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Prof. Inbal Arnon is an associate Professor in the department of Psychology at the Hebrew University and the head of the Language Learning and Processing lab (https://www.arnonlanguagelab.com/). She received a BA in Linguistics from Tel-Aviv University, an MSc in psycholinguistics from the University of Edinburgh, and a PhD in Linguistics from Stanford University. She had a tenure-track position at the University of Manchester, and at Haifa University before joining the Hebrew University in 2013. Prof. Arnon has edited two books, authored more than 30 journal papers, and presented numerous invited talks. Among other awards, she has received the Alon scholarship awarded by the higher Council for Academic Studies in Israel (2011), and the Hebrew U Rector’s prize for excellence in research, teaching, and contribution to the academic community (2021). Arnon’s work lies at the intersection of Linguistics, Cognitive Science, and Psychology, and focuses on two fundamental questions: what does it mean to know language, and how is this knowledge acquired? The answer to both has far-reaching theoretical implications for understanding human’s unique ability to use language, and important practical consequences for improving second language learning, an issue of great importance in our increasingly multilingual world. Arnon studies language acquisition and processing in children and adults learning a first and second language as a way to gain insight into what allows humans (but not other species) to develop, learn, and use language.

Prof. Arnon is highly committed to promoting scientific excellence and social justice within and outside academia. She is the founder of Israel’s first and only Living Lab (https://www.thelivinglabjerusalem.com/): a developmental lab based at the children’s science museum in Jerusalem. The lab aims to promote developmental research in Israel; expose parents and children to new findings on child development; and educate the public about child development by immersing museum visitors in the process of scientific discovery. Prof. Arnon is a member of Academia for Equality, a members’ organization working to promote democratization, equality and access to higher education for all communities living in Israel. Within the Hebrew University, she is active in promoting diversity and equality within the university, and is involved in the struggle for direct employment of the cleaning staff at the university.