The Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies at Reichman University (IDC Herzliya) has an important mission: to shape public policy and to contribute to the law and its regulations while assisting in preserving values such as liberty of the individual and incentives for further creation.”

Prof. Uriel Reichman, Founding President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Reichman University

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

Most do not associate law with technology, however, the many challenges of the 21st Century demand not only an understanding of technological innovations, but also their legal implications and the challenges these innovations present to ethics and norms. This requires a fresh approach to legal studies, one that we have undertaken through the ongoing generosity of Zvi Meitar z”l and his family. The Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program at Reichman University gives talented students an opportunity to explore tomorrow’s challenges in light of today’s societal concerns. We believe that this institute will continue to effectively and substantively contribute to the public discourse for years to come.”

Prof. Rafi Melnick, President, Reichman University
The Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program, now in its 7th year, provides outstanding students a year of customized learning, practical tools and hands-on experience in order to examine legal, ethical and social challenges of new and emerging technologies. The overarching goal of the program is to empower undergraduate students to actively contribute to the public discourse on these issues, with the ultimate purpose of influencing academic scholarship, shaping public policy and even drafting laws and regulations.

This is a year-long English language program, open to exceptional students from all schools.

Over the course of the year, students have the opportunity to:

- Examine legal, ethical and social repercussions relating to new and disruptive technologies.
- Interact closely with industry leaders, government officials and NGOs.
- Educate and inform the public on disruptive technologies via symposiums, round table discussions, workshops and conferences.
- Publish position papers, formulate amicus briefs and draft relevant statutes on challenging issues in order to help law catch up with technology.

The Institute is a center of excellence determined to provide students with practical tools and educational skill on disruptive technologies and their diverse legal, social and ethical implications. The institute plays an important part in our goal to educate the students and prepare them for an emerging and unprecedented reality.

Prof. Lior Zemer
Dean, Harry Radzyner Law School, Reichman University

Reichman University, the first private university of higher education in Israel, opened its doors in 1994. Its ten different schools, Harry Radzyner Law School being one of them, offer innovative and dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs that educate Israel’s future business, juridical, Hi-Tech, communications, economics and civic leaders.

Reichman University is unique in its educational methods, which are based on an interdisciplinary approach and the teaching of information technology and global markets. Theory is combined with real world experience providing graduates with a competitive edge when entering the market.

Harry Radzyner Law School was established in 1994 as the founding school of Reichman University. Over the years, it has produced more than 8,812 graduates, many of whom have gone on to realize the Reichman University vision of becoming leaders in various fields. In line with Reichman University’s approach, Harry Radzyner Law School runs approximately 30 programs, including 12 legal clinics in various fields of law.

The Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program is a prime example of this approach, combining cutting-edge technologies that have the potential to affect the world globally, through law, ethics, society and sustainability by way of practical “hands on” experience.
The Zvi and Ofra Meitar Family Fund sponsors a wide range of groups and activities pertaining to education and culture in Israel and worldwide. The Fund was established by Zvi Meitar z”l in 2004 with the goal of sponsoring young outstanding people in their field and promoting selected projects. While “Education and Culture” is wide-scale, the people and projects that have been chosen create a diverse and varied mosaic. The Zvi and Ofra Meitar Family Fund mission is not complete by just financing the projects. In fact, this is only the initial step of a long and ongoing relationship. The aspiration is to accompany the people and projects once they have been established, and to be a true partner throughout the process. The Meitar Family Fund strives to contribute by sharing experience and business know-how when possible in order to reach new horizons. Zvi Meitar z”l was born in Tel-Aviv and graduated from Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1957 with a Master of Jurisprudence (LL.M.). In 1962, Zvi established his law firm and became the Head and Managing Partner. To this day, Zvi’s firm is the leading law firm for corporate, commercial, and international business law in Israel. The Meitar Office still operates under the Meitar name, even though Zvi moved to London in 2001 and ceased to be a partner of the firm. During the twelve years between 1983-1995, Zvi was President of the Law Society of Tel-Aviv, the main legal association for lawyers in Israel. During this time, he was also a member of a State Committee that appoints all Judges and Justices under Israeli Constitutional Law. In the 1970’s, Zvi became involved in international business ventures which included a partnership with one of the largest telecommunications conglomerates in Israel, with substantial international business interests, that to this day remains a world leader in Yellow Pages manufacturing and telephone billing. Zvi established several family funds which have made substantial donations to many causes and projects in Israel and worldwide.
The Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies is an 11 credit program and comprises two parts:

