



STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

RESEARCH

Human activities including climate change are altering our oceans

The University of Haifa formed a partnership between GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel to [establish the Helmholtz International Laboratory in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea](#) as a model for Future Ocean Research (EMS FORE). The Eastern Mediterranean Sea is one of the most rapidly changing ocean basins on our planet impacted by both climate change and extensive human pressures. The 6 million€ project is led by Prof Eric Achterberg (GEOMAR) and Prof. Ilana Berman-Frank (UoH), with a core team of approx. 25 researchers and students.

Human Rights of Older Persons

Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron, Dean of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences, presented before the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, as part of the council's first meeting in the field of the [rights of the elderly](#), titled 'The multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons'. Prof. Doron presented in the first session of the meeting 'The Human Right to Life-long Learning in Old-Age'.



Aerial view of Eshkol tower (Credit: University of Haifa)

Harnessing Technology for the Advancement of the Study of the Past

The first collaboration of its kind between the School of Archaeology and Maritime Civilizations, led by [Prof. Israel Finkelstein](#), and scientists at the [Technion](#) will propel the study of the past into the technological era of our time. This collaboration was launched at a conference held in January 2023 at the Technion, which showcased how to integrat archaeological research with exact sciences. The collaboration will leverage the unique capabilities of researchers from both institutions to lead groundbreaking interdisciplinary research.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Middle East Philosophy Association with Children

[The inauguration of the 'PCYNAP Philosophy with Children and Youth Network for Asia-Pacific'](#) was announced during an international online event. The association was founded by the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Aryeh Kizel, in collaboration with Soufiane Morgava, a social activist from Morocco. Dozens of researchers and practitioners from around the world participated in the event, including from Italy, Spain, Malta, Turkey, and more.

VESKI grant: Integration of Autistic People at Work

A joint project between researchers from the University of La Trobe in Australia and researchers from the Faculty of

Welfare and Health Sciences. The project, which was funded through a VESKI grant from the government of La Trobe in Australia, [intended for international collaborations](#), included three studies: integration of autistic people at work, led by Prof. Eynat Gal and Prof. Naomi Schreuer from the Department of Occupational Therapy; Exposure to alcohol in the digital media, led by Prof. Sharon Sznitman from the School of Public Health; and developmental intellectual disability and families, led by Dr. Carmit-Noa Spigelman, from the Department of Community Mental Health.

LEARNING AND STUDENTS

Map the System – Global Learning

Students from the University's Kayama Center, which aims to create positive social impact, participated in the competitive University of Oxford [Map the System: global learning program](#) and social innovation competition that equips students to use systems thinking to tackle social and environmental challenges. The students made it to the finals, which included only 12 teams, out of dozens that competed.

Meaningful SDG-related Education

The university is offering meaningful SDG-related education within its academic programs, students have the option of advancing the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) through diverse course offerings and experiential learning. In particular, the ['environment and sustainability' cluster](#) of elective courses; MA in [Natural Resources and Environmental Management](#), and the MBA Program Specializing in Sustainability (Global Green MBA), to mention a few.

OPERATIONS

SDG Campaign to celebrate UofH 50th anniversary

This year UofH celebrated its 50th anniversary with a campaign highlighting key research and educational initiatives that align with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – reducing poverty, hunger, and discrimination.

We are proud of the University's multidisciplinary approach that encourages different perspectives and unusual pairings to address some of the world's greatest challenges.

Upholding ISO Standards

Under Ayelet Anati's management and VP Nebi Amer's guidance, the safety department led the University Standards Institute's inspection of ISO 45001 (safety) and ISO 14001 (environmental quality). [Annual inspections ensure certification](#), recent inspections of various university units met successfully the ISO standards for infrastructure, security and operations.

Israel-Argentina Exchange

As part of a larger strategy to strengthen the ties with Latin American partners, the University is working to consolidate cooperation agreements with Argentinean universities to increase research projects, student exchanges, and new online teaching opportunities. In efforts to advance collaborations, Dr. Sebastian Klor of the [Department of Multidisciplinary Studies](#) (Eshkol) visited Maimonides University delivering a lecture on "Israel and Argentina in the 21st Century: Exchanges, Challenges, and Opportunities." In November, [both Universities signed the MOU](#) cementing the commitment to collaborate on joint projects.

Opening Doors to a Regional Research Collaboration

The University of Haifa established a regional research collaboration by signing agreements with several universities in Morocco and the Emirates. Specifically, agreements were signed with Abdelmalek Essaadi University in Tangier and Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakesh, focusing on ecological, marine technologies, and sustainable aquaculture research. Additionally another [pioneering trilateral agreement](#) was signed with Khalifa University, United Arab Emirates University and the German Helmholtz GEOMAR research center.