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RESEARCH ACTIVITY

URBANISM & SUSTAINABILITY



Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem – 32nd Edition

The Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem presents an up-to-date statistical picture of the city in a wide and diverse range of fields, in tables, graphs, maps and other statistics, along with indicating trends of change that are underway.

The yearbook includes tables and graphs containing updated data on area, climate and environment, population, vital statistics, migration and immigration, standard of living and welfare, employment, business and industry, services, construction and housing, transportation and infrastructure, tourism, education and culture, health, public order, municipal budget, and more.

The 2018 Statistical Yearbook marks the 32nd edition of this publication, issued annually since 1982 by the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research and the Jerusalem Municipality. The yearbook was published in Hebrew & English.

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In collaboration with: Jerusalem Municipality, Jerusalem Development Authority, Leichtag Foundation



Jerusalem Facts & Trends 2018

Published annually since 1995, “Jerusalem Facts and Trends 2018” presents an up-to-date understanding of Jerusalem on a wide range of topics, including demography, employment, education, construction, and tourism. The publication is intended to summarize the main findings of the Institute’s annual Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem using short texts accompanied by graphs and maps, allowing readers to grasp the main trends occurring in Israel’s largest and most complex city. The publication, published in Hebrew & English, analyzes Jerusalem’s complex reality – relating to the city’s diverse population inhabiting the city.

Researchers & Project Coordinators: Michal Korach, Dr. Maya Choshen

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Mapping East Jerusalem Neighborhoods

The Institute is in the final stages of a multi-year research project of mapping the Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem. Each neighborhood is thoroughly studied, collecting data about its population, social structure, needs and deficiencies in public services, construction and development possibilities, the state of infrastructure, the economic state of its residents, planning status, and more.

To construct a picture the project team conducts tours in the neighborhoods and meetings with the residents.

Through today, studies were conducted on Beit Hanina, Sur Baher and Umm Tuba, A-Tur, Wadi Joz, Issawiya, Jabel Mukabber, Abu Tor, and the neighborhoods outside of the security barrier - Kafr Aqab, and Shuafat Refugee Camp. The studies were published in Hebrew and Arabic.

In 2018, the team researched the neighborhoods of Shuafat, East Jerusalem Central Business District, Sheih Jarach, Beit Safafa, Ras al-Amud, Silwan, and the Old City. The project began in 2014 and will be completed in 2019.

Team Leaders:

Prof. Yitzhak Reiter & Dr. Amnon Ramon

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

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The project is funded through an ongoing grant from an Israeli philanthropic fund.



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Jerusalem 2040 - Forecasts & Distribution of Centers of Employment, Study & Activity

The project provided the Jerusalem Master Plan for Transportation Team, with information and insights that led to a new transportation model for the city.

A study of population forecasts and its distribution among traffic areas in Jerusalem and the metropolitan area was completed in the first stage of the project.

On the basis of the first stage, a study conducted in 2018 forecasted employees in employment centers and large activity centers in the city that generate traffic, including schools, centers of employment, large educational and cultural institutions, commercial centers, industrial zones, etc. Simultaneously, a forecast of schoolchildren was prepared, based on the forecast of the population, its distribution among existing and new schools, and in accordance with the projected number of schoolchildren.

The project began in 2014 and was completed in 2018.



Team Leader:

Israel Kimhi

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In collaboration with:

Jerusalem Transportation Master Plan Team

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Quality of Life in Jerusalem

In a survey to understand the causes for Jerusalem's negative migration balance, The Institute identified quality of life as the fourth reason that brings Jerusalemites to migrate out of the city. To understand the meaning and implications of this finding, the Institute is conducting a study on the issue of quality of life in Jerusalem. In 2018, the study focused on examining the main components of high quality of life as perceived by the residents of Jerusalem in the first stage and, in the second stage, on formulating a set of indices adapted to the city of Jerusalem. The study shows that the main components of high quality of life in the city among the general Jewish population are a clean city, efficient public transport, a supply of playgrounds and parks, a well-kept green environment, and quality education. Among the Arab population, two components were preceded: the possibility of building residential apartments and suitable physical infrastructure. In the second stage of the study, indicators pertaining to quality of life in Jerusalem were formulated in each of the issues mentioned above.

The project began in 2017 and will be completed in 2019.



Research Team:

Tami Gavrieli & Michal Korach

In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage and the Jerusalem Development Authority, in the framework of the Jubilee Plan for the Economic Development of Jerusalem in the Years 2017 – 2022

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Ten years ago, a government decision stipulated that all government units must operate from Jerusalem by law, this decision required the transfer of nearly 100 government units that operate in other areas in Israel - mainly in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area.

By early 2018, 91 units were supposed to complete their passage, after the needed office-space was located and prepared for them in several areas in Jerusalem. Despite the government decision, and although the transfer would improve the effectiveness of their work, none of the relevant units completed the transfer to Jerusalem, mostly for irrelevant considerations and ulterior motives.

Conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, this study focuses on the economic potential of completing the transfer of government units to Jerusalem. The study shows that the transfer of the government units operating outside the Jerusalem in to the city could yield direct economic benefits of NIS 382.1 million per year, and bring an additional 9540 workers to the city.



Team Leader:

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In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage and the Jerusalem Development Authority, in the framework of the Jubilee Plan for the Development of Jerusalem in 2017-2022

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Sense of Security of Tourists in Jerusalem

The tourism movement, these days, is forced to contend with the personal security component at almost every visiting site in Israel and abroad. This component manifests an important consideration in selecting a visiting destination. The State of Israel is on the map of the world's sensitive regions regarding terrorist activities and travel warnings issued from time to time.