- 4 academic credits are granted for 2 academic courses:
  » Introduction to ELSI of Science and Technology
  » Technology and Law

- 3 additional credits (extra credits)* for an Emerging Technology Workshop. The technology workshop comprises of talks by local and international guest speakers, on a bi-weekly basis. The speakers are experts in the field of technology, law, science, and ethics and will share their personal success stories in an intimate and informal session.

- 4 additional credits are granted for a guided student project. Students are divided into small groups in which they choose from real-world projects in the fields of Hi-Tech, Green-Tech and Bio-Tech. Students are guided by faculty, mentors and industry experts and are provided with knowledge, practical tools and hands-on experience to ensure that they are well-equipped to develop creative solutions to many complex and complicated issues associated with innovative technologies.

* Credit counts toward your GPA but not toward your required courses.
Introduction to ELSI of Science and Technology
Prof. Dov Greenbaum, Academic Program Director
2 credits
This course is designed to expose students to the legal, ethical and social (ELSI) concerns with new and emerging technologies, and provide them with the necessary tools to apply methodologies to assess these concerns.

Technology and Law
Prof. Dov Greenbaum, Academic Program Director
2 credits
The course introduces students to the legal issues associated with technologies. As our lives become more enmeshed in unprecedented technological innovations, we are faced with novel legal issues that will affect us all. The course will discuss many innovative technologies including robotics, AI, genetics, food tech, prop tech, virtual reality, fintech, 3D printing, space and drones.

While the course will provide an appreciation of the legal concerns associated with these technologies, the course is also designed to be accessible to those without a legal background.

Emerging Technologies Workshop
Prof. Dov Greenbaum Academic Program Director
3 credits (credits count toward your GPA but not toward your required courses)
The workshop hosts guest lectures on a bi-weekly basis, providing students with a rare opportunity to hear local and international experts share their personal success stories in an intimate and informal session. Students are required to prepare blogs and short position papers to be submitted throughout the year.

Yearly Research Project
Prof. Dov Greenbaum, Academic Program Director
4 credits
The most striking feature of the program is a year-long research project in which students gain practical experience. Projects take a look into technologies in the field of Hi-Tech, Bio-Tech and Green-Tech and students offer solutions to complex and challenging legal, ethical and social issues.

Projects may be in the form of a white paper, drafting amicus briefs and statutes, or academic research that could be presented to the relevant institution. Students form teams and work on their research projects throughout the academic year with the guidance of program faculty, mentors and industry experts.

Writing Skills Workshop
In this workshop, students will acquire the necessary research writing skills and develop the essential techniques that will help them tackle their academic writing, specifically their year-long research project. Students will be empowered as they learn how to properly and efficiently organize, structure and create a publishable research paper.

Podcast Workshop
In this foundational workshop, students will gain practical skills and best practices for producing distinctive podcasts. Students will learn the essentials of audio storytelling from professional radio producers and podcasters as they plan, write, record and edit their own podcast.

Presentation Skills Workshop
An exhilarating part of the program is the Presentation Skills Workshop. Over the course of six weeks, Zvi Meitar students will learn the secrets of storytelling and presentation on stage. In this workshop, students will gain knowledge on how to succinctly formulate complicated ideas, design a presentation and to communicate their ideas professionally and dynamically on stage. By the end of the workshop, students will deliver an electrifying talk on their yearly project to their mentors, family and friends at the program’s Annual Closing event.

The Zvi Meitar flagship program provides fellows with an excellent blend of academic courses and hands-on sessions that motivate, support and empower the students.”

Inbar Carmel
Program Manager, Zvi Meitar Institute, Reichman University
SMILE, YOU’RE ON CAMERA: THE EFFECT OF FACIAL RECOGNITION ON MINORS

“In the coming years, facial recognition will be normalized for the usage on our children.”

Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) is an emerging technology that has already crept into our everyday lives. While laws have been developed to protect adults from many of the concerns associated with FRT, those laws are often not broad enough to encompass the novel concerns that arise when using FRT on adolescents. A group of three passionate students set out to discover some of the legal challenges associated with FRT and children. Importantly, these students found a discrepancy in the way this technology is marketed versus the way that it is practically used. After thorough examination, the students developed a comprehensive proposal as to how this technology can be safely employed on children as cautiously and effectively as it is for adults.

In the upcoming academic year, students will collaborate with high-ranking government officials, NGOs, industry experts and professionals from the world of hi-tech, green-tech and bio-tech in order to develop and produce their yearly research projects.

Our sixth cohort of graduates collaborated with some fascinating organizations and outstanding mentors.

HERE’S A BRIEF LOOK AT LAST YEAR’S PROJECTS:

RULES AS CODE: ARE YOU READY TO BE RULED BY MACHINES?

“Soon, Rules as Code will be the innovative tool that will completely alter the way we design, draft, and consume legislation.”

Rules as code (RAC), is the translation of the law into machine readable code. It is a disruptive technological method that is gaining traction across different jurisdictions worldwide and it will soon become a better way for society to tackle all aspects of legislation. A group of three driven students took a deep dive into the legal and ethical repercussions. They examined ways in which governments can leverage RAC in different aspects of our lives. Our students found that any implementation of RAC requires a focus on software bugs and errors, as well as human discretion in deciding which laws can be tailored to this innovative method.

DigiME: WHEN DIGITAL TWINS PREDICT OUR FUTURE HEALTH

“We’ve used it in rockets, we’ve seen it in fruit flies, but can it be achieved in humans?”

Digital Twins has started to rapidly shape our world, in particular, the ways in which we design, conceptualize, and build innovative products. The technology is already used in a myriad of industries. A team of three exemplary students embarked on a journey of exploring the relatively novel use of digital twins in the health sector. While they found the technology to be capable in this field, they also found diverse legal challenges such as ownership of the algorithms, the data and the digital twin models and the right to either gain or limit access to the information. The team dived into the many aspects of the technology with the end goal of creating some best practices on how to safely create, a spitting image of ourselves.

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THE TRUE COST OF FASHION

“If we were aware of the true cost of fashion, would we change our ways?”

With the impact of fashion rearing its ugly head as a contributor to climate change, three of our amazing students aimed to explore not only the dangers and challenges that fashion pose to our environment, but also the ways in which we can change these damaging impacts. Their research led them to assess four key stakeholders, namely: Manufacturers, Retailers, Consumers, and Government. While each of these stakeholders can change the way that we design, create, consume, and dispose of fashion, the team’s key takeaway is that the change starts with us. Every person is a consumer, and without individual widespread awareness, we will never be able to achieve widespread action. The team produced recommendations and formulated methods to reduce the challenges that arise especially from the increasingly popular fast-fashion sector.

NEURO TECHNOLOGY

“…in the future, instead of going to a gravesite, you would just go to your loved one’s website.”

We have all had that one existential thought: can we live forever? A group of three dedicated students examined whether immortality is indeed possible through the futuristic technological concept of uploading our consciousness to an artificial intelligence machine. While their research touched upon some wishful ideas, they discovered real and current challenges related to accuracy, ethics, and privacy associated with the technology. The team managed to cultivate a number of solutions as to how to ethically and legally facilitate the development of this nascent technology.
The program includes supplementary tours to various organizations, start-ups, government offices and companies across Israel. These tours will empower participants to have first-hand experience with cutting edge and innovative technologies and offer a gateway to connect to Israel’s leading figures and industry professionals.

Students are also empowered as they take action by presenting their yearly research projects at the Annual Closing Event and at various international conferences. Previously, students were invited to Arizona State University as well as to Oxford University in the United Kingdom to present their work.

Participants also have a unique opportunity to organize closed door roundtables at which experts from all fields associated with disruptive technologies debate how best to confront legal, ethical and social challenges associated with new and innovative technologies.

Since its establishment at the end of 2014, the Zvi Meitar Institute has endeavored to become Israel’s leading voice on legal, ethical and social issues associated with new and emerging technologies.

