

# SIPA Israel Delegation 2020

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a valley with a mix of green agricultural fields and several large, rectangular blue water reservoirs. In the distance, a town or city is visible under a clear blue sky. The foreground consists of a grassy hillside with several tall, dark green pine trees.

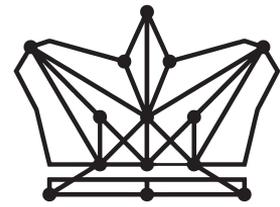
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October 7th, 2019

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# Our Team: Delegation Leaders



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## Innovation & Policy Delegation



Yuval



Daria



Roni



Roe

## Sustainability & Policy Delegation



Shenhav



Becca



Jonathan



Isabelle

# Mission



SIPA Israel Delegation is a student-led initiative that brings a **diverse group of future leaders** from Columbia University to Israel.

We provide the students with a **nuanced, hands-on learning experience**, in order to create a legacy of Columbia University graduate students' **engagement** with Israel and the region which will **complement, challenge and enrich** their graduate education.

# Last Year's Delegations



100 Participants (roughly 160 applicants)

Winter Break

50 students - **Innovation and Policy** 50 students - **Sustainability and Policy**



# 2020 Delegations



This Year's Dates:

**12/29/2019 - 6/1/2020**

Two Groups:

**1. Innovation & Policy**

**2. Sustainability & Policy**

It's important to note:

- The delegations are **Israel-focused**
- It's an **educational program** that is mainly funded by *iTrek Israel* ([itrek.org](http://itrek.org)).
- **Come prepared** - keep challenging us, the speakers you hear and the people you meet.
- We are your peers, **not your tour guides**
- This is a unique opportunity to **learn** from and **interact** with your peers.
- You **won't** get 'indisputable facts' or learn the 'truth'.

# Innovation & Policy: Sample Plan



**TOPICS:** Conflict & security, innovation & business, High Tech industry, minorities & diversity.

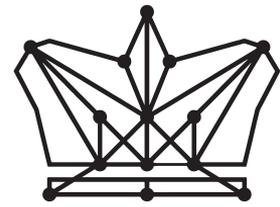


**PLACES:** Jerusalem, West Bank, Golan Heights, Negev Desert, Dead sea, Tel Aviv, Gaza border.



**SPEAKERS:** Business leaders, Journalists, politicians and practitioners, Leaders of civil society.

# Sustainability & Policy: Sample Plan



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**TOPICS:** Sustainability Policy, Resource management, Energy, Biodiversity & Conservation, Sustainable Development, Society, History & Conflict.

**PLACES:** Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Arava Desert, Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza Border.

**SPEAKERS:** Policy & Government, Private Sector, Social Initiatives, Entrepreneurs, Research, activists.



# What Do We Cover?



Everything during the trek -

## EXCEPT:

- **Plane tickets** to and from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- **\$450** participation fee
- **Insurance** (might be covered by Columbia Insurance)
- **Visa** fee
- Alcohol
- Free-time spending

# Application



## Who can apply?

- 1st and 2nd-year **SIPA students**
- **Alumni** (priority will be given to current students)

## Who are we looking for?

- **Diverse** group of students
- **Strong interest** in Israel and the region
- **Strong interest** in the delegation's specific theme (**Innovation & Policy** or **Sustainability & Policy**)

# Application



## Application period

- **Opens:** October 7th (Monday) at 9:00pm
- **Closes:** October 25th (Friday) at 11:45pm

## What will the application include?

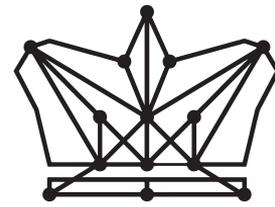
- Personal information + photo
- Short essay
- Résumé
- Short bio

# Timeline



- October 7th            Application **opens** at 9:00pm
- October 25th:        Application **closes** at 11:45pm
- October 28th:        **Final decisions** (including waitlist)
- November 11th:     **Confirm participation** (flight, payment, visa)
- November 25th:     Pre-departure briefing + happy hour

# Communication Channels



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## Find Us On

- Campus Groups “SIPA Israel Group”
- FB page “SIPA Israel Delegation”
- Email: [sipaisraeldelegation@gmail.com](mailto:sipaisraeldelegation@gmail.com)

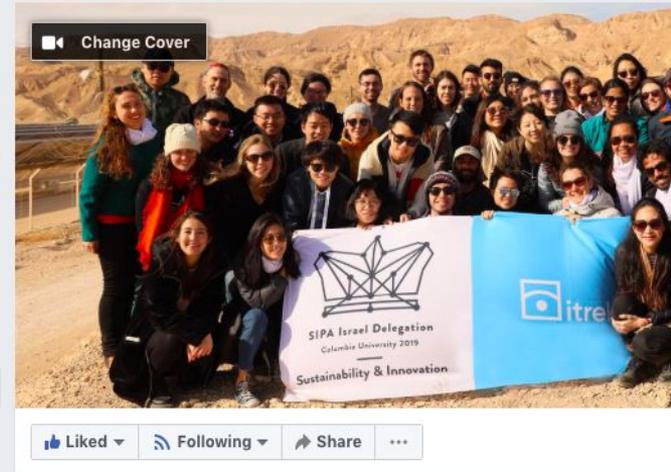


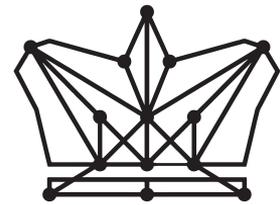
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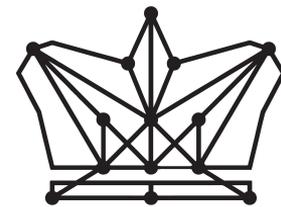




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# Past Participants





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# Q&A

Thank You!