Since the tourist's personal safety component has significance regarding the scope of the movement of tourism to Israel in general and to Jerusalem in particular, heavy importance is placed on examining the safety perception of tourists visiting the city. This study examined the policy steps adopted by other countries – mainly Europe – regarding security events that took place in their cities and the effect they had on tourism. The study provides a mapping of all the strategies used around the world to deal with tourism crises, mainly focusing on common approaches to deal with terror attacks and their influence on the tourism industry, in light of the increased number of terror attacks in tourist destination in recent years.



Research team:

Israel Kimhi & Omer Yaniv

In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage and the Jerusalem Development Authority, in the framework of the Jubilee Plan for the Development of Jerusalem in 2017-2022

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Short-term rental properties for tourists in Israel and abroad

In recent years, there has been a rapid increase in the number of apartments and rooms offered for short-term rental, mainly as a cheap means of accommodation for tourism purposes. Most of the rental activity takes place through the Airbnb website.

Most properties for rent in Israel are concentrated in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, where they exceed the number of hotel rooms per city. Unlike other accommodation facilities, short-term property owners do not meet many regulatory requirements.

The project dealt with the policy recommendations for Israel pertaining to Airbnb short-term rental properties. The work focused on the scope of the phenomenon in various parts of the country, a historical review of developments in the field worldwide, and regulation policy recommendations.

Research team:

Israel Kimhi & Omer Yaniv

In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Tourism

Here comes the train: Data and scenarios pertaining potential effects of the train connecting Jerusalem metropolitan to Tel Aviv

Since December 2018, 27 trains a day travel the line from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion Airport, and the same number of trains in the opposite direction. Will the train bring a revolution in Jerusalem?

This project examines current data and provides projected scenarios for the potential effects the train could have on Jerusalem. The railway station in Jerusalem is located in a region with good connectivity to most parts of the city and the railway station could attract many travelers to continue foot, bus, or light-train to places of employment, public and culture institutions, or hotels around the city.

Research team: Israel Kimhi & Yair Assaf-Shapira



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Sustainable Transportation

The Sustainable Transportation project came from the understanding that the advancement of sustainable transportation in a city is an important strategic goal for proper urban development, economic development, the advancement of employment and commerce, reduction of heavy traffic and parking problems, and for the enhancement of quality of life for residents.

Following the characterization of different geographic areas and preparatory meetings with authorities in Israel, the project team chose to work with authorities in the Sharon region, including Herzlia, Hadera, Taibe, Tira, Kfar Saba, Netanya, Ra'anana, and Qalansawe.

The project is the result of cooperation between civil society organizations under the direction of the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research and consultation of the Transportation Research Institute at the Technion.

An evaluation study, conducted consistently, examines the implementation of the project and the establishment of a mechanism for cooperation among the authorities. The conclusions and insights from this project will be applied toward the expansion of activities in additional local authorities. The project began in 2017 and will end by 2020.



Team Leader: Tami Gavrieli

Researcher & Project Coordinator: Erela Ganan

Evaluation research: Efrat Saar

In collaboration: The project is funded by an ongoing grant from an Israel philanthropic fund; in partnership with Transportation Today and Tomorrow, Israel on a Bicycle Path, 15 Minutes, and the Institute for Transportation Research of the Technion

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Sustainable Jerusalem

The purpose of this initiative is to strengthen the economic development and financing capacity of the city and to reframe questions and options for Jerusalem's fiscal management towards strategic growth. This will allow a constructive partnership between Jerusalem and the Israel's central government to support continued recovery and growth of the nation's capital. The work is focusing on the following questions:

1. How to utilize Jerusalem's unique role as Israel's capital to stabilize the city's financial base? How to bear and share the municipal costs equitably and efficiently?
2. How to create regional partnerships that expand revenue opportunities from regional developments? And how to capture the new value for the city and region?
3. How to develop new financial tools and mechanisms to expand access to the capital markets for economic development projects throughout the city?

The work is a continuation of joint venture funding from the Jerusalem Development Authority, including a framing workshop held in the spring and a full Financial Innovation Lab held in July.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Steven Zecher, Prof. Glenn Yago, Leora Shoham-Peters, Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner and external consultants

In collaboration with:

The Jerusalem Development Authority, Jerusalem Municipality, The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, The Ministry of Interior, The Ministry of Finance



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Vocational Training: A Tool for Employment Integration of East Jerusalem Residents

Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, is unfortunately also the poorest of its major cities, with a poverty rate of 44% as of 2016. The poorest population group in Jerusalem is the Arab community of East Jerusalem. In order to improve the standard of living among East Jerusalem residents, reduce wage gaps, and bring families out of poverty, changes are needed in the education system and employment infrastructure of East Jerusalem.

The study explores vocational training in East Jerusalem, the current supply and demand and the results in the labor market. We have identified the main barriers and enabling factors for vocational training through high school and post-graduating schools. Based on this research, we have provided policymakers with recommendations regarding ways to improve vocational training as a tool for advanced employment.

The project began in 2017 and was published in Hebrew & English in 2018.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Yamit Naftali, Dr. Marik Shtern

Research Team:

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In Collaboration with:

The Isabel & Alfred Bader Fund - Bader Philanthropies, and the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, The East Jerusalem Development and Entrepreneurism Unit

Economic Effects of Land Arrangements in East Jerusalem

The study deals with the broad meaning of the lack of land settlement, as well as the ways to implement it effectively and with maximum cooperation from the residents.

