Rumania.



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Sergey MINASYAN **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the** **Republic of Armenia**

Date and Place of Birth

April 03, 1977, Dilijan, Armenia



Education, Trainings and Fellowships

- 2013 Doctor of Political Sciences (Dr. Sci, Political Sciences-International Relations)
Institute for National Security Studies, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia,
Yerevan, Armenia
- 2013 Rumsfeld Foundation Fellowship
Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA
- 2013 Visiting Researcher
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University,
Washington DC, USA
- 2011-2013 Post-Doctoral Studies in Political Sciences
Institute for National Security Studies, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia,
Yerevan, Armenia
- 2011 U.S. Department of State, International Visitor Leadership Program on
Conflict Resolution, Washington, DC, USA
- 2011 Wider Europe Security Initiative Security Cluster, Fellowship Project, Aleksanteri Institute,
Helsinki University and Tampere Peace Research Institute, Helsinki - Tampere, Finland
- 2009-2010 Yerevan School of Political Studies of the Council of Europe, Yerevan, Armenia – Strasburg,
France
- 2004 Methodological Institute of International Relations, Academic Educational Forum for
International Relations and MacArthur Foundation, Tarusa, Russia
- 2002 PhD in Military History
Institute of History, National Academy of Science, Yerevan, Armenia
- 1998-2002 Post-Graduate Studies
Institute of History, National Academy of Science, Yerevan, Armenia
- 1993-1998 MA in International Relations
Department of International Relations, Yerevan State University, Armenia



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Work Experience

- 2013-2015 Research Fellow
Institute for National Security Studies, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia,
Yerevan, Armenia
- 2012-2017 Regional Military Analyst
IHS Jane's Information Group, Yerevan, Armenia - London, UK
- 2011-2017 Local Program Coordinator in Armenia
Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN), Yerevan, Armenia – Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2006-2017 Deputy Director, Head of Department of Political Studies
Caucasus Institute, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2009-2010 Lecturer
Department of International Relations, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2006-2009 Research Fellow
Institute of Political Studies, Administration of the President of the Republic of Armenia,
Yerevan, Armenia
- 2003-2005 Director
Scientific Research Centre for South Caucasus Security and Integration Studies, Yerevan,
Armenia
- 2002-2008 Lecturer
Department of International Relations and Political Studies, Russian-Armenian
(Slavonic) State University, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2002-2006 Research Fellow
Institute of History, National Academy of Science, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2002-2006 Researcher
Caucasus Centre for Iranian Studies, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2002-2003 Lecturer
State Academy of Public Administration, Government of the Republic of Armenia,
Yerevan, Armenia



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Professional Networking

- 2016 - 2017 Strategic Studies Network (SSN), Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, USA - a partnership of institutions from North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of the relationship among politics, natural resources, economics, diplomacy, and military power.
- 2014-2017 Co-founder of the Armenian-Georgian Expert Network that includes experts and practitioners from various institutions and organizations who are involved in the sphere of Armenian-Georgian relations, Yerevan-Tbilisi.
- 2011-2017 PONARS Eurasia, [Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies \(IERES\)](#) at [The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, USA](#) - a network of academics from North America and post-Soviet Eurasia who advance new approaches to research and security in Russia and Eurasia.

Language Skills

Russian, English, Georgian

Marital Status

Married, has two children



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Isabel RAUSCHER

**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
Republic of Austria**



Austrian Ambassador to Romania (since Nov. 2017)
Head of Mission, Austrian Embassy Damascus (2013 – 2017)

Head of Department for the Americas, MFA Vienna
(2008 – 2012)

Deputy Chief of Mission, Austrian Embassy London
(2001 – 2008)

Head of Unit for Central Europe and the Baltics, MFA
Vienna (1998 – 2001)

Deputy Chief of Mission, Austrian Embassy Prag
(1995 – 1998)

Austrian Embassy Warsaw (1991 – 1995)

Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN, New York
(1990)

