

International Academic Initiatives

The International Office, headed by Prof. Avriel Bar-Levav, is in charge of expanding and promoting various initiatives intended to connect the OUI with international academic projects involving teaching, students, and faculty members.

As part of these international activities, OUI faculty maintain contact and collaborate with their counterparts in universities around the world. The office initiates and engages the OUI in academic work around the world. The OUI hosts visitors from universities and academic organizations worldwide, and participates in the activities of international open universities associations.

Below are the main international initiatives of the past year:

- A winter school in Judaic Studies took place for the second year under the auspices of the Rothschild Foundation in Europe. Researchers from the OUI, the University of Amsterdam, King's College in London, and the host university joined forces in facilitating the Jewish Cultures and Media of Transmission: From Prague into the World program, which took place in Prague this year. Select students from the participating universities studied and toured together.
- The OUI signed an Erasmus agreement for student exchange with Danube University Krems in Austria.
- The OUI and the University of Amsterdam are participating jointly in a competition for the translation of Hebrew poetry into Dutch. To date, the translated poetry of H. N. Bialik, Rachel, and Miri Ben Simhon have been published in a bilingual format. The poetry of Avraham Ben Yitzhak was translated this year.
- Prof. Bar-Levav has paid visits to UNED University in Madrid, Spain; Wrocław University in Poland; and Mendel University in Brno, the Czech Republic, in order to explore possible future collaborations. He also visited Amsterdam University as part of the collaboration in Judaic Studies. Three doctoral students are currently writing dissertations in Hebrew literature, Jewish history, and Jewish thought under joint supervision of researchers from the OUI and from Amsterdam University.

Collaboration with Foreign Publishers

Translated titles published this year:

- *Inside African Politics*, Lynne Rienner Publishers
- *The Physiology of Behavior*, volume II, Pearson Education
- *Society, Community, Relations: Introduction to Social Thought*, The Open University, UK
- *Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics*, Taylor & Francis Group
- *Mechanics*, volume II, McGraw-Hill Companies
- *Test Cases in Comparative Politics*, Pearson Education
- *Marketing Management*, Pearson Education
- *Psychopathology*, volume I, Pearson Education

Translation contracts signed this year between the OUI and other publishing houses:

Textbooks for the following courses:

- *After the War*, signed with the author, Ibtisam Azem
- *Introduction to New Media*, signed with Oxford University Press
- *Introduction to the Arts*, signed with McGraw-Hill Education
- *The Enlightenment Culture*, signed with Cambridge University Press

Translation of OUI books:

- *Neuromorphic Engineering*, signed with CRC Press
- *Education Policy*, signed with Springer