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Dr. Idit Kalisher is a Senior Research Fellow at the Aaron Institute for Economic Policy at Reichman University. Her research focuses on a broad range of macroeconomic and structural issues, including labor markets, human capital, productivity, cost of living, regulation, economic growth, and public sector performance.

Dr. Kalisher holds both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Her doctoral dissertation examined the economic and behavioral aspects of occupational mobility in Israel, exploring the factors that influence career choices and economic disparities among different population groups.

Her current research focuses on analyzing the drivers of the cost of living in Israel and developing policy recommendations aimed at enhancing competition and reducing regulatory barriers in order to improve household welfare. In parallel, she conducts research on government effectiveness, examining ways to improve public sector performance and promote economic growth.

Dr. Kalisher took part in the Aaron Institute research team that examined the economic implications of the Iron Swords War and developed policy recommendations to address the economic and fiscal challenges facing Israel in the years ahead. Her earlier research focused on human capital and labor market issues, particularly barriers to employment and higher education among the Arab and Haredi populations.

Alongside her research activities, Dr. Kalisher teaches economics courses to undergraduate and graduate students at Reichman University and other higher education institutions. She is also actively engaged in promoting economic literacy among children, youth, and the general public. She is the author of the children's book *In the Forest*, which introduces basic economic concepts through short stories, and she developed a curriculum designed to provide students—from elementary school through high school—with foundational economic knowledge and economic thinking skills.