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Professor Zvi Eckstein is the Dean of the School of Economics at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya.

Born in Israel, Prof. Eckstein's career spans the academic as well as the public and private sectors where he has been actively involved in policy recommendations for more than 20 years.

Eckstein started his academic career as Assistant Professor at Yale University, then returned to Israel and joined the Economics department at Tel Aviv University. He has held positions at Carnegie-Mellon University, Boston University and the University of Minnesota. He was honored to give the Walras-Bowley lecture at the Econometric society in 2008 and he has published numerous papers in all leading economic journals. His academic research includes the fields of labor economics, macro and monetary economics, applied econometrics and Jewish economic history.

Prof. Eckstein served as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel from 2006 to 2011. He served as chairman of the Investment Committee and independent director at the Provident Funds of Bank Leumi of Israel Ltd and was a board member of publicly traded corporations. He also head and served on several governmental policy reforms committees. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, a research associate of the Center for Economic Policy Research, amongst others.

Last year Professor Eckstein published two books: "THE CHOSEN FEW: HOW EDUCATION SHAPED JEWISH HISTORY, 70 – 1492", PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS, (with M. Botticini, 2012); and "IMMIGRANTS' LABOR MARKET MOBILITY: METHODS AND APPLICATIONS; THE LARGE WAVE OF IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL: 1990-2000", MIT PRESS, (with S. Cohen-Goldner and Y. Weiss, Book, 2012)