Our strategic and innovative partners in government, industry and professional practice, play a vital role in the success of the institute by helping us host events, round tables and meetups as well as spreading the word in academic papers, lay literature and newspaper opinion pages.

We would like to thank our network of supporters and strategic partners for helping us build a leading research institute that will set the tone for the challenges of new and disruptive technologies and impact public policy.
Prof. Lior Zemer serves as Dean of Harry Radzyner Law School. Concurrently, Prof. Zemer is also the Head of MA program in Law, Technology and Business Innovation at Reichman University. Formerly, he held teaching positions at the faculties of law in Leicester, Birmingham and UCL and he was a visiting professor at Boston University Law School (2003-2016) and Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto (2002-2007). Prior to joining legal academia, he served as the assistant lawyer to Judge J.D. Cooke at the European Court of First Instance and Judge S. von Bahr at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Professor Zemer’s research interests includes intellectual property law and policy, jurisprudence, international and European law. Prof. Zemer holds a PhD from Osgoode Hall Law School, an LL.M. (magnum cum laude) from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and an M.St (with distinction) from Oxford University.

Prof. Amnon Lehavi is the Atara Kaufman Professor of Real Estate and Academic Director of the Gazit-Globe Real Estate Institute at Reichman University. He is also a board member of the Zvi Meitar Institute. Prof. Lehavi also served as Dean of Harry Radzyner Law School. Author of two monographs published by Cambridge University Press: “The Construction of Property: Norms, Institutions, Challenges” (2013) and “Property Law in a Globalizing World” (2019). Prof. Lehavi is a leading authority on property law, land use controls, as well as law and globalization. In 2018, Prof. Lehavi was elected Co-President of the Law Schools Global League (LSGL). Prof. Lehavi holds a J.S.D. and an LL.M. from Yale University, and an LL.B. and a B.A. from Tel-Aviv University.
This unique academic program was created by Prof. Dov Greenbaum, the Director of the Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies and the Academic Director of Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program. Concurrently, he is also a researcher in the department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University. Prof. Greenbaum has degrees and post-doctoral fellowships from Yeshiva University, Yale University, University of California, Berkeley, ETH Zurich and Stanford University.

In addition to his academic affiliation and training, he is also an intellectual property attorney (California & USPTO), with experience in the fields of biopharmaceutical litigation, and Hi-Tech patent drafting and prosecution, including drafting in the fields of robotics, software, computer hardware and defense.
STRENGTH AND DIVERSITY
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Amit Rabin is a third-year Law and Psychology student at Harry Radzyner Law School at Reichman University. In the IDF, Amit served as a welfare officer lieutenant. She was responsible for creating quality conditions for soldiers coming from low socio-economic backgrounds, lone soldiers and other related groups. During her studies at Reichman University, Amit participated in the Youth Representation Legal Clinic where she accompanied and provided legal advice to distressed and at-risk youth. Moreover, Amit managed the Negotiation Club of Reichman University’s Student Union and volunteered as a tutor at the Olim LeMishpatim program. Currently, Amit works as a tutor at EasyLaw.

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Ed Gittelman is a third-year Business Administration and Entrepreneurship student at the Raphael Recanati International School at Reichman University. Ed was born in Israel and was raised in Panama, where he held multiple leading positions within the country’s Jewish youth movement. At 18, Ed decided that he wanted to take on a more significant challenge and moved alone to Taiwan to learn Chinese. After a year of studying the language, he started a degree in big data at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Ed is currently a data analyst at Konnecto, leading the company’s pre-sales. He is also heading the Product Hub at Reichman University and volunteering as a personal finance mentor in Israeli high schools.

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Maya Yaron is a third-year student in the joint Law and MBA program at Harry Radzyner Law School at Reichman University. In the IDF, Maya served as an unmanned aerial vehicle instructor in Rochev-Shamayim unit and she was also as an operations officer. Maya received a reward of excellence, in the army, for her extraordinary contribution. During her studies at Reichman University, Maya volunteered at the Law for Community program. In addition, Maya participated in the Legal Clinic for Start-Ups, which offers free legal advice, counseling, and drafting documents for start-ups, and she is currently the coordinator of the clinic. Previously, Maya worked in the prime minister’s office and as of today, she works as a marketing coordinator at the Or-Hof Law Firm.

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