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vienna (1989)
MA Webster University Vienna, International
Relations

Alumni of the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Polish



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Davor VIDIŠ **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Croatia**

Born:

- March 12, 1962, Samobor, Croatia

Marital Status:

- Married, with three children

Languages:

- English, Slovakian, Czech, German

Education:

- 2014 - PhD. in Information's and Communication Science at the University of Zadar;
- 2003 - MSc. in International Relations at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb
- 1998 - completed a course at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration;
- 1992 - graduated in Journalism at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb;
- 1987 - graduated in Cartography at the Geodetic Faculty, University of Zagreb;
- Elementary and high-school education in Zagreb.

Career and professional experience:

- 2015 – appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Croatia to Romania
- 2014 - 2015 – Head of the Office of the Croatian Embassy in Vilnius;
- 2012-2014 - Director for Southeast Europe at MFEA;
- 2008-2012 – Director General for Neighboring Countries and South Eastern Europe at MFEA;
- 2007-2008 - Head of the Croatian Government's Liaison Office in Pristine;
- 2007 - Ambassador in the MFEA;
- 2004-2007 - Consul General in Subotica, the Republic of Serbia;
- 2004 - Chargé d' Affaires a. i. at the Croatian Embassy in Belgrade;
- 2003-2004 - Head of the Department for Eastern Neighboring Countries at MFEA;
- 2001-2003 - Head of the Section for Neighboring Countries at MFEA;
- 1999-2001 - Minister Counsellor at the Croatian Embassy in Bratislava;
- 1997-1999 - Diplomatic Counsellor at the Croatian Embassy in Belgrade;
- 1994-1997 - Spokesman for the Office of the Croatian Government in Belgrade;
- 1993 - Employee of MFEA.





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Vladimír VÁLKY

**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
Czech Republic**



Date of birth: 9 March 1959

Education:

- 1978 – 1982 University of Economics in Bratislava, Faculty of Trade
- Master of Science (M. Sc.)
- 1993 – 1994 Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Law (postgraduate studies)

Professional career:

- 1982 – 1985 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Finances
- 1985 Czechoslovak Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, Official
- 1986 – 1987 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Finances, Head of Accountant Unit
- 1987 – 1990 Czechoslovak Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, Attaché
- 1990 – 1991 Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Department of Finances

- 1991 – 1993 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inspection General, Deputy Director
- 1993 – 1997 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inspection General, Director
- 1998 – 2002 Consul General of the Czech Republic in São Paulo, Brazil
- 2002 – 2003 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Internal Audit Department, Director
- 2003 – 2006 Commissioner General Office EXPO 2005, Deputy Commissioner General
- 2005 Pavilion of the Czech Republic in EXPO 2005 Aichi, Japan, Director
- 2006 – 2007 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chief Accountant Department, Director
- 2007 – 2010 Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Republic of Angola and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe
- 2010 – 2011 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inspection General, Director
- 2011 – 2012 Ambassador-Chargé d'Affaires of the Czech Republic to the Republic of Albania
- 2012 – 2013 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal and Consular Section, coordinator for e-Government
- 2013 – 2015 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inspection General and Internal Audit, Director
- January 29, 2015 – present Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Romania

Languages: Czech, Slovak, English, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian



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Marco GIUNGI

**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
Republic of Italy**

Marco Giungi è nato ad Ancona il 4 ottobre 1962 e si è laureato in Giurisprudenza a Bologna nel 1987.

Dopo il servizio militare come Ufficiale in Marina, nel 1991 entra in carriera diplomatica, prestando servizio presso la Direzione Generale Emigrazione e Affari Sociali. Nel 1992 è all'Ambasciata di Yaoundé, in Camerun, e nel 1996 all'Ambasciata di Seul; in entrambe le sedi ricopre la funzione di vicario dell'Ambasciatore.