Fifty years following the annexation of East Jerusalem, in almost all the Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, no land settlement and registration exists. This absence causes insecurity in the residents' property rights, leaving them without the possibility to present an affinity to the property to pledge it for the purpose of a mortgage or to act within the framework of the Planning and Building law. Planning and infrastructure development processes are affected and the authorities are forced to rely on alternatives, such as local mukhtarim (the head of a village/neighborhood) to clarify ownership of the land. This absence of a land arrangement also has a significant price tag for individuals who are forced to rely more and more on small loans. For the city and the state, the lack of an arrangement losses tax revenue because of the undisclosed transactions that lose six times more in taxes than it would cost to have the arrangement.

A solution to the issue of land in East Jerusalem holds great potential for economic development in the city, as well as a series of planning and development difficulties that residents and state authorities have been dealing with since 1967.

The project began in 2017 and was published in Hebrew in 2018.

Researcher:

Maayan Neshet

In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, The East Jerusalem Development and Entrepreneurism Unit

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The Economic Potential in East Jerusalem's Arab Woman Joining the Workforce

The Arab population in Jerusalem is the poorest population group in the city. As of 2016, 82% of the Arab families in Jerusalem live below the poverty line and all the Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem are included in clusters 2-5 of the socioeconomic index, the bottom quarter of the index. One the causes for this is that the percentage of Arab women participating in the labor force in Jerusalem in the 25-64 age group is only 22%, compared to 35% among Arab women in Israel. To improve the standard of living among East Jerusalem residents, reduce wage gaps, and bring families out of poverty the employment infrastructure in East Jerusalem needs to change by diversifying employment opportunities.

This research demonstrated the relative contribution of increasing the participation rate of Jerusalem's Arab women in the labor market from 22% to the rate of Arab woman participation in Israel 35%. The results of the work were brought to the relevant professionals and decision makers and brought to the decision to set increasing Arab woman participation rates in the labor force to 35% as one of the objectives of governmental resolution 3970 for the economic development of East Jerusalem.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Yamit Naftali, Yuval Shiftan



Developing a Model for Tourism Tax in Jerusalem

Further to a comparative study on tourism tax in world cities conducted in 2017, we developed an adapted model for tourism tax for Jerusalem and a strategy for its assimilation in the city. In the project framework, an innovation seminar conducted at the Institute aimed to convince parties of interest to agree and develop the initiative together. In 2018, the project included the design and implementation strategy for the development of tourism tax.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Prof. Glenn Yago, Steven Zecher, David Denker, Leora Shoham-Peters, Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner

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High-Tech Industry Employment-Oriented Study Track

An increasingly growing demand for skilled labor in Jerusalem's high-tech industry is expected in the upcoming years. This is in concurrence with the growth and solidification of Mobileye and Raphael companies in the city. Similarly, additional high-tech companies are expected to establish their operation in Jerusalem. The estimated additional number of employees is 4,000-5,000 over the course of several years. According to the forecast, the supply of skilled labor for the Jerusalem high-tech industry does not meet expected demand.

The study examined the extent and suitability of study tracks in schools and academia generally in Israel and particularly in Jerusalem.

Through this research, we have explored the educational system from high school to academia and its relation to high-tech employment in order to answer the challenge of shortage in high-tech employees in Israel with a focus on Jerusalem. We have identified programs that are implemented in Israel in order to increase the number of potential employees for high-tech and identify suitable solutions for Jerusalem as recommendations for policymakers.



The project began in 2018 and will be completed in 2019.

Team Leader:

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Researchers & Project Coordinators:

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In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage and The Jerusalem Development Authority, in the framework of the Jubilee Plan for the Economic Development of Jerusalem in the Years 2017 – 2022

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The Green Construction Initiative

This is a continuation of a three-year project with the Ministry of Environmental Protection in developing green building, green financing, and green project development. This project continues and builds on the Financial Innovations Labs in 2015 and 2017 with a focus on developing financing tools and demonstration projects using green technologies to lower greenhouse gas emissions. This project involves a Fellow at the Environmental Ministry's Strategy and Planning Office. The project began in 2015 and was completed in 2018.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Steven Zecher, Prof. Glenn Yago, Leora Shoham-Peters, Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner

In collaboration:

This project is funded through a partnership agreement with the Ministry of Environmental Protection.



Community Development Financing

Following our Financial Innovations Lab sponsored by Citi Foundation and our development work with various community lenders, we are working with the Israel Free Loan Association on designing and launching the first social bank in Israel.

This work includes policy development work with the Bank of Israel, and community credit services for a variety of organizations, including the Koret Fund, Paamonim, Shelanu, JDC, and others. It also includes contracting for professional services, such as legal, accounting, technology, etc. in support of these development efforts. This project involves a Fellow at the Ministry of Welfare.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Steven Zecher, Prof. Glenn Yago, David Denker, Leora Shoham-Peters, Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner

In Collaboration with:

In addition to the support for the Fellows from the Milken grant, this project is supported by a grant from Citi Foundation.

