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Education

- Ramat-Gan College of Business and Law. MA in Law Studies. LLM (2019).
- Faculty of Social Sciences. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Urban Regeneration, PHD (1997).
- Public Policy. The Tel Aviv University, MA Degree (1986).
- Faculty of Architecture & Urban Studies Planning. The Technion, Haifa. MSc Degree. (1983).
- School of Education. The Tel Aviv University. Teaching Certificate. (1976).
- Faculty of Geography. The Tel Aviv University. BA Degree. (1974).
- Faculty of Humanities, Modern History of Israel. The Tel Aviv University. BA Degree (1974).

Professional Experience

During the period of 1978-2015 I have been working in the Ministry of Construction & Housing, Department of Project Renewal. My position was Project Renewal Coordinator, engaged in policy making, physical and social planning and consulting for the Project's Headquarter and the Inter-Governmental Committee.

On the National level I led the activities of R & D, Physical and Social Strategic Planning, Building Partnerships between the Project's Communities and the Business Sector, Citizen Participation in decision making policy, as well as of the Youth Build Israel program dealing with holistic vocational training and last but not least Project of Digital Gap.

Besides, I was actively involved in the Research & Development and Knowledge Capital and Management of my Department.

- **2011- 2015**: The two separated departments (physical and social) have been united to one department. National programs targeted to specific populations were added to its activities.
- **1995 - 2011**: Project Renewal (social) Coordinator. The social activities deal with a wide range of aspects in the fields of: Employment, Education, Health, Housing, Welfare and Community Building aiming to improve and change lives of residents in disadvantaged neighborhoods, Childhood, Youth and Human Capital.

- **1978 – 1995:** Project Renewal (Physical) Regional Co-ordinator. The main activities of the physical aspects were: Planning housing enlargements; Buildings' renovations; Improving physical and environmental infrastructures; Building community services and institutions.

Academic Experience

- **2015 - Present:** After my retirement (April 2015) I have joined the Tel Aviv University Urban Design Lab both as a researcher and teacher for PHD. candidates.

- **2006- 2008:** Inter-disciplinary program of urban regeneration at the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning. Technology Institute of Technion, Haifa**.**

- **1997 – to Present:** Examiner final dissertations of Master and Doctoral Students from the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, the Technion, Haifa.

- **1997 – to Present**: Mentor for M.Sc. and Doctoral students writing their master degree dissertations and thesis in the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion, Haifa.

- **1994 – 1999:** Lecturing two courses at The Tel Aviv University the Public Policy Program for MA Degree students: Housing Policy and National Planning.

Scholarships for Academic Research

- "Patterns of Democratization and Decentralization among Neighborhoods Which Phased – Out of Project Renewal". Thesis research for the PHd funded by: Eshkol and Shain Institutes the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; The Israeli Academic Association (1997).
- "Organizational Models of Post Renewal Projects in Distressed Neighborhoods in Israel". Thesis research for the MA Degree funded by grants of the Tel Aviv University's President and Sapir Foundation (1986).
- "Grassroots Organizations in Distressed Neighborhoods in Israel". Thesis for the MSc Degree. Scholarship granted by the International Committee for Evaluation of Urban Renewal Project and the National Lottery Foundation for Academic Research (1983).

Publications

- How to Humanize Technology in Smart Cities. Forthcoming in 2020. Will be publish in the IJPER Journal. Lisbon University, Portugal.,

- Mendezes, M., Arvannitidis, P., Samniotto Costa, C., & Weinstein, Z. (2018)**."**Teenagers Perception of Public Spaces and Their Practices in ICT/s Uses". In: Samaniotto Costa, Suklje Eravec, I., Kenna, T., De Lang, M., Ioannidis, K., Maksymiuk, G., & De Wall M. (Eds.). Springer. December.

- Apro, D., Weinstein, Z., Varnagy, S., "Sustainability, Restorative to Regenerative" Working Paper by Cost Action CA16114: Restore. Editors: M. Brown, E. Haselsteiner (et.al.). 2017.
- "Digi-Tel: Bespoke Technology for Connected City of Tel Aviv". Ch. 10, Pp.159-176. In **City Empowerment and Innovation in the Data Rich City.** Certoma, C., M. Dyer, L. Pocatile, F. Rizzi (Editors), Springer 2017.

- Agmon, H., O. Snir, O. Shemer, Z. Weinstein el.al. (2016) **Community Cultural Competence**. Ministry of Welfare and Social Services, State of Israel. Jerusalem. (Hebrew).

