

We are honored to invite you

To the Annual Conference of the Chaikin Chair for Geostrategy
together with the Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies
in memory of Reuven Chaikin, marking 15 years of his passing

Geostrategy and Naval Aspects

The event will take place on Wednesday, 23 January 2019, 09:00-17:00

Hecht Auditorium, main building, University of Haifa

09:00–09:30 **Gathering**

09:30–10:15 **Opening remarks**

Prof. Gustavo Mesch – Rector, University of Haifa

Prof. Shaul Chorev – Chaikin Chair for Geostrategy; Head, Haifa Research Center for Maritime Policy and Strategy (HMS)

Ms. Hannah Chaikin – Greetings

Granting of Arnon Soffer Scholarship in Geostrategy

10:15–11:45 **First Session – The Significance of the Persian Gulf in the International System**

Chairperson **Prof. Shaul Chorev** – Chaikin Chair for Geostrategy

Dr. Eran Segal – Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, University of Haifa – *Characteristics of Gulf States Stability*

Dr. Soli Shahvar – Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, University of Haifa – *The Security Perception of the Islamic Republic of Iran*

Dr. Moran Zaga – University of Haifa – *The Gulf States' Vision of Regional Leadership*

Dr. Yoel Guzansky – Institute of National Security Studies (INSS) – *The Arms Race (Conventional and Non-Conventional) of the Gulf States*

Discussion among panel members

11:45–12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00–12:30 **Moav Vardi – Kan 11, News Correspondent**
Chances in the Israeli Media Coverage of the Persian Gulf

12:30–14:00 **Second Session – The Significance of the Persian Gulf for Israel**

Chairperson **Dr. Michal Yaari** – Open University of Israel

Prof. Uzi Rabi – Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University – *The Growing Significance of the Arab Gulf States in the Middle East and the Implications for Israel*

Prof. Amazia Baram – The Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Haifa – *Oman's Role as Arbitrator*

Dr. Ronit Marzan – Research Fellow, Chaikin Chair for Geostrategy – *Fatal Attraction – the Palestinians and the Gulf States*

Dr. Mitchell Belfer – President, the Euro-Gulf Information Center (EGIC) – *Between Confluence, Compromise and Conflict: The Changing Arab Gulf Interests in the Arab-Israeli Conflict*

Discussion among panel members

14:00–15:00 **Lunch Break**

15:00–16:45 **Third Session, in Memory of Prof. Naftali Wydra – Shipping and Ports**

Prof. Shaul Chorev – Head, HMS – *Remarks in Memory of Prof. Naftali Wydra*

Dr. Nachum Ganzarski – Faculty of Management, University of Haifa – *Global Trends in Shipping*

Dr. Arie Rona – HMS, University of Haifa – *Future Outlook for Israeli Shipping*

Mr. Eli Glickman – CEO of Zim – *An Israeli Shipping Company in the Age of Globalization*

Mr. Tzvika Shechterman – CEO, Israel Shipyards Port – *Management of a Private Port in Israel*

Dr. Polina Baum-Talmor – University of Southampton – *Once a Seaman, Always a Seaman – Career Development in the Field of Maritime Shipping*

16:45–17:00 **Closing Remarks**

The lecture will be given in Hebrew with Simultaneous translation

Admission by pre-registration only. RSVPs to zmeir@univ.haifa.ac.il