Rientra a Roma nel 2000, alla Direzione Generale Affari Politici Multilaterali e Diritti Umani. Due anni dopo è Capo Segreteria della Direzione Generale per i Paesi dell'Asia e dell'Oceania, del Pacifico e dell'Antartide. Successivamente è Console Generale ad Amsterdam e numero due dell'Ambasciata a Pretoria

Nel 2008 è alla Farnesina, presso la Direzione Generale per la Mondializzazione e le Questioni Globali. In seguito passa alla Direzione Generale per gli Italiani all'Estero e le Politiche Migratorie, dove nel 2013 diventa Vice Direttore Generale e Direttore Centrale per i servizi agli italiani all'estero.

Sposato con Federica Bartolini, ha due figlie, Lavinia e Ludovica.

Nel 2008 è stato insignito dell'onorificenza "Ordine al Merito della Repubblica italiana" con il grado di Ufficiale.



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Kisaburo ISHII

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan



Date of Birth: June 11, 1955

Birthplace: Gifu Prefecture, Japan

Professional Experience:

- 2015 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Romania
- July 2014 Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Hokkaido Development, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
- August 2013 Director General, City Bureau (MLIT)
- December 2011 Cabinet Councilor in charge of TPP (Cabinet Secretariat)
- July 2009 Senior Executive Director (Urban Renaissance

Agency)

- July 2007 Deputy Director-General, City and Regional Development Bureau (MLIT)
- July 2006 Director, Policy Division, Policy Bureau (MLIT)
- August 2005 Director, General Affairs Division, National Planning Bureau (MLIT)
- July 2003 Director, City Planning Division, City and Regional Development Bureau (MLIT)
- January 2001 Director, Housing Policy Division, Housing Bureau (MLIT)
- December 1998 Director for General Affairs (Secretariat of Financial Reconstruction Commission)
- November 6, 2015 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Romania

Education:

- March 1979 Graduated from University of Tokyo (LLB)
- 1980 – 1981 Oxford University, St Antony's college

Foreign language: English

Marital status: married



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Lise Nicoline KLEVEN GREVSTAD **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the** **Kingdom of Norway**

Lise Nicoline Kleven Grevstad was employed in the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1990. She has served at Norway's embassies in Brussels, Lisbon, Helsinki and Copenhagen.

In the period 2010-2014 she was ambassador to Estonia.

In 2017 she was appointed ambassador to Romania with side accreditations to Moldova and Bulgaria.

Ambassador Grevstad has her master's degree in political science/international relations with pedagogy and sports as her minors.





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The Netherlands is your partner in development cooperation.

Dutch development cooperation policy

The Netherlands' approach to development cooperation is all about people's rights and opportunities. Everyone should be able to stand on their own feet and have opportunities to develop successful lives. The Netherlands also wants governments in developing countries to provide stability and protect their population.

Ambitions

The Dutch government's three ambitions for development cooperation are:

- eradicating extreme poverty in a single generation
- promoting sustainable, inclusive growth that also benefits the poorest and most vulnerable populations around the world
- enabling Dutch companies to succeed abroad.

Doing what the Netherlands is good at

To achieve results the Netherlands invests in the themes where its expertise lies:

- security
- legal order
- water management
- food and agriculture
- sexual and reproductive health and rights (working towards healthy and wanted pregnancies, safe childbirth and free choice of partner).

Within these themes, particular attention is paid to women's rights, climate change and promoting entrepreneurship.

Aid, trade and investment

Where possible the Netherlands links aid to trade. This contributes to sustainable economic growth worldwide, which benefits people in developing countries – including the poorest and most vulnerable groups in society. And it also provides opportunities for Dutch businesses.

The Netherlands' activities focus on:

- more and better access to international markets
- strengthening the private sector in low- and lower middle-income countries
- promoting trade and investment
- fair taxation
- making production and marketing chains more sustainable.



