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Fred Lazin is the Lynn and Lloyd Hurst Family Professor Emeritus of Local Government at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheva, Israel. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago. He joined the faculty at Ben Gurion University in 1975, where he established an Interdisciplinary Urban Studies Program and the Department of General Studies. He served as chair of the Department of Behavioral Science and of the Department of Politics and Government, Director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Center of Social Ecology, and director of the Overseas Student Program.

Professor Lazin has taught at the Hebrew University, NYU, UCLA, GWU, Cornell University, Tufts and City University of New York (John Jay College and Hunter College), and most recently as Schusterman Visiting Professor at American University. He has served as a visiting scholar at universities in Sweden, France, China, the Czech Republic, Canada and the US.

He has authored over sixty scholarly articles, and has written or edited ten books dealing with public policy in the United States, Israel and developing countries, Israeli politics and society and Jews in American politics. He received the Israel Political Science Association's award for the outstanding English language book on politics in 2005 for *The Struggle for Soviet Jewry in American Politics: Israel versus the American Jewish Establishment*. His pioneering research on the response of American Jewish organizations to German Jewish refugees in the 1930s opened a new field in Holocaust Studies. His latest book *Higher Education and Equality of Opportunity: Cross-National Perspectives* was published in 2010.