

# Judith Gal-Ezer

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Judith Gal-Ezer is Professor of Computer Science at the Open University of Israel (OUI), within the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

As faculty, she has developed numerous textbooks in Mathematics and Computer Science (CS) and played a pivotal role in designing both the undergraduate and Master programs in CS. During her time at OUI, she held various leadership positions, including Head of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, Head of the Development Division, and Vice President for Academic Affairs, spanning almost a decade.

While initially she engaged in research on wave propagation and seismology, her focus gradually shifted to two key areas: computer-integrated mathematics education and computer science education, which has since become her primary interests.

In addition of writing Hebrew textbooks for the Open University Professor Gal-Ezer published tens of publications in professional journals and professional conferences. She supervised many students' seminar works, and Master and PhD students.

Her involvement with educational policy extends beyond academia. She was member of the Ministry of Education's professional committee responsible for formulating the CS curriculum for Israeli high schools. Subsequently, she chaired this committee and served on similar committees for elementary, middle school curricula.

Furthermore, Judith has contributed extensively to higher education governance, serving as a member of the CHE Council for Higher Education, the regulatory body overseeing all higher education institutions. Presently, she continues to participate in numerous sub-committees of the Ministry of Education, the CHE, and the PBC (Planning and Budgeting Committee).

Professor Gal-Ezer is actively engaged in professional societies and initiatives. She serves on the editorial boards of several prominent journals; she is a member of the Informatics for All European Coalition, and plays key roles in various committees, including the CC2020 Steering Committee and the ACM Education Board. Notably, she chairs the ACM Europe Council Education Committee.

Her contributions to CS education have been recognized through prestigious awards, including:

ACM SIGCSE 2007 "Special Contribution to Computer Science Education,"

IEEE 2015 Computer Society Taylor L. Booth Education Award for outstanding research and practical application in the field

ACM Karl V. Karlstrom Outstanding Educator Award 2017.

In 2021 she was honored to be recognized as an ACM Fellow.

In 2022 she was invited as Fellow of AAIA (Asia -Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association).

In 2024 as AIIA Fellow (International Artificial Intelligence Industry Alliance)

In 2024 Gal-Ezer was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to the ACM Award.

## Personal Information

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## Education

Tel Aviv University, Applied Mathematics	B.Sc.	1968
Tel Aviv University, Applied Mathematics	M.Sc.	1971
Tel Aviv University, Applied Mathematics	Ph.D.	1978
Tel Aviv University, Computer Science	Diploma	1985

## Academic Ranks in Institutions of Higher Education

1980 - 1985	Tel Aviv University	Lecturer (adjunct)
1986 - 1987	Tel Aviv University	Visiting Lecturer
1990 - 1995	The Open University of Israel	Senior Lecturer
1993 - 1994	The Weizmann Institute of Science	Visiting Scientist
1994 - 1995	Tel Aviv University	Senior Lecturer (adjunct)
1995 - 1996	Weizmann Institute of Science	Consultant
1995 - 2002	The Open University of Israel	Associate Professor
2002 - 2016	The Open University of Israel	Full Professor
Summer 2002	Weizmann Institute of Science	Visiting Scientist
2019 - 2024	The Open University of Israel	Full Professor
2024 -	the Open Un University	Professor Emerita

## Offices in Academic Administration

1985 - 1990	Head, Computer Science (CS) team
1990 - 1993	Head, Academic Development Division
1990 - 2017, 2019 - 2024	Open University Council
1990 - 2017, 2019 - 2024	Open University Senate
1994 - 1996	Head, CS team
1996 - 1999	Head, Mathematics and CS Department and Head, CS Div
1999 - 2005	Vice President for Academic Affairs
1999 - 2012	Open University School of Technology Steering Committee
2008 - 2009	Director, International Academic Outreach
2009 - 2012	Vice President for Academic Affairs
2009 - 2014	Open University Executive Committee
2012 - 2018	Advisor to the President on Women's and Gender Issues
12.2020 -3. 2021	Acting Dean of Development and Educational Technology
2020 - 2022	Chair, Committee for Implementing the English Reform
2020 - 2022	Leading the Establishment of the School for Digital Studies
2021 - 2024	Responsibility for Hebrew, English and Arabic Website
2024 - 2025	Manager, OUI - IDF Relations

## Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the Institution

### Ministry of Education

1990 - 2000	Member, Professional Committee, CS Studies in High School
2001 - Present	Member, Steering Committee, National CS Teachers' Center
2005 - 2009	Chair, Professional Committee, CS in High School
2007 - 2009	Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee Computer CS in High School
2009 - 2022	Member, Professional Committee for CS in High School
2012 - 2014	Chair, Professional Committee for CS in High School
2012 - 2014	Member, Professional Committee for CS in Middle School
2012 - 2014	Member, Professional Committee Systems Design, High School
2016 - 2022	Vice Chair, Professional Committee for CS, High School

Council for Higher Education (CHE); Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC)

1997 -	Member/Chair, committees for accreditation CS programs
2007 - 2009	Member, Tikshuv (computers and communication)
2013 - 2025	Member CHE committee for nominating college prof.
2013 - 2015	Member of the CHE committee for teaching quality
2014 - 2016	Member of the CHE
2016 - 2022	Chair, Alon scholarship Committee
2018 - 2020	Member of more CHE subcommittees for the accreditation of colleges, Reviewer of CS programs, too numerous to list here.

Ba'Sha'ar - Academic community for Israeli Society

2010 - Present	Member, Ba'Sha'ar
2022 - Present	Chair of Ba'Sha'ar hotline for maintaining academic values

International Professional Committees

2005 - 2015	Member, Advisory Board, AMSA (Advanced Math and Science Academy, Charter School, Massachusetts)
2005 - 2008	International Director, Board of Directors, Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Member and later Head of Research Committee, CSTA Head of International Committee, CSTA Member, Ad-hoc Teachers' Certification Committee, CSTA
2008 - 2020	Advisory Council, CSTA
2008 - 2020	Member, Research and International committees CSTA
2013 - 2014	Member, ACM ISEF Award Committee
2014 - 2015	Chair, ACM ISEF Award Committee
2015 - 2019	Member, ACM Europe Council
2015 - 2019	Member, EUACM, the European Policy Committee
2015 - 2018	Member, CECE, The Committee on European Computing Education; (In 2018 CECE ceased to exist, Informatics4All was established)
2015 - 2018	Member, Google's Online Education Advisory Council

2017 - 2019	Vice Chair ACM Europe Council
2017 - Present	Member, Informatics for All <sup>1</sup>
2017 - 2024	Member, ACM Education Advisory committee
2017 - 2023	IEEE Taylor Booth Award Committee
2018 - 2023	Member, ACM Karl Karlstrom Award Committee
2019 - 2024	Member, CC2020 ACM and IEEE Steering Committee
2021 - 2023	Chair of ACM Karl Karlstrom Award Committee
2022 - Present	Member of the ACM Education Board
2022 - 2024	ACM HLF – Heidelberg Laureate Forum, Young Researchers Selection Committee
2023 - 2024	Co-Chair ACM HLF Young Researchers Selection Comm.
2023 - Present	Chair, ACM Europe Council Education committee
2024 – Present	European Commission Expert Group for the development of Guidelines on High-Quality Informatics

#### Editorial Boards

1992 -	Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Computers & Educ.
2011 - 2016	Associate Editor, Inroads – ACM Magazine

#### Conference Program and Steering Committee

2015 - 2019	WiPSCE - Workshop in primary and Secondary Computing Education, Steering Committee
2015 - 2020	WiPSCE - Workshop in primary and Secondary Computing Education, Program Committee
2017 - 2024	ITiCSE2017 Program Committee
2017 -	International Conference on Computational Thinking
2017 - 2019	ACM Nomination Committee
2018 - 2024	ICER program committee

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<sup>1</sup> A coalition devised jointly by ACM Europe, Informatics Europe and CEPIS. Its purpose is to give due recognition to Informatics (Computer Science) as an essential foundational discipline for education in the twenty-first century.

