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“Jindal Centre for Israel Studies (JCIS), affiliated to Jindal School of International Affairs, is one initiative trying to change perceptions and introduce contemporary Israel to young Indian scholars.”

–The Jerusalem Post, 2 April 2015

About Jindal Centre for Israel Studies

Jindal Centre for Israel Studies (JCIS), first of its kind in India and the wider South-Asia was established in August 2012 to promote the knowledge of Israeli Culture, Politics and Society as well as the study of Jewish Identity. JCIS is based in the Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA) at O.P. Jindal Global University and offers elective courses on Israel as a part of JSIA's MA in Diplomacy, Law and Business [M.A. (DLB)] and Jindal Global Law School's BALLB program.

The field of Israel Studies is an important area of geo-politics in Middle East Studies and it has been gaining a growing audience in India. Through the initiatives of Dr. Rohee Dasgupta and Dr Khinvraj Jangid, JCIS has been engaging graduate students from India, Afghanistan, Mozambique, Kenya and South Africa in the study of modern Israel and organizing academic conferences. Israel Studies appeals to JSIA graduate students because of its interdisciplinary connections with sub-disciplines like race, peoplehood, culture, identity, history, regional conflict and spatial coexistence in the Middle East.

The Embassy of Israel in India has co-organized discussion panels and co-organized on-campus cultural events by Israeli artists and musicians in the spirit of bonhomie with the centre.

JCIS has fostered institutional networks and academic exchange on Israel Studies with the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, USA, Tel Aviv University, IDC Herzliya and Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Additionally, it has collaborated with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC over projects on Holocaust and Genocide Education.

Jindal Centre for Israel Studies: Aims and Objectives

- JCIS aims to carry out research on Israeli Culture, Society and History, Jewish Identity, Holocaust Education, American-Jewish Diaspora and Israel as well as Contemporary European Jewry and Israel.
- It intends to build a research colloquium of scholars through seminars/workshops/discussion panels on Modern Israeli Politics, Culture, Society and Economy and the betterment of Israeli-Arab Relations (including Israeli-Palestinian Relations).
- JCIS aims to build a research network among academic and policy makers to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Israel.
- Promote learning of Hebrew as a language among graduate students in JSIA.
- It welcomes students to write M.A. and Ph.D. dissertations on Israel Studies.



Faculty of Shalem College, Jerusalem, at JGU for an immersion program, July-August 2018

Jindal Centre for Israel Studies: Faculty



Dr. Rohee Dasgupta is Professor and Executive Director of the Centre for European Studies and Convener of Jindal Centre for Israel Studies at the Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), O.P. Jindal Global University, India. She has a MA in Diplomatic Studies, a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Program (TLHEP) and a Ph.D. in Law (specializing on Legal Anthropology) from the Research Institute for Social Sciences, Keele University, United Kingdom. By research she is an anthropologist of Jewish Identity and Culture. Her Ph.D. was on Renewal of Polish Jewish Identity and Rights in Poland post 1945. Before her fieldwork in Poland she participated in a doctoral training in Holocaust Studies organized by the Research Centre for Holocaust and Twentieth Century History, Department of German at Royal Holloway, University of London, University of Manchester, the Arts and Humanities Board and the Wiener Library in the UK. She has held visiting fellowships at the Simon Dubnow Institute of Jewish Culture and History at Leipzig University, Germany; European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) Summer School, organized by the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University and the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education, United States Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C., USA. She is currently studying the nature of American-Israeli Sister city partnerships. Jewish communities in St. Louis, MO and Yokneam-Megiddo, Israel is the first of such case-study where she has conducted ethnographic fieldwork. She completed her second MA in in Jewish Education at the Melton Center for Jewish Education, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

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Dr. Khinvraj Jangid is Assistant Professor & Co-Director of Jindal Center for Israel Studies. He holds Ph.D. in Politics from School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. His research explored the episode of revisionist history-writing, known as New History, in Israel of the first Arab-Israel War, 1948. His PhD work was selected for the prestigious international Sylff Award (2009-2012) by the Tokyo Foundation, Japan. He spent a semester at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel for field research. Post PhD, he is working on Re-Constructing Nations? A Comparative Study of the Historical Narratives in India and Israel. The project is a comparative study of the changes in the historical narratives of the emergence of the Israeli and Indian states in the 1940s. The aim of this study is to examine the inter-relations that exist between national-identity, history-writing and religious nationalism. Dr. Jangid has spent a year at the David Berg Institute for Law & History, Tel Aviv University as a post-doctoral fellow during 2018-19.

