



School of Social and Policy Studies
The Gershon H. Gordon
Faculty of Social Sciences
Tel Aviv University

בית הספר ללימודי חברה ומדיניות
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ע"ש גרשון גורדון
אוניברסיטת תל אביב

The New School of Social and Policy Studies at Tel Aviv University

The New School of Social and Policy Studies at Tel Aviv University was established in 2016. Its founding head was named to be Professor Itai Sened and in early 2017 Mrs. Gila Gavish was recruited to be its Administrative Director.

2017 was the year of building and maturing the school to a crown jewel of the TAU Faculty of Social Sciences. The school is made of four departments, The Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the Department of Communication, Labor Studies and Public Policy.

Initially the school started with three undergraduate programs, in Sociology & Anthropology, Communication and Media and Labor Studies. In the two years since its inception we created two new undergraduate programs in Leadership and Human Resources, launched last year and Digital Society to be launched next year.

We started with five Masters program in Sociology & Anthropology, Communication and Media and Labor Studies and added two more Masters program over the last two years in Human Migration (in English) and Conflict Resolution. The school also supports three Executive Masters Program in Labor Studies, Public Policy and Conflict Resolution (in English).

The School also trains over fifty Ph.D. students in its divers Ph.D. programs.

The school was endowed with four Research institutes: The Cohen Institute for Social Surveys (Sociology) the Evans Mediation Center with the Evans Program for Conclit Resolution, The Center for Social Research (Sociology) and the Local Government Institute with Public Policy.

In 2016 the school inagurated the Boris Mints Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions to Global Challenges. Its mission is to form innovative and applicable policy solutions to global challenges through rigorous research in Renewable Energy, Food Security, Conflict Resolution and the Reduction of Inequality. To that end, BMI is supporting TAU's leading researchers and students in various research projects. As a means to train our students with hands-on solutions, BMI organized three seminars in the Arava desert, in co-operation with the Eilat-Eilot renewable Energy Center, on the topics of Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development. In 2017 BMI held two international conferences, putting together world-renowned scholars and top-level policy makers to discuss pressing global challenges: The world's Desertification and the phenomenon of small economies in transition in the countries of the former Soviet Union. BMI had created several international co-operations, which already amount to significant research projects: We are working with TATA Trust in India on sustainable agriculture; cooperating with the ICIPE research institute in Kenya on food security and developing policy solutions for water management and the prevention of land degradation with University of California, Irvine and the University of Malta.

By the End of 2017 the school brought in yet another major research institute: The Academic Institute for Structural Reforms. You will hear a lot more about this Institute next year.



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In 2017 the School experience a significant 10% growth in its student body. Close to 1,000 students are currently enrolled in the different programs of the school with about 50 tenure track and tenured faculty and a similar number of adjunct professors handling the significant teaching load together with a dozen members of the administrative staff.

Prof. Itai Sened, Founding Head
School of Social and Policy Studies
Head of the Boris Mints Institute

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