- Gershon D., N.Alfasi, I. Solti, Z.Weinstein et al. (2016). **The Social Significance of Building New Neighborhoods at the Edges of Cities.** Ministry of Environment & Merhav – MIU (Movement for Israel Urbanism**).** Tel Aviv (Hebrew).

- **"**Public Housing among Project Renewal Neighborhoods in Israel – Policy and social-economic impacts". **Social Security**, Journal of Welfare and Social Studies, Pp. 45-81**,** July 2014, Number 94.
- "Youth Build Israel - Successful Journey in Life Cycle". In **EFSHAR**, Development of Educational and Social Services Magazine, January 2013, No. 23, Pp. 26-29. (Hebrew).
- "Urban Renewal (clearance and construction) in the Project Neighborhood Rehabilitation – is it possible?" **Planning, Journal of the Israel Association of Planners,** Vol. 8, No 2, 2011. (Hebrew).
- (a) "Social Capital, Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Assets among Residents in disadvantaged Neighborhoods. The Case of Israel Project Renewal"; (b) "Building social and Human Capitals among Ethnic communities in Deprived Neighborhoods in Israel"; (c) "How to Define Physical, Social and Organizational Aspects of Renewed Neighborhoods"; (d) "Housing Policy in Project Renewal". In **Knowledge Cities World Summit 2010,** Melbourne, Australia (October. 2010).
- **"**Citizen Participation **–** The Case of Israel Project Renewal", **Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Place Making and Urban Sustainability.** Routledge, July, 2008. Vol. 1, Pp. 129-157.
- "The Digital Gap among Project Renewal Neighborhoods". In **IT Magazine,** Globes, (February, 2007). (Hebrew).
- "Win – Win: Social Responsibility and the Business Sector". In **Business in the Community**. Ha'aretz. (December, 2006). (Hebrew).
- "Building the Promised Land". In **NEWSTARTMAG**, (October, 21st, 2005).
- "Human Capital Centers". In **LARIA,** (October, 2003). No. 73.
- Continuation of Social Programs in Neighborhoods who Phased-Out of Project Renewal. Ministry of Construction and Housing. (August, 2002). Jerusalem.
- "Project Renewal of Deprived Neighborhoods – The Israeli Experience". In **LARIA** (Local Authorities Research & Intelligence Association), July (2002). No. 69. Part 1. United Kingdom.
- "Project Renewal of Deprived Neighborhoods – The Israeli Experience". In **LARIA, (**October, 2002), No. 70. Part 2. United Kingdom.

- **Project Renewal Activities among Jewish Orthodox Neighborhoods**. (June, 1999). (Hebrew). Ministry of Construction & Housing. Jerusalem.
- "The Israeli Project Renewal Experiences: Were They Effective?" In **KARKA** (Israel Land Authority Quarterly) (March, 1998). Pp 14-34.
- **Ajami Neighborhood in Tel –Aviv Jaffa: Social Regeneration – Changes and Outcomes in an Arab Deprived Neighborhood.** Ministry of Construction & Housing. (December, 1997). (Hebrew). Jerusalem.
- **Following Up Social Programs in Neighborhoods that Phased – Out of Project Renewal.** (August, 1997). (Hebrew). Ministry of Construction & Housing. Jerusalem.
- "Where Does Project Renewal Go On"? **Environmental Planning Quarterly.** (April, 1995). Pp 3 – 27.
- "Grassroots Organizations in Distressed Neighborhoods in Israel". In Elazar D. (Ed.): **Urban Revitalization**. American Press, New York. 1991. Pp 364-378.

Participation in International Congresses

- **Urban E-Planning:** "How to Humanize Technology in Smart Cities". Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning. University of Lisbon, Portugal. 23rd-24th April 2019.
- **Smart City Expo, Barcelona.** "Citizen Science Role in Smart Cities". 19th-21th November, 2017.
- **Urban E-Planning: Recent Developments, Emerging Issues and Future Challenges. "**Digi-Tel – People Oriented Technology". Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon, 31 March- 1 April 2016.
- **Smart Cities Expo Barcelona.** Smart Cities Innovation. EU-COST presenting: "People Friendly City in a Data Rich World." 17th-19th November, 2015 Barcelona.
- **CITTA 8th Conference.** Generative Places Smart Approaches. Happy People. Presentation: City-Led city Participation. AESOP Thematic Group Public Spaces and Urban Culture. University of Porto, Portugal. September 24th-25th, 2015.
- **Smart City Expo, Barcelona.** Israel delegate. November, 2014.
- **UIA,** United International Architects XXV World Congress, **Architecture Others Where.** Durban, South Africa 1-6 May, 2014.
- **Smart City Expo, Barcelona.** Israel delegate. November 2013.
- **UN-HABITAT, Urban Equity in Development Cities for Life.** The 7th WUF**,** Medellin, Columbia. April 5-12, 2014.
- **Resourceful Cities, RC 21.** Social Resilience- From Diversity to Inclusion. The Case of Israel Project Renewal. Sociology and urban studies, university of Humboldt, Berlin, Germany. August 29-31, 2013.
- **At Home in the Housing Market** – Resident Leading Groups: The Case of Israel Project Renewal. International Sociological Association. RC43 Conference 2013, July 10-12. University of Amsterdam. The Netherlands.
- **UN-HABITAT, Future World Urban – The Urban Future. 1-7 September 2012, Naples.**