Before joining JGU, he taught for a semester (2014) at Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Since 2010, he also has been visiting faculty at the Indian Society of International Law, V K Krishna Menon Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. Jangid holds life-long membership of Tokyo Foundation as Sylff Fellow for his academic and research pursuits. He also holds a SIIS Fellowship with the Schusterman Centre for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, USA.

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Professor Raanan Rein, Vice President, Tel Aviv University with Dr. Rohee Dasgupta and Dr. Khinvraj Jangid in Israel



Ambassador Daniel Carmon, Israel's Ambassador to India giving a graduate seminar

Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)

JCIS is part of Jindal School of International Affairs, India's first Global Policy school enhancing Indian and international capacities to analyze and solve world problems. It intends to strengthen India's intellectual base in international relations and Area Studies that have hitherto been largely neglected by Indian academic institutions. JSIA offers a Master of Arts in Diplomacy, Law and Business [M.A. (DLB)]. The program is the first of its kind in Asia, drawing upon the resources of global faculty in Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global Business School, as well as the Jindal School of International Affairs to create a unique interdisciplinary pedagogy. JSIA has also launched a three-year B.A (Hons.) in Global Affairs. JSIA publishes the Jindal Journal of International Affairs (JJIA), a critically acclaimed bi-annual academic journal featuring writings of Indian and international scholars and practitioners on contemporary world affairs. JSIA has a number of

student exchange programmes with some of the top graduate schools in international affairs. These include Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), U.S.A.; Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, U.S.A.; School of International Service, American University, U.S.A.; Ryerson University, Canada; Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Wrocław; University of Warsaw, Poland; Institute for European Global Studies, Basel University, Switzerland; Centre for European Studies, Katholieke Universiteit (KU), Leuven, Belgium; Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University, The Netherlands; University of Leeds; Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom; National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan; Kyung Hee University, South Korea; Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University and Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel.



Ditza Froim, Minister Counsellor, Public Diplomacy Embassy of Israel in India, during her lecture at JSIA

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is a non-profit global university established by the Government of Haryana and recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC). JGU was established as a philanthropic initiative of its Founding Chancellor, Mr. Naveen Jindal in memory of his father, Mr. O.P. Jindal. JGU is one of the few universities in Asia that maintains a 1:10 faculty-student ratio and appoints faculty members from India and different parts of the world with outstanding academic qualifications and experience. JGU is a research intensive university, which is deeply committed to its core institutional values of interdisciplinary and innovative pedagogy; pluralism and rigorous scholarship; and globalism and international engagement.



Professor Benny Morris, Dr. Shimon Lev & Professor P. R. Kumaraswamy at a panel discussion during a JCIS conference

JGU has established eight schools: Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), Jindal Global Business School (JGBS); Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA); Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP); Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities (JSLH); Jindal School of Journalism & Communication (JSJC); Jindal School of Art & Architecture (JSAA) and Jindal School of Banking & Finance (JSBF). JGU has been granted with "Autonomy" by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, for receiving the "A" Grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This makes JGU the only private university in the state of Haryana and one of the only two private universities in India to be given the status of autonomy.

In 2018, JGU broke into the QS Asia University Rankings 2019. JGU is the youngest Indian university to break into this prestigious international ranking. Having been ranked among the top 450 universities in Asia, the ranking places JGU in the top 3% of over 13,000 universities in Asia. JGU was also ranked as the youngest Indian University in the QS BRICS University Rankings 2019 across five major countries that comprise the BRICS group (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and places JGU among the top 3% of 9,000 universities. In 2018, JGU was awarded the second rank in Swachh Campus Ranking 2018 of all higher education institutions in India.

