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Prof. Oren Gazal-Ayal is the Director of the Center for the Study of Crime, Law and Society and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa. He is an expert in criminal law, criminal procedure and sentencing. Most of his studies are interdisciplinary and written in collaboration with economists, psychologists, sociologists and other social scientists. His scholarship has been published in numerous law reviews and peer-reviewed journals, including *Duke Law Journal*, *The Journal of Law & Economics*, *The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* and all of the leading Israeli legal journals. His papers are frequently cited in decisions of the Israeli Supreme Court. Prof. Gazal-Ayal has often been hired to advise the Israel Ministry of Justice on legislative projects, including sentencing reform and alternatives to criminal prosecution. He initiated a reform in alternatives for criminal proceedings in Israel. His proposed reform was adopted by the Israeli Knesset in 2012 and has been implemented since then.

Prof. Gazal-Ayal has been awarded several prizes for his research, including the Minister of Public Security Prize (twice, in 2002 and 2008), the Dusty and Ettie Miller Outstanding Young Scholar Prize (2008), the Cegla Prize for the Best Article by a Young Legal Scholar in Hebrew (2008) and the Fattal Prize for exceptional achievements in the study of Law and Society and Empirical Legal Studies. He is also the recipient of several prestigious and competitive research grants from, among others, the Israel Science Foundation (ISF, three times) and the German Israeli Foundation (GIF).

Prof. Gazal-Ayal has been a visiting scholar and visiting professor in numerous universities around the world, including the law schools of New York University (1999), the University of Connecticut (2004) and the University of Michigan (as a Fulbright Scholar, 2004–2005), the Max Planck Institute in Freiburg (2007) and Aix-Marseilles University (with an Erasmus Mundus Grant, 2008). In 2009–2010 he served as President of the Israeli Law and Economics Association. He was a member of the Young Scholars Forum of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities in 2008–2009, and he is currently a member of the Global Young Academy. Based on the nomination of the Israel Academy, Prof. Gazal-Ayal was selected by the IAP – The Global Network of National Science Academies – as one of 55 Outstanding Young Scientists and took part in the New Champions 2010 meeting of the World Economic Forum Summer Meeting (the "Summer Davos" meeting). In addition to his positions as Vice Dean and as university coordinator for three Erasmus Mundus programs, Prof. Gazal-Ayal is a member of Haifa University's Board of Governors, its Senate and its Research Authority Council.