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Marcin WILCZEK **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the** **Republic of Poland**

September 10th, 2015 – presentation of the letters of accreditation to the President of Romania, Mr. Klaus Iohannis

Date and place of birth: April 25th, 1967, Warsaw

Education:

1991 - Master of Arts, Institute of Applied Linguistics,
University of Warsaw

1994 - National School of Public Administration, Warsaw



Career:

2012-2015	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland	Chief of Staff (Head of Minister's Secretariat)
2008-X.2012	Embassy of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of Turkey	Ambassador
2005-2008	Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Istanbul	Consul General
2002-2005	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Northern Europe Department	Head of Section
1997-2002	Embassy of the Republic of Poland in London	First Secretary/Counsellor
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Head of Section
1994-1997	Europe Department, Section Southeastern Europe	
	Europe Department I (1995)	Desk Officer for Turkey and Albania
	Europe West Department (1996)	
1992-1994	The National School of Public Administration; Warsaw, Poland	student
1992	Air Tours Poland Group Sp. z o.o.	expert
1991-1992	Lot Polish Airlines	expert

Decorations: Knight Cross of the Order of Honour, Hellenic Republic

Civil status: married, 2 children **Foreign languages:** English, French, Turkish.



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Ján GÁBOR

**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
Republic of Slovakia**



Born 05/25/1959 Prešov

Education

He graduated from Gymnasium in Prešov (Slovakia).

In 1982 he graduated from the Law Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague and obtained the title Dr.

Between 1992 - 1993 he graduated from the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. He participated at the study stay also in Greece and France.

Professional career

Ján Gábor worked in the diplomatic service since 1984. During his career he dealt with issues of international law, in particular the negotiation of international agreements.

He worked in various positions at Embassies in Managua (Nicaragua), Washington (USA), Havana (Cuba), as the Ambassador in Dublin (Ireland) and Bucharest (Romania).

He served as the Director General for the Human Section of the MFA (1993 - 1997) and at the same time as a member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on National Minorities (1993-1996). Later he was the Deputy Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in the USA (1997 - 1999); the Head of Diplomatic mission of Slovak Republic in Cuba (1999-2001), the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Ireland (2004-2008). Since October 2012, he held the post of Ambassador of Slovakia in Bucharest (Romania).

Professionally he deals with international politics and human rights issues.

He is married, the wife Danko is a nurse, has two sons Thomas and John.

Interests

Modern music, literature, foreign languages, traveling

Languages: English, Spanish and French



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José Guillermo ORDORICA ROBLES

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States

Guillermo Ordorica (b. Mexico City, 1958) joined the Mexican Foreign Service as a career member in 1993. After achieving the rank of minister in October 2015, he was made Ambassador by the President of Mexico on April 26th, 2017. He is currently Ambassador of Mexico to Romania.

Diplomatic Experience

Prior to being Ambassador of Mexico in Romania he was Consul of Mexico in McAllen, Texas, USA. A signature achievement of his tenure as Consul of Mexico in McAllen is the establishment of TRICAMEX, a consular coordination group formed through his initiative. TRICAMEX unites the McAllen consulates of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico in an exchange of best practices. This group has now been duplicated in cities across the United States where consulates of the four countries can be found. It has become a major strategy in the migration policy of the Mexican government.



He was Consul of Mexico in Boise, Idaho, USA (2013-2015) and Deputy Consul in El Paso, Texas, USA (2011-2013). Thanks to his efforts, the Governor of the State of Idaho made an official visit to Mexico for the first time in history in 2015. In Boise and El Paso, he took a proactive approach to consular protection. He also focused attention on higher education, achieving cooperation agreements between Mexican and American universities and creating foreign exchange opportunities for thousands of students.

In 2004, he was appointed to the post of Director of the Casa de México in the Cité Internationale Universitaire in Paris. While in this post, he succeeded in bringing a full-scale replica of the Aztec Calendar, the only one of its kind in Europe, to be installed in the Cité Universitaire. From 1999-2001, he led the Political Affairs Department at the Embassy of Mexico to the Holy See. Prior diplomatic posts include an assignment to the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C., where he served as an alternate delegate to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture (1988-1991).

