The Israel Institute brought Prof. Alon Tal, the chair of Tel Aviv University’s department of public policy, to teach an Israel-focused intensive course at Sciences Po Lille on “the Environment and Conflict Management.” Thirty-eight students from twelve different European countries enrolled in the course, which ran from February 5-14, 2018.

The course used the Israeli case to demonstrate the impacts of warfare on the environment and the role of international environmental law and diplomacy in resolving environmental conflicts. Students were to become familiar with the key transboundary environmental problems in the Middle East, technological and political aspects of these issues, and policies and pathways for their resolution.

**Syllabus**
Class 1: Global environmental challenges and concepts of sustainability.
Class 2: The impacts of warfare on the environment.
Class 3: Introduction to international environmental legal concepts and conventions.
Class 4: Natural resource shortages, conflict and management strategies.
Class 5: Focus on Water in the Middle East: A Case Study.
Class 6: Transboundary biodiversity preservation, heritage and peace parks.
Class 7: Population growth, scarcity and conflict.
Class 8: Final Simulation Exercise: Designing a Treaty for Israeli/Palestinian/Jordanian Joint Water Management
(required students to write a position paper on this topic)
Class 9: Quiz

While in Lille, Prof. Tal also gave a public lecture entitled, “Overpopulation and sustainability: Israel and the Middle East,” which was publicized on the university’s online event roster.

**Finances**
Prof. Tal received $8,000 from the Israel Institute as an honorarium pursuant to teaching the class. Air and ground transportation, as well as lodging, were covered by the university in in-kind support.

The accompanying projector form, as well as pictures of the course, are attached.