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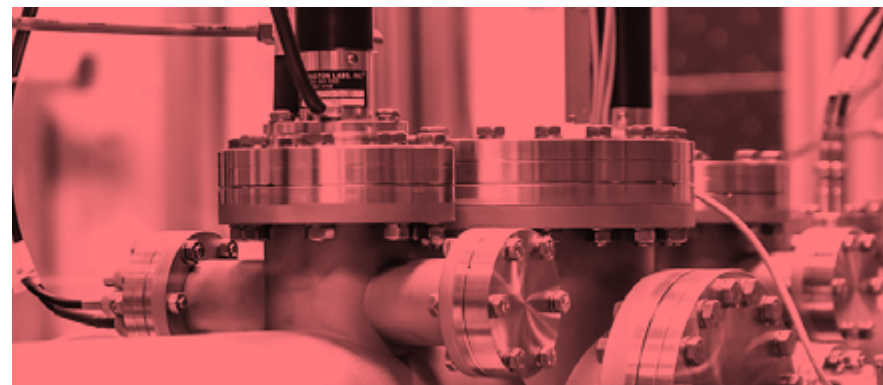


California – Israel Innovation Partnership

The Milken Innovation Center is the hub organizing and managing and strengthening networks that are leading to research and development collaborations, financial innovations, and practical ready-to-go solutions.

We are implementing a strategy to introduce sustainable water technologies in California's farms, industry, and municipalities. In partnership with Israel's NewTech office at the Ministry of Economy, the Center is working with policy, industry, and research leadership in Israel and California to introduce new programs, regulation, and financial mechanisms. The Milken Innovation Center is expanding the scope of this partnership to include the translation of Israel's Agritech successes to the California Market.

In 2018, we continued the rollout of the strategy roadmap from the Agritech, water and biomedical, and energy projects over the past three years. This project involves Fellows at the Israel Innovation Authority and at the Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources. The project began in 2015 and continued in 2018.



Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Steven Zecher, Prof. Glenn Yago, David Denker, Leora Shoham-Peters, Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner, and external consultants

In collaboration with:

The work on the financial innovation lab on the subjects of bio-medicine, water, agritech and cleantech, energy and monitoring projects are based on the support of California-based philanthropists and industrial and social investors.

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R2 π - Developing Policy Mechanisms & Circular Economy Business Models

R2 π – the R represents the linear “radius” while the π symbolizes the circle – project began in November 2016 and is due to end in October 2019. R2 π examines ways to shift from the broad concept of a Circular Economy (CE) to one of Circular Economy Business Models (CEBM) while searching for both market failures and policy failure that hinder the broad implementation, use, and acceptance of CEBMs. The uniqueness of the project is its strong business orientation that goes beyond environmental goals in examining the role of innovative business tools and policy packages on the diffusion of CEBMs.

The aim of the R2 π project is to highlight sustainable business models for circular economy and to propose Policy Packages that will support such business models. This will be achieved by analyzing a substantial amount of case studies covering different sectors and countries followed by a quantitative analysis. The accumulated knowledge will enable the project partners to identify best practices and develop the R2 π toolbox and policy guidelines to support both business and policy makers.

In 2018, we completed 18 case studies of Circular Economy business model. The Israeli team conducted a case study of the water market in Israel. Additionally the team completed drafting ‘policy packages’, in 6 sectors: food, textile, water, electronics, plastic, and construction. The ‘policy packages’ are a set of policy measures the EU should implement in order to facilitate the transfer to circular economy.



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Researchers & Project Coordinators:

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In collaboration with:

The European Commission on Research and a team including academic institutions, consultancy companies and governmental agencies in Germany, England, the Netherlands, France, Spain, Malta, Poland and Belgium.

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International Development Finance

In July 2018, the Israeli government issued Government Decision No. 4021 to advance Israeli activity in the field of international development primarily through expediting investment in the developing world. With this new program, Israel will create and leverage high impact technology solutions to address Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN in water, agriculture and nutrition, health, and education and the related cyber-security needs for delivery of these critical services. The work underway is to determine the roles, activities, programs, and financial structures needed to support and strengthen Israel's role in international development. Led by the Prime Minister's Office, the initiative includes key staff from the Ministries of Economy, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Energy, and Finance. This Inter-Ministerial Committee is also consulting supportive Israeli organizations, including financial, legal, technology and global development specialists.

This project focused on creating a development finance facility to leverage public and private funding to enable greater Israeli participation in the expansion and development in emerging and frontier markets. Pursuing recent Government Decision to develop financial tools to enhance development in emerging markets, the objective is to increase Israel's participation in international development finance projects focused on economic development challenges in the world's poorest countries in Africa and India/Asia.



The project includes a Financial Innovations Lab to develop relevant projects and to customize financial solutions.

This project involves Fellows at the Ministry of Finance, Accountant General's office, Direct-General Prime Minister's Office, National Economic Council, and the Volcani Institute.

The project began in 2017 and concluded in 2018.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Steven Zecher, Prof. Glenn Yago, Leora Shoham-Peters, Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner

In collaboration with:

This project is supported by a continuing grant from the Blum Family Foundation in support of the Blum Lab for Emerging Economies.

The project is also funded through a partnership agreement with the Prime Minister's Office

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Migration to & from Jerusalem

Since the start of the 1990's, Jerusalem has been characterized by a negative migration balance, this means: the number of migrants from Jerusalem to other towns in Israel is higher than the number of migrants from other towns in Israel to Jerusalem. This phenomenon has various ramifications for the city.

The study examines trends in the context of migration, characteristics of the migrants, and regions and towns of origin and of destination. Beyond the annual statistical analysis of the migration to and from Jerusalem, this year we emphasized the migration of Jerusalem residents who learned in Jerusalem's secondary schools and moved to or from the city per the sector of the school they attended and their age of departure from and/or arrival to the city. The study includes policy recommendations focusing on narrowing migration out of Jerusalem and attracting the productive population to move to the city. The study serves as a work tool for decision makers, policymakers and people involved in the city's development and construction has been conducted and updated annually since 2012.