In international forums, he has participated as a delegate to the G-6 (1985), G-8 (1986), Ibero-American Summit (1994), General Assembly of the OAS (1994), Rio Group Summit (1999) and the International Conference on Financing for Development (2002).

He has also participated in two high-profile diplomatic training initiatives, in June 2001, when he was invited to a seminar on the Middle East for Latin American diplomats organized by the Government of Israel, and in July 2008, when he traveled to China to for a study tour organized by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA).



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Experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

He has served in several positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico City. He was Deputy Director General, United States Department (2008-2010) and a member of the organizing committee for the North American Leader's Summit (2009). He was Deputy Director General of the Matías Romero Diplomatic Training Institute (2006-2008), Director for Africa and the Middle East (2001-2002), Liaison Director with Congress (1998-1999), Advisor of the Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs (1993-1994) and Advisor for the Undersecretary for Latin America, Cultural Affairs, and International Cooperation (1986-1987). On two occasions, he served as advisor to Secretaries of Foreign Affairs (1987-1988 and 2003-2004).

Other Government Experience

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs commissioned him as an advisor to the Under Secretary of Population and Migration Affairs at the Ministry of the Interior (1995-1997) and later as Chief of Staff to the President of the North American Committee in the Senate, 57th Legislature of the Federal Congress (1997-1998). He was an advisor in the Chamber of Deputies of the Federal Congress, 55th Legislature (1991-1993) and advisor to the Congressional Oversight Committee, State of Mexico 51st Legislature (1991-1992).

Education and Academic posts

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, a Master's Degree in Sub-Saharan African Studies from El Colegio de México, and a Master's Degree in National Security from the Mexican Navy's Centro de Estudios Superiores Navales.

He was a professor in the Department of International Relations at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico City campus, from 2008-2010. He was also the coordinator of the Political Program and professor in the Mexico-US Studies Master's Program at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México from 1985-1986.

He has lectured on international affairs and Mexican history at universities in both Mexico and the United States, including Universidad de las Américas, Universidad Iberoamericana, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, Instituto Matías Romero, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Centro de Estudios Superiores Navales (Mexican Navy), Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, El Colegio de México, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, the Interamerican Defense College, and George Washington University.

Publications

He has written extensively about world politics, Church-State relations, national security, and early Mexican history. His articles have been published in journals such as the Mexican International Relations Yearbook, and in magazines like Cuadernos Fronterizos (Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez), Examen, Revista de la Universidad Autónoma de Tabasco, Revista Mexicana de Política Exterior (SRE), Nuntium (Pontificia Università Lateranense, Roma) and Foreign Affairs in Spanish.



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He has authored the following books:

- Towards a new perspective on International Relations. (Hacia un nuevo enfoque de las relaciones internacionales). Serie Cuadernos. Ed. Instituto Matías Romero, México (1989).
- Global turning point: an analysis of East-West relations and world problems. (Parteaguas global: un análisis de las relaciones este-oeste y los problemas mundiales). Serie Cuadernos. Ed. Instituto Matías Romero, México (1991).
- Opinions and reflections on Ernesto Zedillo. (Ernesto Zedillo, opinión doctrina). Coauthor with Cabrera, Molina Piñeiro, Berlín Valenzuela, et al. Ed. El Día. Publicaciones Mexicanas S.C.L., México (1994).
- Reflections on Mexican domestic and foreign policy. (Reflexiones sobre política interna y exterior de México), with prologue by Rosario Green, Former Secretary of Foreign Relations of Mexico. Ed. Fundación Colosio, A.C. Nacional, México (1997).
- Cultural institutions of the Holy See. (Las instituciones culturales de la Santa Sede). Ed. Embajada de México ante la Santa Sede, México (2000).
- Mexico's foreign policy challenges in the 21st century. (Los retos de la política exterior de México en el Siglo XXI). Coauthor with Lajous Vargas, Ortíz Monasterio, Zabalgaitia Trejo, et al. Serie Cuadernos, nueva época. Ed. Instituto Matías Romero, México (2000).
- The finances of the Mexican federal system. (Las finanzas del sistema federal mexicano). Coauthor with Suárez Dávila, Meade, Chuayfett, et al. Ed. Cámara de Diputados del H. Congreso de la Unión, LXII Legislatura, México (2006).
- The Vatican State and its international presence. (El Estado Vaticano y su presencia internacional). Ed. Instituto Matías Romero, México, primera edición 2004, segunda edición actualizada 2008.
- Hernan Cortes and Bartolome de las Casas: for a reconciled Mexico. (Hernán Cortés y Bartolomé de las Casas: por un México reconciliado), with an introduction by Doctor Javier Garcíadiago, President of El Colegio de México. Ed. Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, México (2013).
- Rethinking Mexico's National Security. (Repensando la seguridad nacional de México). Coauthor with Rosas, Aragón Fuentes, Rubio Márquez, et al. Ed. Centro de Estudios Superiores Navales. Secretaría de Marina, México (2013).
- México Siglo XXI: 85 años de trabajo para el engrandecimiento de la Nación. General Coordinator of the five books of this collection and coauthor. PRI, Mexico (2015)



