

YEHEZKEL DROR

ACADEMIC POSITION:

Professor of Political Science and Wolfson Chair Professor of Public Administration, Emeritus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION:

BA, The Hebrew University, 1953; Mag.Jur. The Hebrew University, 1954; LL.M., Harvard University, 1955; S.J.D., Harvard University, 1957.

MAIN SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS:

- Rise and decline of civilizations, states and organizations.
- The future of the human species.
- Political Leadership.
- Capacities to govern.
- Policy planning and strategic choice.
- Select policy domains, with focus on security and *raison d'humanité* issues.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS:

- Honorary Member, Club of Rome. Invited by Club of Rome to write a report on *The Capacity to Govern*, published in seven languages.
- Distinguished professorial and guest appointments at universities and policy research institutes in various countries. Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, 1962-1963. Visiting Scholar, the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., summer 1981. Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, Berlin, 1981-1982. Distinguished Guest Scholar, Science Center Berlin, 1983. Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 1983. Visiting Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, autumn 1990.
- Emeritus Fellow, World Academy of Art and Science. Member, European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Former Member, International Institute of Strategic Studies.
- First Annual Harold Lasswell Award of Policy Studies Association as "outstanding scholar in contributing to the understanding of public policy", 1983. "Fulbright 40th Anniversary Distinguished Lecturer" at 1986 American Political Science Association Meeting. 1990-1991; Vice-President and 1991-

1992 President of the Policy Studies Association. "Ludwig Von Bertalanffy Memorial Lecture", at 1994 International Society for the Systems Sciences Annual Meeting. Aaron Wildavsky Book Award by Policy Studies Organization, for chapter in best policy studies book published in 1993-94. Thomas R. Dye Award for "outstanding service to the Policy Studies Organization", 1997. Arthur Ruppin Haifa Municipality Anniversary of Israel Prize for best social science book, 1999. Landau Prize (one of the most prestigious prizes given in Israel for scientific research) for outstanding contributions to social sciences, 2002. Israeli Political Science Association Annual Certificate of Merit for exceptional contributions to political science, 2003.

- Recipient of the Israel Prize for 2005 for outstanding original scientific and applied work in policy making, capacities to govern and strategic planning.
- Recipient of the Nadav Foundation Jewish Peoplehood Award in 2011, for contribution to the development of Jewish People leadership.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL

- 1968 to 1970: Senior Staff Member, the RAND Corporation, USA.
- 1970-1972: Director of Policy Analysis, World Institute, Jerusalem (a government-sponsored Think Tank).
- 1989-1991, Senior Professor and Project Leader, working on European Union policy and structure issues, European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht.
- Senior consultative positions with international organizations, such as UNDP, OECD and the United Nations.
- Advisory work for governments and multi-state organizations, on capacities to govern, policy planning, strategic choice, top-level decision systems, governance redesign, situational assessment, global and national trajectory setting, and select policy issues.
- Intense workshops in statecraft, rulership, governance capacities, policy planning and strategic choice, for senior politicians and policy advisors in about 35 countries on all Continents.
- High-level policy planning advisor to Israeli government ministries and bodies, including two Prime Ministers. Chairperson and member of a variety of governmental and public commissions.
- Member of the Winograd Commission of Inquiry on the Second Lebanon War.
- Founding President of the Jewish People Policy Institute, Jerusalem.

MAIN BOOKS IN ENGLISH:

Israel: High-Pressure Planning (with Benjamin Akzin, 1966 (also published in Hebrew and Arabic); *Public Policymaking Reexamined*, 1968, emended paperback editions 1983 and 1995 (also published in Chinese, Hebrew, and Japanese); *Design for Policy Sciences*, 1971 (also published in Hebrew, Italian, Chinese, Korean and Japanese); *Ventures in Policy Sciences*, 1971; *Crazy States: A Counterconventional Strategic Issue*, 1971, emended edition, 1980 (also published in Hebrew, German, and Japanese); *Policymaking Under Adversity*, 1986 (also published in Chinese); *The Capacity to Govern: A Report to the Club of Rome*, 2001, paperback 2002 (also published in German, Spanish, Brazilian-Portuguese, Greek, Polish and Japanese); *Israeli Statecraft: National Security Challenges and Responses*, 2011; *Avant-Garde Politician: Leaders for a New Epoch*, 2014 (also published in Bulgarian); *For Rulers: Priming Political Leaders for Saving Humanity From Itself*, 2017.

PERSONAL DETAILS:

- Born in Vienna in 1928; migrated to Israel in 1938. Studied law, political science and sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and at Harvard University, USA, where he received the doctorate degree.
- Married to Rachel Elboim-Dror (Ed.D. Harvard University), professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with main interests in education and culture policy and history of ideas. They have three sons and eight grandchildren.

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GERMAN ACTIVITIES

Dror's global research, consultation and lecturing activities included quite a lot in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. He published in German three books, *Verrückte Welt. Politischer Wahnsinn und seine Bekämpfung*, *Ist die Erde noch regierbar?*, and a series of lectures given at the University of Zurich on societal steering.

Longer stays included 14 months at the Wissenschaft-Collegium Berlin and 4 months at the WissenschaftsZentrum Berlin. He also served as guest professor at the Universities of Konstanz and Zurich; gave a series of lectures presenting his book *Ist die Erde noch regierbar?*; and participation at scientific and professional conferences.

Dror's unusual career also included work with the highest levels of governments in Germany, Switzerland and Austria – partly on behalf of OECD and partly in cooperation with various institutions and personal invitations.

In Germany Dror gave a number of workshops for high-level decision-makers, with the participation of Helmut Kohl at one of them; and advised the Bundeskanzleramt on long-term policy planning. In Switzerland Dror advised the Federal Government on administrative reforms and mentored on crisis management, participating as the only foreigner at some of the classified crisis exercises. In Austria Dror advised the Bundeskanzleramt, some of the Political Academies and central civil service staff training; and worked with [Robert Jungk](#) in Salzburg on issues concerning the future of humanity.