Calling for submissions for the

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Challenges affecting Israel and the Middle East region in 2018 and beyond & proposed solutions

Deadline for Submission: February 1st, 2018

For the fifth year, IDC Herzliya is launching its annual challenge to students to create a written presentation providing potential solutions to specific challenges facing the Middle East.

Submissions should be sent via email to Mr. Stevie Weinberg at: wstevie@idc.ac.il

All submissions will be presented to a professional committee that will select the top four outstanding research proposals to be awarded. The committee includes the founder & president of IDC Herzliya, its provost, Neville Shulman CBE and Emma Shulman and the dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy.

The selection will be made according to the following criteria:
• Quality of work
• Contribution and applicability to current Middle East challenges
• Originality and innovativeness
• ‘Out of the box’, yet practical suggestions

The following candidates will be eligible to submit a proposal:
• Second and third year students currently studying at IDC Herzliya
• Graduate students at IDC Herzliya
• Teaching assistants

Technicalities
• Submissions will be accepted until February 1st, 2018.
• Winners will be announced by April (TBC).
• Submissions must be be made in English, comprising between 7 and 10 A4 pages.
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Each research proposal must include the following documents:
1. The candidate's personal details: full name, address, telephone number, email address, a curriculum vitae, and a list of previous publications (if relevant).
2. A cover letter and statement of purpose written by the candidate, including the following: the research topic reasoning; whether the research proposal has been previously submitted elsewhere (e.g., as a position paper, seminar assignment); and if so, whether it has been/will be published.
3. Proposal of not longer than ten pages, encompassing the following:
   a. The importance of the topic
   b. The research question(s)
   c. A literature review
   d. Methodology
   e. Proposed solutions
   * Candidates need to make sure they receive a confirmation of their submission.

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