Israel Studies Courses at JCIS

Jindal Centre for Israel Studies at JSIA offers three electives: Politics of Co-existence: Israel and the West-Asia and Antisemitism, The Holocaust and Israel: Interdisciplinary Perspectives taught by Dr. Rohee Dasgupta and Introduction to Israel-Palestine Conflict taught by Dr. Khinraj Jangid. These courses are cross-registered across schools at O.P. Jindal Global University. In addition to class room teaching and learning JCIS engages students in international webinars with its partner institutions and guest lectures by visiting international scholars.

Visiting Faculty Courses from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

February 2019: Dr. Yael Berda, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

February 2018: Professor Menachem Hofnung, Professor, Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Immersion Programs conducted for Israeli students at JGU

25 July – 16 August 2018: Jindal-Shalem English Immersion Program for a group of students from Shalem College, Jerusalem.

11-16, February 2018: Doing Business in India: Legal Landscape, Business Potential, Cultural Roots and Social Impact for a group of students from College of Law & Business, Ramat Gan, Israel

Forthcoming programs:

24 July – 13 August 2019: Jindal-Shalem English Immersion Program for a group of students from Shalem College, Jerusalem

10-18, April 2019: Business, Innovation and Ecosystem in India for a group of students from Shenkar College, Ramat Gan, Israel



Professor Menachem Hofnung, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, visiting faculty at JCIS - JSIA, February 2018.



Faculty and Student delegation from the College of Law & Business, Ramat Gan, Israel, February 2018

JCIS 2017 Visiting Scholars Program

The visiting scholars program is funded by the Asia Pacific Institute, American Jewish Committee.

February 2017: **Professor Orit Rozin**, Department of Jewish History, Tel Aviv University (The Embassy of Israel in India supported her international travels)

April 2017: **Professor Ilan Troen**, President, Association for Israel Studies, Karl, Harry and Helen Stoll Professor of Israel Studies, Brandeis University and Sam and Anna Lopin Chair of Modern History, emeritus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

August 2017: **Professor Csaba Nikolenyi**, Professor of Political Science and Interdisciplinary Studies and Director, Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies, Concordia University



Professor Ilan Troen, President, Association for Israel Studies, teaching seminar course at JCIS



Professor Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University, teaching seminar course at JCIS

JCIS: Past Academic Events

- International Conference in partnership with Tel Aviv University on **Israel-India Academic Dialogues: Political & Socio-Cultural Crossings**, 16-17 January 2019, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- International Conference in partnership with Hebrew University of Jerusalem on **Contemporary Legal Issues in India and Israel**, 15-17 November 2018
- Workshop on **Israeli Cinema** by Prof. Olga Gershenson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 13-15 March 2018
- Workshop on **Critical Antisemitism Studies** by Dr Charles Asher Small, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, New York, 26-27 February 2018
- International Conference on **After 120 Years: Zionism in Glocal Context**, 6 December 2017
- International Conference in partnership with Tel Aviv University on **India-Israel Academic Dialogues: Political and Cultural Crossings**, 30-31 March 2017
- **Israel at 70: Religious Characteristics and Trends** by Dr. Tomer Persico, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and teaches at the Department for Comparative Religion in Tel-Aviv University, 8 February, 2017
- **Operation Justice: The Trial of 'Ivan the Terrible'** by Michael Horowitz, Attorney-at-Law and Notary, State of Israel, 13 October 2016
- **Between India and Zion** by Dr. Shimon Lev, Tel Aviv, Israel, 18 October 2016
- Conference on **Mass Violence and Memory**, May 18 and 19, 2016
JCIS co-organized the two-day long conference featuring academics from twelve different countries with the Middle East Institute New Delhi and Society for Social Regeneration & Equity in association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.