Research team:

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In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage and The Jerusalem Development Authority, in the framework of the Jubilee Plan for the Economic Development of Jerusalem in the Years 2017 – 2022

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Civil Society in Jerusalem

This study presents a thorough quantitative view of the third sector and the place of civil society in the city. Jerusalem: the capital of Israel, a religious center, and Israel's largest and most diverse city is a fertile ground for civil society activity. Attributable to the intense encounter of communities, poverty and social distress, and the proximity to government institutions, Jerusalem is a suitable breeding ground for social and community innovation. The city is a place where groundbreaking social enterprises are established, inspiring other cities and towns throughout the country. The study ascertains the components of civil society in the city, the scope of activity, and its manners of impact. The project began in 2017 and this stage was published in Hebrew & English in 2018.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Dr. Marik Shtern, Lior Regev, Erela Ganan

In collaboration with:

Leichtag Foundation and The Jerusalem Model

Healthy Encounters: Jerusalem Hospitals as Shared Spaces for Jews and Arabs

Most of us encounter hospitals when we are in a state of vulnerability – either as patients or as relatives of patients. Moreover, the hospital setting itself entails an encounter with Israeli society in all its diversity. Throughout Israel, and in Jerusalem in particular, Jews and Arabs, secular, religious, and Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) patients and healthcare providers lay in hospital beds or work side by side in such a way that the familiar balance of power is often transposed. This creates a shared space, and although most of its occupants did not arrive by choice, it has tremendous potential – for both negative frictions and positive encounters.

This paper addresses hospitals in Jerusalem, Israel's most diverse and culturally multifaceted city, as a shared space for Jews and Arabs. The paper presents relevant studies in this field, with attention to reciprocal relations within the shared space. The work was conducted in 2018 and published in Hebrew & English.

Research Team:

Dr. Marik Shtern & Dafna Shemer

In collaboration with:

The paper was written for the Anti-Defamation League's "2048 Conference".

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Shared Spaces in Jerusalem's City Parks

Among the various types of shared spaces in Jerusalem, the co-habitation of Jews and Arabs in open spaces such as city parks are a predominant form of encounter. The lack of recreational opportunities in East Jerusalem drives many Palestinian families and teenagers to West Jerusalem's parks. Considering the ongoing political conflict and structural inequalities, the mutual presence seems to create fear and mistrust among the dwellers. However, studies of diverse cities throughout the world have shown that under certain circumstances parks can function as a potential space for intergroup mutual recognition and a meaningful encounter.

This project's objective is to improve the nature of intergroup encounter in Jerusalem Parks through urban-design interventions. Thus, the aim is twofold: To analyze and define the nature of interactions between Jews and Arabs that co-habit parks in Jerusalem and to propose urban-design tools that can foster positive inter-group interactions in Jerusalem shared parks.

The project began in 2018 and will be completed in 2019.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Yaara Issar, Dr. Marik Shtern, Dafna Shemer, Murad Natsheh, Maier Yagod

In collaboration with:

UJA – Federation of NY and Jerusalem Municipality



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Participation of the East Jerusalem Middle Class in the Israeli Economy & Society

In recent years, increasing evidence indicates a rising participation rate of East Jerusalem's middle class in Israeli public sphere. The study ascertained changes taking place in the attitude of the East Jerusalem middle class toward Israeli public sphere, through examining three main processes: employment, migration, and the consumption of municipal services, such as shopping and entertainment in West Jerusalem. The study examines the significance of the participation process for East Jerusalem's middle class in the Israeli public sphere and whether the process is perceived as a necessity or value. The project began in 2017 and will be published in 2019.

Team Leader:

Dr. Fahima Abbas

Researcher:

Murad Natsheh

Christians in Israel, the Palestinian Authority & the Middle East

In recent years, we witnessed changes in the status of the Christian communities of the Middle East, in light of the events of the Arab Spring and its far-reaching ramifications. The goal of the study is to briefly survey the state of the Christian communities in the neighboring countries of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq, studying the emigration trends from those communities in recent years. Against this backdrop, the state of the Christian communities of Israel and the Palestinian Authority were examined, as well as the impact of the transformation in the Arab world on them. The study's summary includes recommendations for policymakers in Israel regarding this sensitive and unattended subject, and the far-reaching political and economic ramifications.

The project was completed in 2018.

Researcher:

Dr. Amnon Ramon

In collaboration with:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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The Potential Demand for Haredi High School Yeshiva Studies

The development of Haredi high school yeshivas as a normative educational track for high school aged students in Haredi society, in parallel to the existing track of 'Yeshivot Ketanot', is essential to enhance access to higher education and increase employment opportunities for young Haredim.

During the past fifteen years there have been significant developments in Haredi society, leading to ever-increasing participation on the part of Haredi men in the employment market and higher education in Israel. These developments point to a steadily growing potential demand by parents who seek to send their son to institutions that offer a comprehensive core studies curriculum.

The project was completed in 2018.

Research Team:

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In collaboration with:

Maimonides Fund, Russell Berrie foundation, UJA – Federation of NY



EVALUATION RESEARCH



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Evaluating the ‘Spearheading Change in East Jerusalem’ Project

The ‘Spearheading Change in East Jerusalem’ project is a joint venture of the Ministry for Jerusalem and Herriitage, the Jerusalem Municipality, and JDC Israel. The project aims to develop an implementation plan for future government decisions regarding East Jerusalem through a joint municipal-governmental process. This while using groundbreaking models, placing an emphasis on setting targets, defining tools for the unique reality, and shared development of effective implementation mechanisms around the spheres of education, employment, and physical infrastructure.

