

Lior Tabansky

Brief Bio

Lior Tabansky combines academic and practical careers in Cyber security. He is the Director of Strategy at Cyber Security Group (CSG), a Tel Aviv based cyber security global business consultancy and solutions provider. Concurrently, he is a scholar of cyber power at Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center and a doctoral candidate in Political Science on Cyberspace in National Security Perspectives (Tel Aviv University).

After completing his military service, he earned a B.A. in political Science from TAU while working as Information Technology expert. In 2006, he earned his M.A. degree (cum laude) in Security Studies also from TAU, with his thesis: *The Role of Advanced Technology in Israel's Struggle Against Palestinian Terrorism, 2000-2005*.

Lior's commitment to rigorous interdisciplinary policy-oriented research uniquely builds upon service in the Israeli Air Force, designing and managing business ICT infrastructure, scholarly research, think-tank policy experience and corporate consulting. Serving in an elite technology unit of the Israeli Air Force, sparked his passion for Information Technology.

Since 1999, Lior successfully designed and managed several IT projects, integrating both system and security aspects. Since 2005, he has been a senior researcher at the Yuval Ne'eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security at TAU. He helped design TAU's Annual International Cybersecurity Conference series – the largest and most prestigious cyber-event outside the U.S., as well as the public-private partnership epicenter at TAU's Senior Cyber Forum. From 2010-2012, he served as the inaugural Cyber Warfare Research Program Associate at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), a highly prestigious think-tank in Tel Aviv.

Lior has published a book *Cybersecurity in Israel (2015)* and several articles in leading scholarly and professional publications including *International Journal of Cyber Warfare and Terrorism (IJCWT)*, *Journal of Information Warfare*, *Atlantic Voice* and *Military and Strategic Affairs*.