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Izhak's research aims to enhance the understanding of agency, the temporal and spatial dimensions of leadership, and changes in education. His interests include educational leadership, ethics and social justice in schools, emotions, identity and motivation in educational settings, and educational reforms and policies. He has authored four books published by leading academic presses, one of which won the Outstanding Book Award and another received a commendation from the Society of Professors of Education. He has published nearly 90 scientific articles in prominent international journals, predominantly in the field of education, and edited several special issues. In recognition of his significant contributions to research, in 2020, he was honored with the Emerging Scholar Award by the Educational Change SIG of the American Education Research Association (AERA) for his work on educational changes.

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