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- In the Guadalajara International Book Fair in 2008, he presented his first novel, Days of Salt (Días de Sal) with a prologue by Fernando Del Paso, recipient of the Premio de Literatura en Lengua Castellana Miguel de Cervantes 2015. Ed. Rosa María Porrúa, México (2008).
- An active journalist for over three decades, he has written for the Mexican newspapers La República, El Nacional and El Día. Currently he contributes to Siempre!, a prestigious Mexican political analysis magazine.

Other distinctions and achievements

He was appointed Knight Commander of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II (2001).

An accomplished athlete, he was national road bicycling champion of the Mexican Sports Confederation (1976) and national swimming runner-up of the Mexican Swimming Federation (1998).

He is fluent in English and Italian. He has also studied French and Swahili.

Personal life

He is married to Mrs. Hartley Miller-Ordorica and has two daughters, Camila and Julia Ordorica.



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S.E. Mons. Miguel Maury BUENDIA **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the** **Holy See**

Arhiepiscop titulat de Italica și
Nunțiu Apostolic în România și
Republica Moldova.

Născut la Madrid la 19 noiembrie
1955.



A făcut studiile primare în Colegiul "Sfântul Stanislau Kotska" al părinților iezuiți (Málaga),
bacalaureatul la Institutul Național "Ramiro de Maeztu" (Madrid), câteva cursuri de muzică în "Real
Conservatorio din Madrid"

Licențiat în geografie și istorie (1979) la Facultatea de Filozofie și Litere de la "Universitatea
Autonomă din Madrid".

A terminat Ciclul instituțional de studii filozofice și teologice la "Seminarul Conciliar din Madrid" și a
primit hirotonirea sacerdotală în parohia "San Francisco de Borja" la 26 iunie 1980.

La 1 iulie în același an a fost numit vicar în Parohia "Preasfânta Treime" din Collado Villalba, unde a
rămas până în octombrie 1984.

Licențiat în teologie dogmatică (1985) la "Universitatea Pontificală din Salamanca"; Doctor în Drept
Canonic (1987) la "Universitatea Pontificală Santo Tomaso in Urbe" (Angelicum) din Roma; după doi
ani de studii diplomatice la "Academia Ecleziasitică Pontificală" din Roma, a intrat în serviciul
diplomatic al Sfântului Scaun, în 1987.

Și-a început misiunea diplomatică a Sfântului Scaun ca secretar în Nunțiaturile Apostolice din Ruanda,
Uganda, Maroc și Nicaragua (1987-1996), ca și consilier în Egipt, Slovenia și Irlanda (1996-2004).