The evaluation study assessed the implementation of a training program for decision-makers and its effectiveness in creating interdisciplinary workplans that provide a response to the complexities of East Jerusalem.

Researcher:

Efrat Saar

In collaboration with:

JDC Israel (ELKA – The Institute for Policy and Government)

Evaluating the Social-Environmental Activity of the ‘Community’ Company in the Kidron Valley

This research project evaluated the overall scope and contribution of ‘Community’ activities in Kidron valley to bring about environmental change in the urban landscape and open space, on both the personal level and community level.

In addition, the study placed emphasis on assessing the unique mode of action used by ‘Community’, which focuses on empowering the individual and the community, and examining the effectiveness of this empowerment in bringing about environmental change.

Researcher:

Efrat Saar

In collaboration with:

The Dead Sea Drainage Authority, “Community” Company

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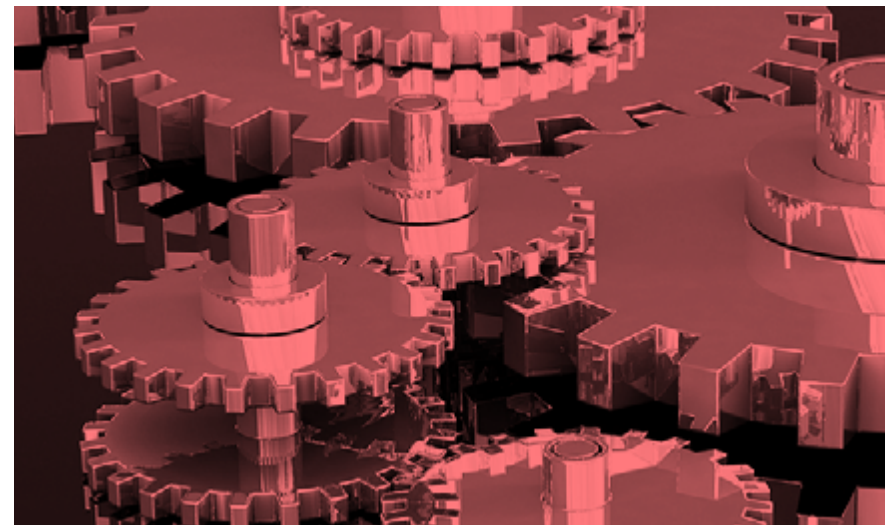


The Jubilee Plan

The Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research was chosen by the Government to accompany the Jubilee Plan for the Economic Development of Jerusalem over the Years 2017-2022 by providing a research base for the formation of the plan and an evaluation research for the implementation of the plan. The work focuses on three main spheres: tourism, quality employment, and academy. For each of the spheres, alongside collecting indicators, evaluation studies will examine the extent to which actions are meeting their set objectives and contributing to the economic development of Jerusalem.

In 2018, several complementary studies were concluded:

- Government City (policy paper)
- Indicator's for the development of Jerusalem in the fields of: Advanced Employment, Tourism, and Academy
- Quality of Life Indicators – Objective and Subjective Examinations
- Migration to and from Jerusalem 2012-2016
- Evaluation studies on the implementation of new policy tools in the fields of tourism, academy and advanced employment



- Sense of Security of Tourists: Jerusalem in the social media
- High-Tech Industry Employment-Oriented Study Track

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In collaboration with: The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage and The Jerusalem Development Authority

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The East Jerusalem Development & Entrepreneurism Unit

In recent years, the Jerusalem Institute has conducted several evaluation studies for projects carried out by the East Jerusalem Development and Entrepreneurism Unit. This study examined the Unit's achievements through various projects relating to the goals defined in advance by the Unit and the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage.

The goal of evaluating these projects is to examine whether, and to what extent, the objectives and goals set for each project were achieved. The evaluation focused on two projects that are in advanced stages of implementation:

1. The establishment of an East Jerusalem branch of MATI – the Jerusalem Business Development Center
2. The operation of the Jerusalem Entrepreneurs Society and Technology (JEST) hub in East Jerusalem

Team Leader: Efrat Saar

Researchers & Project Coordinators: Yamit Naftali, Amir Muszkat- Barkan, Murad Natsheh

In collaboration with: The East Jerusalem Development and Entrepreneurism Unit and The Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage



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The Yaelim Project at Ein Yael - Evaluation

The Yaelim Center is a nature therapy center for youth at-risk. The center is operated in partnership with the Youth Advancement Division and social welfare agencies in the Jerusalem Municipality. Nature therapy is a treatment method used in open space, establishing contact and dialogue with the surroundings. Activities are experiential and combine elements from psychotherapy and creative arts therapy with ancient life skills and challenge activity in nature.

The aim of the project was to examine the effectiveness of the day care center and the annual treatment groups, as well as to evaluate the effect of long-term impact on adults who completed the therapeutic process. The project was completed in 2018.

Researcher: Efrat Saar

In collaboration with: The Jerusalem Foundation

The “Building Community” Project in Kiryat HaYovel - Evaluation

The project began operating in 2010 at Stern Street in Kiryat HaYovel, and is jointly funded by the Jerusalem Foundation and Yuvalim Community Council. The goal of the project is to create a vibrant community that can lead the street in long term changes. Over the course of the activity, about half of the buildings on the street, of the 68 buildings, have been renovated and 10 new House Committee were founded. At the same time, a community infrastructure was established and over time, additional fields of activity such as sustainability, placemaking, and others. In accordance with the variety of activities carried out within the framework of the project over the years, Stern Street changed its image. Following the success of the project on Stern Street, the decision was to duplicate the work model of the project to Olswanger Street in Kiryat HaYovel and in the second half of 2018 it began to operate there. The goal of evaluating this project is to examine whether and to what extent the objectives and goals set for the project are achieved.

