

**Prof. Oren Gazal Ayal**  
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Prof. Oren Gazal-Ayal was, until lately, the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa and currently serves as the director of the Center for the Study of Crime, Law and Society. He is an expert in criminal law and procedure, sentencing law, and law and economics. He is regularly published in leading journals, including Duke Law Journal, The Journal of Law & Economics, The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Law & Social Inquiry, and all of the leading Israeli legal journals. His papers are frequently cited in decisions of the Israeli Supreme Court.

**Prizes and Grants**

He has been awarded several prizes for his research, including the Minister of Public Security Prize (twice: 2002, 2008), the Dusty and Ettie Miller Prize for Outstanding Young Scholar (2008), the Cegla Prize (2008), the Fatal Prize for excellence in research (2016), The Israeli Institute of Practical Criminal Law Prize for Outstanding Researcher in the Field of Criminal Law (2022) and the Israel Criminal Law Association Annual Prize for the Best Article (2022). He has also received several prestigious and competitive research grants from, among others, the Israel Science Foundation (ISF, four times) and the German Israeli Foundation (GIF).

**Visiting Positions and Membership in Association and Academies of Sciences.**

Gazal-Ayal has been a visiting scholar and visiting professor in universities around the globe, including Oxford University, All Souls College (2023-4), Oxford University, Worcester College (2019) (Massada Fellowship), NYU Law School (1999-2000), Connecticut Law School (2004), Michigan Law School (Fulbright Fellowship, 2004-5), the Max Planck Institute in Freiburg (2007) and Aix-Marseilles (with an Erasmus Mundus Fellowship, 2008). In 2009-2010, he served as the president of the Israeli Law and Economics Association. Gazal Ayal has been a member of the Israel Young Academy (2014-2019) and of the Global Young Academy (2009-2014). He was selected by the IAP - The Global Network of National Science Academies, as one of 55 "Outstanding Young Scientists".

**Public Service and Legal Advisory Roles**

He serves as the vice-chair of the Public Committee for the Prevention of False Convictions (headed by the former Supreme Court Justice Yoram Danziger) and the Advisory Committee to the Minister of Justice for Criminal Procedure and Evidence Law. Previously, he served on numerous other public committees. He chaired the committee to examine the enforcement of drug offenses in the IDF and the committee to examine the treatment of unauthorized absence from service. Additionally, he served in the Public Committee for the Examination of Punishment and Treatment of Convicted Offenders (the Dorner Committee), the Committee for Alternatives to Incarceration, the Academic Advisory Forum to the Inspector General of the Israeli Police and the Academic Advisory Forum for the Israel Prison Authority. In addition, he has held other public advisory positions, such as advising the Knesset, the Attorney General, and the Military Advocate General. He initiated a reform for alternatives to criminal proceedings, which was subsequently legislated by the Israeli parliament (the Knesset) in 2012.