În timpul serviciului diplomatic a desfășurat în diferite moduri slujirea pastorală directă; între
funcțiile exercitate trebuie menționate cele de Capelan al Corpului de "Carabinieri" și al reședinței
surorilor care se ocupă de bătrânii abandonați din Roma, profesor la Seminarul Național din
Nicaragua și profesor la "Liceul italian" din Cairo.

La 8 iunie 1999 a fost numit Prelat de Onoare al Sanctității Sale, de la 1 septembrie 2004 până în iunie
2008 a lucrat în Secțiunea pentru Relații cu Statele din Secretariatul de Stat al Vaticanului.



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La 19 mai 2008, Sanctitatea Sa Papa Benedict al XVI-lea l-a numit arhiepiscop titular de Italica și nunțiu apostolic în Kazahstan, Kirghistan și Tadjikistan. La 12 iunie 2008 a primit consacrarea episcopală în bazilica "Santa Maria Maggiore" din Roma avându-l ca episcop consacrat pe Eminența Sa Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Secretar de Stat al Sanctității Sale

La 5 decembrie 2015, Papa Francisc l-a numit pe Mons. Maury Nunțiu Apostolic în România, în data de 19 ianuarie 2016 a prezentat scrisorile de acreditare la București, iar în data de 3 martie 2016 la Chișinău, Republica Moldova.

Mons. Maury a reprezentat Sfântul Scaun în diferite Conferințe și Congrese internaționale și cunoaște italiana, engleza, franceza, slovena, rusa și româna.



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Dan A. PETRE

Director General of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute

Dan A. Petre was appointed Director General of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute in January 2013. Before assuming this position, he was State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania (May 2012 – January 2013).

Dan Petre was State Counselor, head of the diplomatic office, to President of Romania Emil Constantinescu (1996-2000) and is programme director on the Board of the I.C. Bratianu Liberal Institute.

A graduate of the History and Philosophy Faculty of Bucharest University, of the École des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales in Paris, visiting research fellow with the School of European Studies of Sussex University, UK, and with Université Libre de Bruxelles, Dan Petre taught at the University of Bucharest – the Faculty of Political Science, and the International Relations and European Studies section of the Faculty of Letters, and was a guest lecturer at the National Defense University – College of Multinational Operations and College of National Defense. He was senior research fellow of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, where he gave many lectures.

Author of many scientific and other articles, Dan Petre was awarded by the President of Romania the National Order of Loyal Service, in the rank of Grand Officer, and also holds other orders awarded by several foreign countries.





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Director of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute



Simona Spinaru was appointed Director of the MFA's Romanian Diplomatic Institute in May 2017. A career diplomat with the rank of minister-counselor, Simona Spinaru joined the Romanian MFA in 2003, fulfilling various responsibilities within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the diplomatic service abroad.

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Nir ALKABETS



On the January 1st 2017 I had retired from the national cyber unit of the Israeli Police as the head of investigations and deputy chief of the unit, after 23 years of service.

I had opened a law firm that deals mostly with cyber-related cases (at both criminal and civilian courts) and I am also the co-owner of CMOS LTD, a company that provide cyber strategy, crisis management and incident response supervision for organizations such as banks, insurance companies etc.

I have both LLB and LLM academic degrees, and a bachelor major of the Middle East and history.

I am a computer programmer for approx. 37 years (from the age of 7-8 years old) and I had numerous professional courses (network management, Unix administrator, object oriented programing, hacking defined for law agencies and many more) regarding this domain.

Some subjects I provide lectures about:

- Dos (Denial of service) attacks – how it is done by hackers?
- Dark net – deep web – what is it? How do criminals use the deep web?
- Internet anonymity – ways of anonymizing and ways of revealing the true identity of a perpetrator.
- Steganography and data encryption – threats and solutions.
- Web extortion – sex related extortion acts – ways of prevention.
- Digital evidence – big data challenges and overcoming encryptions.
- Cryptographic currency (bitcoin, etherium etc) and blockchain methodology – what are the new threats this technology doesn't reveal?
- IIGCI - Interpol global center for innovation, located at Singapore and its activities.
- Law enforcement cooperation's regarding cybercrimes and money laundering investigations.
- Crimes against children – how do children become victims to pedophiles? How can the pedophiles be located? Ways for locating missing children that are being abused by pedophiles?