Workshop on Anti-Semitism conducted by Dr. Charles Asher Small, Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy, February 2018

- Israel Studies Lecture Series by Professor P.R. Kumaraswamy, Jawaharlal Nehru University on: **India-Israel Relations: Normalization and After**, 5 February, 2016 and **Israeli Democracy and its challenges**, 1 April, 2016



With Delegates from IDC Herzliya, Workshop on India-Israel Track-II Dialogues in association with Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi

- Lecture by Professor Uriel Reichman, President, IDC Herzliya, Israel on **University for the 21 Century**, 14 March 2015
- Interactive Session on Foreign Policy Making With Cadets from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel, 9 March 2016
- Lecture by Professor Daniel Pipes, President, Middle-East Forum on **The Middle East in Upheaval: Interpreting and Predicting**, 9 February, 2016



Round-table on Israel Studies with delegates from the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University

- Seminar by Dr. Maina Chawla Singh, American University at Washington D.C., on **Indian Israelis: Ethnicity, Identity and Complexities of the Homeland**, 8 February, 2016
- Public Lecture by Ambassador of Israel Daniel Carmon on **Israel-India Relations: Growing Together**, 4 November, 2015
- Interactive Session with Lay leaders of the Asia Pacific Institute and American Jewish Committee, 14 October 2015
- Seminar by Ditza Froim, Minister Counsellor, Public Diplomacy, Embassy of Israel in New Delhi, on **Public Diplomacy – Perspective of an Israeli Diplomat in India** on Thursday, 9 April 2015
- **India-Israel Track-II Dialogue** had five member delegation from Inter-Disciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel in discussion panels with leading Indian scholars (co-organized with Indian Council of World Affairs at Sapru House, New Delhi), 30 March 2015



Israeli scholars of Contemporary Indian Studies from Tel Aviv University with Prof. Heeraman Tiwari, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Seminar by Professor Efraim Inbar, Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, Israel, ***The Middle East Turmoil and its Implications on Israel***, 25 March 2015
- Guest Lecture by Professor P. R. Kumaraswamy, Center for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on ***Israel-Palestine Conflict: Actors and Ideas***, 18 March 2015
- Seminar by Professor Yudit K. Greenberg, Director, Jewish Studies Program, Rollins College, Florida, on ***Women in the Jewish Tradition: Feminist Responses and Innovations***, 11 February 2015
- Conference on ***Israel Studies*** with scholars from different universities in India and academics from Schusterman Centre for Israel Studies Brandeis University and Tel Aviv University, 9 and 10 December 2013
- Day long research workshop on ***Israel: Perspectives on a State in Transition*** (co-organized with the Middle-East Institute and Centre for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), 12 April 2013
- Guest lecture by Inbal Kivity Ben-Dov, Director of Study Seminars at the International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem International Institute of Holocaust Research on ***Shaping Holocaust Commemoration*** (co-convoked with the Embassy of Israel in India), 19 November 2013
- Discussion panel on ***Upheavals in West Asia: A View from Jerusalem*** (co-convoked with the Embassy of Israel in India) with Israeli Diplomats - Tania Berg-Rafaeli and Shimon Mercer-Wood, 7 February 2013
- Guest Lecture by Dr. Navras Jaat Afreedi, Assistant Professor of Jewish-Muslim Relations and Civilization, Gautam Buddha University on ***The Impact of the Arab-Israel conflict on South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews and how it influences the Foreign Policy in South Asia***, 24 November 2012
- Israeli Ambassador Alon Ushpiz's talk on ***Israel and India***, 23 February 2012



JCIS-JSIA academics with Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Professor Raanan Rein and Ambassador Daniel Carmon at the inaugural panel of the Conference on India-Israel Academic Dialogues: Political and Cultural Crossings, March 2017

HOW TO SUPPORT – JCIS Endowments:

- Endowed Scholarship Fund: **\$3,085,944 (INR 20 Crores)**
- Endowed Chair of Israel Studies: **\$774,000 (INR 5 Crores)**
- Endowed Professor of Israel Studies: **\$774,000 (INR 5 Crores)**
- Visiting Scholars Program: **\$3,085,944 (INR 20 Crores)**

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