

The Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences
The Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy

Annual Report (2007) and Budget (2008)

I. Activities of the School in 2007

a. Research and Publications:

Thanks to the support of the Ford Israel Fund, the school offered student scholarships to MA student and post-graduates writing on the issue of Good Government. The School published five position papers based on the students' work:

1. Doron Navot, "Improper Political Appointments in Israel", January 2007.
2. Dr. Rotem Bresler-Gonen, "Political Appointments in Israeli Local Government", January 2007.
3. Ayelet Rotem, "E-Government in Israeli Local Authorities: a Comparative Analysis", April 2007.
4. Dr. Ravit Hananel, "Corruption and Decentralization in Local-Central Government Relationship: Potential Effects of the New Municipalities Law Proposal (2005)", August 2007.
5. Adv. Rachel Blumental, "The Freedom of Information Law as an Anti-Corruption Tool- The Israeli Experience", December 2007.

The School also published the following papers with the support of Board members contributions:

6. Dr. Tamar Meisels, "Torture and the Problem of Dirty Hands", February 2007.
7. Dr. Dan Ben David, "Soaring Minds – The Flight of Israel's Economists", June 2007.
8. Lior Tabanski, "Anti- Terrorism Struggle in the Information Age: Palestinian Suicide Bombers and the Implementation of High Technologies in Israel's Response 2000-2005", May 2007.
9. General Issac Ben-Israel (Reserves), "The First Israel-Hezbollah Missile War (Summer 2006)", May 2007.
10. "The Annual Local Government Conference" – A collection of position papers and policy recommendations, May 2007.
11. "The Crisis in Darfur, Israel and the Jewish People", Proceedings of a public event for the promotion of awareness to the atrocities taking place in Darfur, October 2007.
12. Dr. Ami Volansky, "The Rise and the Price of the Standards Movement", October 2007.

The School hosted two Visiting Scholars in 2007:

1. Dr. Rosa Alonso I Terme, Senior Pears Fellow. Dr. Alonso is specialist in political economy of economic reforms, corruption and income distribution, and budgets and poverty reduction.
2. Dr. Reuven Gal: Senior Goldman Fellow. Dr. Gal holds a MA in Clinical Psychology from the Hebrew University, and a Ph.D from the University of California, Berkeley. He served as Head of the Behavioral Science Department in the IDF, later becoming Chief Army Psychologist, receiving the rank of Colonel. Dr. Gal was recently appointed by the Israeli Prime Minister to head the program for Civil Service in Israel.

Other Research Activities at the Hartog School:

1. The Anti-Corruption Index Committee – An interdisciplinary committee is currently developing an innovative Corruption Index.
2. The Budget Monitoring Working Group – Representatives from Academia, Government and Israeli NGOs are working together under the auspices of the School to develop practical tools to help civil society in monitoring budget planning and governmental expenditures.
3. Research grants to young faculty: During 2007 the Hartog School awarded two research grants. The first to Dr. Amos Zehavi, from the Departments of Political Science and of Public Policy, will examine the privatization process in education systems in six countries, including Israel. The second grant, to a group of researchers headed by Dr. Dorit Kerett, from the Department of Public Policy, will research the relationship between human capital and the adoption of environmental policies in Israel's local municipalities. Both research grants were made possible by the generous support of the Ford Israel Fund.

b. Workshops and Conferences:

During 2007 the Hartog School organized public events, conferences and round table discussions in order to promote public debate and initiate discussions on topics on the School's agenda.

1. March 2007: Roundtable discussion on the adoption and implementation of e-government tools in Israeli local authorities, with academics, government officials (Ministry of Finance), the private sector, local government representatives and MK.
2. March 2007: Public Conference on political appointments. The participating speakers included former Justice Professor Itzhak Zamir, Mr. Doron Navot and Dr. Bresler-Gonen (Ford grantees), the current Civil Service Commissioner.
3. May 2007 – Debate on the topic: "EU, Israel - Good Neighbors?" Mr. Ramiro Cibrian, the Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Israel and Mr. Michal Zantovsky, the Ambassador of the Czech Republic, participated in a debate organized on campus by the School of Government and Policy in honor of "Europe Day".

4. May 2007: Public Conference: "The Rise and Price of the Standards Movement". The conference was held to mark the release of an international critical review on the topic by Dr Ami Volanski, a Senior Goldman Fellow at the School. Speakers included senior members of the Ministry of Education and academics from various universities, colleges and research institutions including Professor Yuli Tamir, the Education Minister.
5. May 2007: The Third Annual Local Government Conference, with the participation of over 300 local government representatives and The Prime Minister giving the Keynote address.
6. June 2007: "The Crisis in Darfur, Israel and The Jewish People" with the participation of Ms. Ruth Messinger (AJWS), Rabbi Israel Lau, Mr. Assaf Uni (Ha'aretz), Att. Neil Grungras (HIAS), Att. Anat Ben-Dor (TAU), Ms. Simona Halperin (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Ms. Jacqueline Murekatete.
7. Keren Keshet Israel Program on Constitutional Government- A Collaboration between Keren Keshet (The Rainbow Foundation) and the Hartog School. Four times a year, it brings outstanding scholars and journalists from the United States to Israel to share their work with a diverse group of faculty, students, jurists, lawyers, journalists, and government and security officials.