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Actual cases I had led, and present to students:

1. In a leading credit card company in Israeli, was investigated for prohibited transactions, which constitute money laundering offenses, by using a different code than required and the creation of transactions in the amount of billions of shekels. After a long and complex investigation, the cyber interrogators managed to produce evidence against the company and its managers, and that ended with a payment of 100 million NIS! (a fine).
2. A hacker extorted a large company and threatened to distribute personal details of customers if no significant ransom money was paid. To do this he used an anonymous wireless Internet connection, each time from different cafes. Negotiations, forensics, and the integration of advanced technological capabilities led to the real-time detection of the suspect, while he was sending another email from one of the cafes
3. Another hacker extorted a stock company through emails sent from the deep web. He did so under the guise of protecting minors, and to that end he planted pedophile content on the company's servers and demanded money as compensation and for not revealing the information and cause a significant damage to company. The offender was located abroad and when landed in Israel, was arrested, after a short interrogation he had confessed his crimes, and later was convicted.
4. A man extorted a bank and a major credit card company in Israel and threatened to expose the details of their customers on the Internet. Thanks to intensive negotiations and the use of creative, technological and research tools, it was found that the surfer used the "deep web" and got online from a cafe in a distant country. Corporations with sensitive information of their customers, such as credit card companies and banks, should examine who has access to sensitive information in advance, in order to prevent their exposure to unauthorized persons and thus avoid these unnecessary situations. These organizations need much more than firewalls and cyber protection tools. They need to know where the sensitive information is located, and then examine how to prevent its exposure outside the company, as well as to examine in depth who has access to it within the company and the degree of risk of exposing it. If the cyber crisis is already out of control, it must be managed correctly by professionals that cybercrime investigations are exactly their field of expertise.
5. The murder of the boy Ofir Rahum shocked the whole country. "They succeeded in killing Ophir because of the Internet," the newspaper headlines shouted. The boy was kidnapped and murdered because of the use of cyber warfare. The decoding of the ICQ chat algorithm, using the victim's computer, led to the identification of the incriminating information about the terrorist and abductor, Amneh Mona.
6. Israeli cybercriminals who broke into US banks and stole 80 million customers' information, were able to do so using a special and sophisticated method-the suspects had also encrypted their data while using a unique technology to disguise the incriminating information about them. The banks have had two major problems: the first was a computer system miss



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handling: the bank did not anticipate the penetration of its computerized systems at the technological level. The other was vulnerability to Social engineering methods: criminals could and did exploit the "soft spots" of their employees and customers, thereby collecting data that can be used to infiltrate the bank and steal information under a disguise of innocent customers.

7. "An illegal sports betting internet site was discovered, which rolled approximately 340 million NIS," the headline screamed. What has not been published is the sophisticated way in which the criminals were caught. The use of virtual tools to investigate the extent of money laundering offenses enabled cyber investigators to locate and view the scope of the offense from the offender's point of view and to determine his assets equal to the value of the offense. A combination of creative solutions and the use of extensive technological knowledge led to the production of evidence that accurately reflected the scope of the money laundering offense. If such actions were not carried out, the judicial proceeding would have been harmed
8. As part of the Prime Minister's investigations, in which he was tried and sent to prison, evidence was analyzed and identified from a government ministry for a long period of time, by restoring the Exchange software to relevant versions. This was done using backup tapes and the creation of diaries to be presented as evidence in court. Like ministers and prime ministers, every serious company must know how critical its information can be, even when it all seems impossible. Due to persistence and some creative actions, the relevant information about the Prime Minister and others was exposed, even though it was old, while colleagues in the profession raised an eyebrow and did not believe that valid digital evidence could indeed be found and produced under these circumstances.



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