

## PROF. RAPHAEL BAR-EL

Raphael Bar-El is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Ben-Gurion University. Prof. Bar-El founded and chaired the department from 1996 to 2002, and later again from 2008 to 2010. He was Dean of the School of Economics and Business Administration at the Ruppin Academic Center between 2010 and 2012, and is today the Chair of the Applied Economics Department at the Sapir Academic College. He teaches courses in innovation, economic national policy and regional economic growth. His main areas of interest are: innovation and high-tech policy, economic growth, regional development, innovation ecosystems and the location of economic activity. Over the last few years, he has worked with the State Government of Ceara (Brazil) on policy measures for the achievement of a better distribution of income through regional economic development. He is now leading a project concerning the elaboration of practical measures for the advancement of innovation within the Ceara state. He collaborates with various academic institutions around the world on research projects related to regional economic growth and cooperation.



Prof. Bar-El served as the Director of the National Economic Planning Authority for the Ministry of Economy and Planning. Additionally, he was in charge of the Economic Development Plan within the team of the Long-term Master Plan for Israel and of the economic master plans for a number of Israel's cities. He participated in research and regional development planning for various countries, including Turkey, Argentina, the Philippines, Paraguay and Brazil.