

**IV International
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Conference
«Bovin Readings»**

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Dear colleagues!

The Department for Israel and Jewish Communities Studies opens registration for the 4th International Academic Israel Studies Conference of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences "Bovin Readings".

If you have any questions or suggestions to the Conference Organizing Committee, please contact:

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In the subject line of the email, please indicate «Bovin Readings».

We will be glad to see you among the participants and listeners of the conference in 2024.

**Registration is open until
July 31st, 2024**



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The consequences of the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the subsequent IDF operation “Swords of Iron” in the Gaza Strip have been identified as the topic of the upcoming IV International Academic Israel Studies Conference “Bovin Readings”. The organizing committee proposes to focus on examining the consequences of these events from the point of view of the domestic situation in Israel, its socio-economic situation and country’s position on the international arena. We also expect to discuss more fundamental issues related to Israeli strategic planning, identify the underlying causes of modern processes and occurrences, present predictive assessments of the development of events in Israel and the Middle East in general.

In this regard, we invite scholars from various fields of Israel Studies, including historians, political scientists, economists, sociologists, anthropologists and others, to join the conference. The participation of young researchers is welcome.



The Organizing committee welcomes any application that is in accordance with main topics listed below, but suggests not to limit the scope of proposed research and presentations solely to them.

Main topics of the conference:

1. Intra-Israeli aspects and consequences of the operation against Hamas.

A planned discussion about the influence of active military operation on the ongoing political crisis in Israel that will allow researchers to exchange views about the effectiveness of decisions made by the “cabinet of war”, to assess inter- and intra-party disagreements regarding the issues of the IDF strategy and tactics, as well as reaching the ultimate goals of the military operation. It would also be a point of interest to determine the prospects for new round of early parliamentary elections after the war ends, as well as to see a reasoned view on balance of powers in Israel and its political establishment based on the results of the elections.



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2. Foreign policy in a state of war.

The impact of the latest round of escalation of tension must be considered in terms of its effect for the formation of current foreign policy goals of Israel, its position on the international stage and in international organizations, as well as the character of bilateral and multilateral cooperation with various states in the Middle East and beyond it, including the prospects for continuing the process of normalization of relations with Arab states. Noteworthy expert opinions on the interests of different groups of Israeli establishment must be studied within the context of creation of new foreign policy realities of this country.

3. The War in Israel's history.

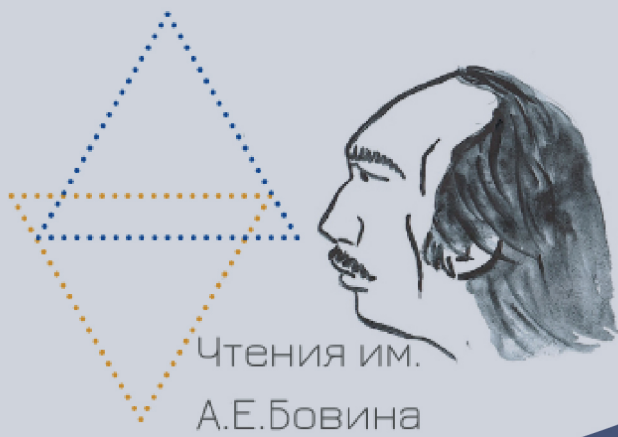
It is possible to draw on the certain aspects of modern policy of Israel that are rooted in the history of armed conflicts with its participation. To present the examples of military-political decisions which were adopted by the leadership of Israel as well as by concrete political figures of this country in the conditions of high tension in the relations with the Palestinians.

4. The Palestinian-Israeli conflict and Jewish communities in the countries of the world.

This section will focus on the perception of wartime realities within specifically the execution of the IDF operation «Swords of Iron» by Jewish communities in various countries worldwide, the way that corresponding attitudes define social opinions at the residential countries, as well as how they influence the possibility of aliyah and other possible problems that Israel might face when accepting new citizens during and after the end of the current regional confrontation.

5. The Israeli economy in the era of regional and global transformations.

There must be a qualified research exploration of the contemporary trends in Israel's economy development, highlighting economic roots of its political transformations, changes in position of Israeli economy within the world economy, the issues of impact of the conflict on economic growth and domestic business activities, as well as prospects of further socio-economic development in the country, considering all achievements of Israel during the years of its existence.



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6. The state of civil society against the backdrop of the war.

It is intended to discuss topics related to the previous and possible new changes in the political ideology of the Israeli society, the demographic indicators of its development, the synergy of various social, ethnic and religious groups under the influence of the conflict with Hamas, as well as the degree of the influence of civil society, non-governmental organizations on political decision-making in wartime conditions.

Has October 7, 2023 become a factor that secured the unity of the Israeli society, or, on the contrary, aggravated the split inside of it? Of particular interest are presentations that examine the specifics of the work of the Israeli media and journalism after October 7, 2023, the role of social networks and social media, the influence of ideological preferences on the coverage of current events and features of stylized language and terminology, the effect on culture, religion, and language.

7. Youth session.

Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate in the conference for test presentation of their research results. The Organizing Committee will assign to each speaker a scientific supervisor from the staff of the Department of Israel and Jewish Communities of the RAS. In addition, each participant of the session will also be a peer reviewer for another participant.