- **Congress of New Urbanism 20 – the New World.** West Palm Beach. Florida. May 9-12, 2011.
- **Knowledge Cities World Summit** 2010, 16-19 October, 2010. Melbourne, Australia.
- Philadelphia**,** USA**: Congress of New Urbanism** 30th April – 5th May, 2007. New Urbanism and the Old City.
- Birmingham, UK: **WCAEBE Conference** 2nd - 4th October, 2006. Presentations submitted: (a) How to Define Physical, Social and Organizational Aspects of Renewed Neighborhoods (b) Housing Policy in Deprived Neighborhoods – The Case of Israel (c) Residents Participation in Decision Making Processes.
- Manchester, UK: **Sustainable Communities**. (January 31st - February, 2nd 2005).
- Toronto University, Canada: **Affordable Housing for All**. (23rd – 28st June, 2004). Presentations submmitted: (a) Citizen Participation in Deprived Neighborhoods in Israel**;** (b) Housing Policy in Project Renewal.
- Manchester, England: **Urban Summit**. By the ODPM & BURA. (April, 2002).
- Glasgow University, Center for Urban Studies Department, Scotland. A guest lecturer for seminar on Physical and Social Aspects of Project Renewal in Israel". (21st May – 5th June).
- Routledge University, New Jersey, USA: Public Policy in Israel – Project Renewal as Case Study. (May. 1998).
- **American Society for Public Administration** (ASPA), 48th National Conference. Boston, USA. (March, 1987): Israel Project Renewal policy.
- Winnipeg University, Manitoba, Canada. A guest lecturer at the Center for Urban Studies (March, 1987).
- International Congress for Urban Renewal, Jerusalem, Israel: Physical and Social aspects of Israel Project Renewal. (May, 1986).
- Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva. The Hubert Humphrey Institute: **The 80's – Case for Alarm or Optimism**. (December, 1981).

International Relationships

During my long working years I have established many professional contacts in the field of Urban Regeneration mainly in the UK, USA, Canada, France, The Netherlands, Australia and South Africa. These contacts are with leading professionals, institutions (universities, research & development), government departments, local authorities, regeneration agencies etc.

Field of Interests

These professional contacts are continuing very closely with some dozens people in a variety of issues which are my fields of interest, such as: Urban regeneration policies; Exit strategies; Developing of social services; Coping with multi-cultural populations; How to define a "renewed neighborhood?"; Residents participation in decision making process; Housing policy; Sustainable communities; Education; Employment; Youth; Deprivation indices; Social responsibility; Economic development; Population changes. All are done through yearly study tours, publications editing, reading professional materials, invitations to conferences and seminars, exchanging views and ideas.

Membership in EU-COST Actions

I represent the State of Israel in the following Actions:

1. People Friendly City in a Data Rich World. EU-COST TU1204 (2012-2016)
2. Cyber Parks. EU-COST TU 1306 (2014-2018)
3. Citizen Science EU-COST CA15212 (2016-2020)
4. Restore EU-COST CA16114 (2017-2012)
5. Environmental Education EU-COST CA16229 (2017-2021)
6. Urban Storytelling EU-COST CA18126 (2019-2023)

Membership in Planning Organizations

1. Israel Association of Planners.
2. Movement of Israel Urbanism (MIU)
3. The Israel Urban Forum

New Organization

CO –Founder of the Israeli Institute of Smart Cities. Established May, 2015.

MASHAV- Israel Agency for International Development Cooperation - Teaching groups of public administration and urban planner guests of Israel Foreign Ministry from developed countries topics of Urban Renewal Policy and Planning at Weitz Institute, in Rehovot, Israel.