Invitation to the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy Faculty Seminar

A lecture by:

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On:

Rituals of Apology in the International Arena: Aggravating or Settling Relations? (The Israeli Case)

Monday, February 28th, 2011, 11:45 a.m., Faculty Club, IDC Herzliya Campus

Abstract:

“Apology” and “forgiveness” are relatively new concepts in the political science and international relations literature. The growing academic interest in these concepts stems from the numerous apologetic gestures since the beginning of the 1990s made by state leaders, governments, and religious organizations toward peoples they have wronged in the past. While the field has been the subject of a number of studies, there are still debates regarding the prospects of apologies to promote settlement and the different types of apologies that mark the era as "the age of apology."

The lecture will map types of apologies, identify the communicative characteristics of these apologies, and understand their contribution to settlement processes in the international arena.

Analysis of rituals of apology in which Israel participated as an offender or offended party yielded three types of rituals: Purification, Humiliation, and Settlement. The theoretical and practical implications of these rituals are discussed.

The lecture will be conducted in English.

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