

The Israeli Intelligence Studies Conference 2025

Intelligence Transformations After Failure

Jerusalem, October 28–29, 2025

Call for papers & awards nominations

The Hamas-led surprise attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the multi-front war that followed have sparked global debates about intelligence, security, and adaptation. How can intelligence-policy relations be restructured to improve early warning and crisis preparedness in the wake of failure? What organizational reforms emerge after intelligence breakdowns, and how do they shape future effectiveness? What technological and methodological advancements should intelligence agencies integrate to enhance operations and decision-making, and to what extent? Intelligence failures often serve as catalysts for change, driving institutional learning, structural reforms, and innovation. At a time when intelligence agencies are under intense scrutiny and the demand for resilience is greater than ever, this conference explores the theme **“Intelligence Transformations After Failure.”**

We encourage submissions addressing the following issues, but not limited to them:

- The politics of intelligence (e.g., intelligence-policy relations, intelligence oversight, state inquiries, public trust, ethics of secrecy and espionage)
- Technological, methodological, and cultural dimensions of early warning & intelligence collection, analysis, and operations
- State intelligence relations with the private sector & civil society
- Intelligence education for students & practitioners

Please use submission form: <https://forms.gle/5imAPg2b4c5KBL1N9>

We also invite nominations of excellent research in Intelligence Studies (IS) for the following **awards**:

- Best Book (or monograph dissertation)
- Best Peer-Reviewed Article
- Best Graduate Paper

* Please limit award nominations to manuscripts focusing/commenting on Israeli intelligence or written by Israeli-based scholars ** Manuscripts must be published/accepted/graded after August 2024 *** Manuscripts to be sent as PDF and for graduate papers please include a letter of reference from supervisor(s) **** A single nomination per author is permitted

All materials for nominations should be sent via email: ifisprizes@gmail.com

Deadline: Thursday, July 31, 2025