Research Team: Michal Korach, Dr. Maya Choshen

In collaboration with: The Jerusalem Foundation



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Roundtables – The Mapping East Jerusalem Neighborhoods Project

The Institute continues to convene roundtable in tandem with the research project regarding the neighborhood mapping in East Jerusalem that deal with the state of the neighborhoods and the major problems that require the response and care of the authorities. The round tables include representatives from the neighborhood residents, planners, engineers and experts, municipal and government representatives, city council members, and representatives of civil society organizations. The aim of these round table gatherings is to promote a direct and ongoing dialogue between the local leaders in the Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem and the municipal authorities, with the goal of influencing policy and providing solutions to the issues faced by the residents.

In 2018, roundtables were convened focusing on the following neighborhoods: East Jerusalem Central Business District, Beit Safafa, Ras al-Amud and Silwan.

Team Leader: Prof. Yitzhak Reiter & Dr. Amnon Ramon

Researchers & Project Coordinators: Tehila Bigman, Israel Kimhi, Murad Natsheh, Yaara Issar, Ahmad Asmar & Galit Raz-Dror

In collaboration with: The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty in Jerusalem



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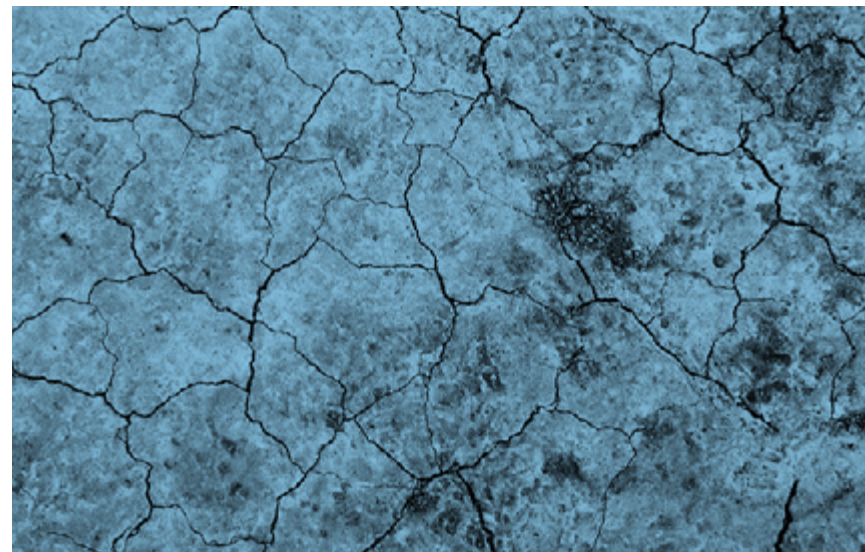


Promoting Sustainability in Jerusalem

This forum is an inter-organizational cooperative effort, that consists of several civil society organizations in Jerusalem and sustainability maintenance employees from the Jerusalem municipality. The Institute initiated the forum in cooperation with the Jerusalem Foundation in 2015 and has coordinated its activities ever since.

The forum serves as a platform for meetings, experiences, opinions and knowledge sharing. The forum acts as a professional workgroup, and as an ongoing platform for inter-organizational support and counseling, with the goal of promoting urban sustainability in Jerusalem. The group aims to leverage, integrate, and consolidate goals and resources, while centralizing the matter of urban sustainability in all areas of municipal policies and activities. The forum concentrates its operation on two levels: the first is ongoing urban activity related to the municipality, and the second, is civic activity — to connect and create networks between the organizations in the field.

In 2018, the 'Making Jerusalem Sustainable Month' took place, for the second consecutive year, including a series



of events raising awareness for sustainability in Jerusalem, with the attendance of over a thousand participants collectively.

Project Coordinator: Erela Ganan

In collaboration with: The Sustainable Centers in the Municipality of Jerusalem, HUBITUS - The Jerusalem Botanical Gardens Hub for Urban Sustainability, the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the Jerusalem Model

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The East Jerusalem Taskforce

With the purpose of increasing the Institutes policy impact on the issues related to East Jerusalem, our East Jerusalem research team conducts a series of actions to promote policy steps in East Jerusalem. The team works with numerous expert forums, study tours, and round table meetings; a conference focusing on East Jerusalem planning, employment and education, with participants from 18 civic organizations working in East Jerusalem; key officials meeting on the municipal, governmental & international levels; and partnership in projects with implementation agencies including public, private, and philanthropic sectors.

Project Coordinator: Tehila Bigman

Researchers: Dr. Amnon Ramon, Prof. Yitzhak Reiter, Galit Raz-Dror, Murad Natsheh, Ahmad Asmar, Ya'ara Issar & Dr. Marik Stern

In collaboration with: NATAN Fund and The Jerusalem Modal

Jerusalem Forum

For over a decade, a team of researchers at the Institute has been focusing on geopolitical issues concerning Jerusalem. The objectives of the team are to provide policymakers with reliable and up-to-date information on the demographic, social, economic, and political trends in East Jerusalem and to formulate alternatives for managing the city in the absence of a political arrangement.

The team, under Dr. Amnon Ramon's leadership, includes over 30 representatives of government and municipal agencies, civil society organizations, and the relevant professionals and scholars from East and West Jerusalem who engage with East Jerusalem's affairs.

