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JSIA discussion panel on “Upheavals in West-Asia: A View from Jerusalem”

SPEAKERS



MS. TANIA BERG-RAFAELI
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Ms. Tania Berg-Rafaeli was born in France in 1975 and immigrated to Israel in 1996. She studied History and Linguistics (B.A.) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Translation Studies (M.A.) at Bar-Ilan University. Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001 and hold different positions, first as a translator, then as a Training Coordinator in MASHAV (Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation) before joining the Cadet Course for Diplomats. During her career, she accomplished several missions including representing Israel at the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) at the UN in New York and participating in an international seminar on International Negotiations held in ENA (Ecole Nationale d'Administration) in Paris. In the summer of 2010, she arrived in India to serve as First Secretary in Public Diplomacy at the Embassy of Israel in New Delhi. She is married and the proud mother of 3 children.

Mr. Shimon Mercer-Wood has been covering Political Affairs at the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi since October 2010. His current duties involve analysis of the political scenario in India and liaison with different political actors, as well as promoting bilateral cooperation projects in fields such as Higher Education, R&D and water management. Prior to his posting in New Delhi, Shimon served in the South Asia and in the Africa departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem and served as a Press Officer at the Israeli Embassy to the Court of St. James in London. After completing his compulsory three-year military service, Shimon studied International Relations at the LSE and spent a year working as Business Development Consultant in Tel Aviv.

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