

Project Partner Search Form

The Israel Democracy Institute

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TOPICS OF INTEREST

1. HORIZON-CL2-2021-DEMOCRACY-01-02: **Economic models and modern democracies**
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4. HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-07: **Conditions for the successful development of skills matched to needs**

PARTNER INFORMATION

Description of the Legal Entity

The Israel Democracy Institute (IDI) is an independent, non-partisan center of research and action dedicated to strengthening the values and institutions of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state in the spirit of Israel's Declaration of Independence. A think-and-do tank, the institute harnesses rigorous applied research to educate decision makers and help shape policy, legislation and public opinion. IDI works with partners in government, the civil service and civil society, to improve the functioning of the government, defend and promote democratic values, and foster solidarity within Israeli society.

IDI Model of Impact typically revolves around a three-stage process:

- **Research:** Conduct high-quality, applied research designed to generate actionable proposals for reform.
- **Debate:** Convene decision-makers, academic experts and civil society leaders from a variety of viewpoints for practical debate on those proposals.
- **Impact:** Work with partners in government, civil society, and the media to advance policy recommendations over time.

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Description of the (Research) Team

IDI's Center for Governance and the Economy aims to promote reforms in Israel's political system, civil service and labor market, in order to improve the functioning of these systems and increase public confidence in them.

Among other achievements, these programs have resulted in the repeal of direct elections for the Prime Minister, the establishment of Israel's National Economic Council, and the creation of the Knesset's Research and Information Center. The Center's flagship event is the *Eli Hurvitz Conference on Economy and Society*, which is widely recognized as Israel's most influential economic conference.

Prof. Karnit Flug serves as IDI's Vice President of Research and the William Davidson Senior Fellow for Economic Policy. Prof. Karnit Flug completed her five-year term as Governor of the Bank of Israel in November 2018 and then joined IDI. She serves on the faculty of the Department of Economics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

As Governor, Prof. Flug oversaw the design and implementation of Israel's monetary policy and served as the Economic Advisor to the government. She was widely credited for maintaining stability and supporting growth in the Israeli economy. In each of her five years as Governor of the Bank of Israel, Prof. Flug was ranked among the top 10 central bankers in the world by Global Finance magazine. Prior to her appointment as Governor, Prof. Flug was the Bank of Israel's Deputy Governor and served as Acting Governor.

Prof. Flug's contribution to social and economic policies in Israel has been significant. She served on a number of public and government committees, including the Committee on Increasing Competitiveness in the Economy, the Committee for Social and Economic Change ("the Trajtenberg Committee"), and the Defense Budget Committee.

In 2018, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University in recognition of her "exceptional stewardship of Israel's monetary policy and economy." In March 2019, Prof. Flug received the "Governor of the Year" Award for 2018 by the Central Banking Publication.

IDI's Governance and the Economy Center includes 19 researchers. The center is directed by **Daphna Aviram-Nitzan**, former head of the migration research unit at the Aharon Meir Center for Banking and Economic Policy at Bar-Ilan University, and the former director of the economic research division at the Manufacturers Association of Israel. **Prof. Yuval Feldman** is IDI's Senior Fellow and the head of "Labor Market Reform Program". IDI's Senior Fellow **Prof. Yotam Margalit** headed a large, cross-national study of the investment decisions of multinational firms, a project that he developed and carried out in collaboration with the World Bank and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The "Political Reform Program" is headed by **Dr. Assaf Shapira**. The program includes fellow researchers **Prof. Gideon Rahat**, who is a faculty member of the Political Science Department at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an International Fellow at the Center for the Study of Democracy at the University of California, Irvine, **Dr. Chen Friedberg** and **Prof. Ofer Kenig**. "The Public Sector Reform Program" is headed by **Adv. Rita Golstein-Galperin**, a former Innovation for Inclusive Growth and International Regulatory Cooperation groups at the OECD.

Expertise of the Team Leader

Prof. Karnit Flug's main areas of expertise: Monetary policies, central banking, welfare state economics, labor market.

Daphna Aviram-Nitzan's main areas of expertise: Sustainability and economy, labor market, economic models, and political reforms.

Potential role in the project

☒ Research

☒ Training

☐ Dissemination

☐ Other: *Please specify*

Already experience as a	Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Partner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Expert Evaluator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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