II. School (External) Advisory Board¹

The second annual meeting was held in London on Sunday October 28th, 2007.

Attendees included

- Mr. Stanley Bergman (Chairman of the Board of the School)
- Professor Yossi Shain (Head of the School - Dec 1 2003 to Nov 30 2007)
- Professor Neil Gandal (Head of the School – from December 1 2007)²

Board Members

- Mr. David Altschuler
- Dr. Marion Bergman, MD
- Mr. Calvin Goldman
- Mr. Ira Reiner
- Mr. Jon Mendelsohn
- Mr. Ofer Neeman
- Mr. Jacques Wallage

Observers:

- Professor Zvi Galil, President of Tel Aviv University (TAU)
- Mr. Bobby Goldberg, Chairman of the Board of Governors of TAU
- Ms. Faith Khanyile, Standard Bank, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Judge Diane Wayne, Los Angeles
- Mr. Eli Shahrabany, Director of the Ohio Savings Bank Foundation
- Dr. Gary Sussman, Vice President for Development of Tel Aviv University
- Dr. Sarit Bensimhon-Peleg, Director of Research at the School.
- Ms. Caroline Beck, Hartog School

Chairman Stan Bergman presided over the second international advisory board meeting. He thanked Professor Shain and Dr. Sussman for giving the school a good direction. He then welcomed the new head of the School, Professor Neil Gandal and thanked Bobby Goldberg and Professor Zvi Galil for attending the meeting.

Professor Galil spoke about the importance of advisory boards to TAU. Professor Galil also gave an account of the state of the endowment. Professor Galil and Bobby Goldberg thanked the board members for their dedication and financial support of School activities.

¹ The governance document for the Board is attached at the end of this report.

² The Head of the School is appointed for an initial two year term. The Head can be reappointed for one additional term.

Professor Yossi Shain gave a brief summary of his tenure at the School, highlighting the numerous activities conducted and the publications produced. Professor Gandal and Dr. Bensimhon-Peleg presented the vision for the direction of the School.

Board Members (Term from January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009)

Sir Jeremy Beecham
Dr. Marion Bergman, MD
Ms. Oby K. Ezekwesili
Mr. Calvin Goldman
Dr. Douglas E. Goldman, MD
Mr. Michael Goldberg
Mr. Gilad Hayeem
Mr. Jon Mendelsohn
Mr. Ofer Neeman
Mr. Jonathan Penkin
Mr. Ira Reiner
Mr. S. Anup Singh
Mr. Jacques Wallage

III. Developments in 2008

1. Direction of the School

A key feature of the vision for the School is the initiation of joint post-doctoral fellowships with the Department of Political Science and the Department of Public Policy. Joint Post-docs with the departments will provide the School with top scholars. Some of these post-docs will likely remain at the University in tenured positions; in such a case, their association with the School will become a long-term one. Indeed, this is what the school needs most – long-term internal faculty.

2. The school will initially focus on three research areas. They are

- Diplomacy/Development
- Governance
- Internet and Society

3. The School Budget 2007-2008 Academic Year

The School budget for the 2007-2008 academic year was approved by the School Steering Committee in the same meeting. The total budget allocation from the University amounts to approximately \$120,000. Thanks to generous contributions by Chairman Bergman and other Board members, the School budget will likely reach \$180,000 this academic year. This is the minimum (bare-bones) annual budget needed by the School to retain its small, but efficient staff. (The budget allocation is attached to this document.

4. Post-doctoral Scholar in Development

Thanks to the generosity of the Pears Foundation, the School will be able to fund a post-doctoral scholar in Development over the next two years. We have identified an excellent candidate for the first post-doc position. The candidate has a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the London School of Economics and is an expert in International Development and Ethiopia and Ethiopian Immigration. We are currently in the process of interviewing the candidate. If she indeed joins the School, she would be in charge of the Diplomacy/Development research tract.

5. Symposium in memory of Gad Yacobi

The School will begin an annual one day symposium in January 2009 in memory of Gad Yacobi, a former Israeli Member of Parliament and a Minister in several governments. The annual symposium will focus on topical issues in Israel related to Government and Society. The funding has been already raised by Ms. Yacobi. Dr. Bensimhon-Peleg will coordinate the symposium.

Governance Document: School of Government and Policy Advisory Board

Chairman of the Board:

Role of the Chairman:

- To Advise the Head of the School about the direction of the School
 - To Serve as an “Ambassador” for the School
 - To Approve and Review Board Members
 - To Chair Board Meetings
- Serves for an initial three year term
 - Can serve for multiple additional three year terms

Stanley Bergman’s first three term as Chairman of the Board officially begins on January 1, 2008.

Selection Process (effective January 1, 2011):

- Nominated by Head of the School
- Approval (and reappointment) by agreement of
 - (I) Head of the School and
 - (II) Steering Committee (Majority vote) and
 - (III) School of Government and Policy Advisory Board (Majority vote)

Board Members:

Role of the Board Members:

- To provide advice about the direction of the School
- Serve for an initial two year term
- Can serve for multiple additional two year terms
- Number of Board Members: will not exceed 20

Selection Process:

- Nominated by Chairman or Head of the School
- Approval (and reappointment):
 - (I) Head of the School and
 - (II) Chairman of the Board

The Board members’ first two-year terms officially begin on January 1, 2008.

Meetings:

Once a year

Time and location: Set by Head of School and Board Chairman