In the course of 2018, the forum convened 9 times focusing on a variety of issues analyzing the complex reality in East Jerusalem in the following aspects: vocational training, trust building strategies, civic participation and social trends, planning and building, Government plan for the economic development of East Jerusalem, the before and after of municipal elections, woman empowerment, etc.

Forum Coordinator: Dr. Amnon Ramon

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Milken Innovation Center Fellows Program

The Milken Fellows Program is the leading finance and economics fellowship in Israel. The program strengthens the corps of leaders in the public sector. The Milken Fellows Program commenced in October 2017 and continued through the 2018. The placements for this cohort include internships in the Ministry of Finance, National Economic Council, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel Innovation Authority, Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of National Infrastructures, Energy, and Water Resources, Prime Minister's Office, and the Volcani Institute. The program includes a research seminar at Hebrew University in the Business School and a weekly research seminar at the Jerusalem Institute. The following cohort commenced in October 2018 and will continue through the summer of 2019.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner, Prof. Glenn Yago, Steven Zecher, and Leora Shoham-Peters.

In collaboration with: This program is supported, in part, by grants from the Milken Institute in 2018-19



Milken Fellows Alumni Program

The Milken Fellows Alumni program includes social media, networking, and enrichment for nearly 150 former Fellows. The alumni are leaders in government, NGOs, academia, and private financial services and business. Plans for the alumni will include a newsletter, guest blogs, networking events, and sponsorships of special programs and skills and professional training.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

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In collaboration with: The program is funded through a grant from the Milken Institute for 2018.

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Blum Global Fellowship program

The Blum Global Fellowship Program is part of the Blum Lab for Developing Economies. The goal of the Blum Global Fellowship Program is to provide a selected group of leaders with knowledge and hands-on experience in a range of social, environmental, and economic initiatives to support the fellows in advancing the sustainable projects in their home countries.

During 2018 the participant's selection and recruitment process was completed and currently we are opening a Global Fellowship Program, targeted mainly to students from developing countries, From January 2019 – October 2019. The Global Fellows are a selected cohort of graduate students who are highly motivated to make an impact in their field. The Program places fellows in host Israeli companies, based on their area of interest and the unique needs of the companies. The upcoming cohort will include several individuals from Ecuador, Nigeria, Rwanda and Kenya. With goals of pushing forward new and existing social, environmental, and economic initiatives through delivering and implementing sustainable projects with concrete implications to the Fellow's home country.



The fellows will spend around 10 months in Israel and receive a unique opportunity for career development and cultural exchange for individuals interested in addressing critical economic, environmental and social challenges.

Researchers & Project Coordinators: Orly Movshovitz-Landskroner, Steven Zecher, Prof. Glenn Yago, Leora Shoham-Peters

In collaboration with: In collaboration with Blum Family Foundation and Glazer Foundation

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The City Planners' Workshop for Shared Spaces in Jerusalem

In almost every neighborhood in Jerusalem, East and West, neighborhood planners are employed by the municipal community centers. Their role is to represent the planning and development needs of the residents in conjunction with the municipal planning authorities. For many of them, this position is the first step in their career in the municipal, regional or national planning system. The workshop provided the planners with skills and knowledge targeted in developing positive inter-ethnic shared spaces in Jerusalem. The workshop included study sessions and tours to other cities coping with shared space, and a group seminar to Belfast, Ireland.

The workshop took place in 2018 and currently the workshop participants are in a process of writing a policy paper addressing the issue of inclusive urban planning for shared spaces in Jerusalem and a "tool kit" for shared spaces including coping and planning tools.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Dr. Marik Shtern, Yaara Issar

In collaboration with:

The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, The Rayne Trust, Leichtag Foundation



The Community Workers Workshop for Shared Spaces in Jerusalem

The mission of the Department of Social Services – community workers – is to improve the overall welfare of the city's residents and to improve social equality within the city, while respecting the unique cultural differences. The shared spaces workshop aims to provide the community workers with theoretical knowledge and practical tool for working in Jerusalem's shared spaces. The workshop includes 22 municipal community workers who participate in the study sessions and tour in 2018. The workshop will continue into 2019 and include group seminar at Belfast, Ireland.

Researchers & Project Coordinators:

Yaara Issar

In collaboration with:

The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, The Jerusalem Municipality

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Haredi Society Researchers Forum

The Ultra-Orthodox Society Researchers Forum continued to convene and review studies on ultra-Orthodox society that were recently conducted in various research institutions both in Israel and abroad. The forum was established by Prof. Amiram Gonen to develop knowledge exchange regarding the unique characteristics of the Haredi society and the major relevant challenges.

In 2018, the forum convened 5 times with 20 participants, approximately 40% of which are Haredi, to discuss the following: Haredi communities in the suburbs of Monsey in the United States, matriculation and STEM in the ultra-Orthodox education system; attitudes toward ADHD in Haredi society; facebook public pages as a means of building the authority of spiritual leaders, and patterns of Haredi integration in the labor market.

Forum Coordinator: Tehila Bigman

In collaboration with: UJA-Federation of New York



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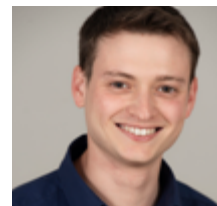
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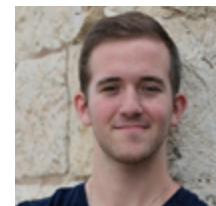
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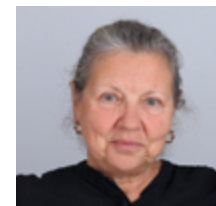
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