2022 - Present      More ad-hock committees too numerous to list here

### Other

1995 – 1999, 2007 - 2009 *Malam* - The National Center for Science Education

2013 - 2016 *Meital* - The Inter-University Center for E-Learning – IUCEL

### Participation in Scholarly Conferences

1987 – Attending, presenting, panelists in many international conferences and workshops. 3-4 each year. Some of which were keynotes or invited talks too numerous to detail here. The main conferences were:

SIGCSE Technical Symposium; ITiCSE Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education, WIPCSE Workshop in Primary and Secondary Computing Education, Computational Thinking, FIE Frontiers in Engineering Education, Dagstuhl and more.

### Other Professional Activities

#### Refereeing

Extensive refereeing for professional international journals such as: Communication of the ACM; International Journal of Mathematics Education in Science and Technology; Computers and Education and Inroads, as well as international conferences such as: SIGCSE, ITiCSE, WIPSCSE, CSEDU and more.

#### Professional Societies

- ACM
- SIGCSE
- IEEE (until 2019)

## Awards and Fellowship

- 2007 ACM SIGCSE Award for Outstanding Contribution to Computer Science Education
- 2015 IEEE Taylor L. Booth Award for outstanding research and its practical application in the field of computer science education
- 2017 ACM Karl V. Karlstrom Outstanding Educator Award
- 2021 ACM Fellow
- 2022 AAIA - Asia -Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association – Fellow
- 2024 AIIA - International Artificial Intelligence Industry Alliance – Fellow
- 2024 Outstanding Contribution to the ACM Award

## Teaching

### Teaching Responsibility for Open University Courses

1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infinitesimal Calculus III</li></ul>	Developing with co-authors
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ordinary Differential Equations</li><li>• Numerical Analysis</li></ul>	
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Computer</li></ul>	Coordination, CS team
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Design</li><li>• Automata and Formal Languages</li></ul>	
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operating Systems</li></ul>	
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computability and Complexity</li><li>• Data Structures and Algorithms</li><li>• Algorithmics</li><li>• Topics in Computer Science Education</li><li>• Two units for the high school curriculum</li><li>• Computer Organization</li><li>• Computational Models</li></ul>	
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Design</li></ul>	Rewriting
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Algorithmics</li><li>• Data Structures and Algorithms</li></ul>	
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer Applications</li></ul>	Academic responsibility

### Other Teaching Experience

1969 - 1983 *All kind of courses, too numerous to list.* School of Mathematics, Tel Aviv University (TAU)

1994 - 1995 CS Education School of Education (TAU)

### Supervising Seminars and Capstone Papers

Many, too numerous to detail here.

### Supervision of Master Students

Ela Zur Tel-Aviv University 1990 Co. Prof. G. Zwas

Tal Sharon Tel-Aviv University 1991 Co. Prof. G. Zwas

Tammy Rosenthal The Hebrew University 1994 Co. Prof. N. Ben-Zvi

Tamar Vilner The Hebrew University 1995 Co. Prof. N. Ben-Zvi

Adital Zeldes The Hebrew University 1996 Co. Prof. S. Viner

Dvir Lanzberg The Open University 2003

Guy Salomon Tel-Aviv University 2006 Co. Prof. E. Turkel

Ido Karlan The Open University 2018

Livnat Ben-Hemo The Open university 2020

Chen Ulmer The Open University

Tal Cohen, The Open University, 2022, co-instructor Dr. Rami Marely

Ofer Wald, The Open University, 2023

Polina Lysak, The Open University, 2025

Ofek Salomon, The Open University, Co-Instructing with Professor Michal  
Armoni, the Weizmann Institute of Science 2026

#### Supervision of PhD Students<sup>2</sup>

Ela Zur Tel Aviv University 2001 Prof. G. Zwas

Michal Armoni Tel Aviv University 2003 Prof. D. Tirosh

Sharon Gal the Open University, 2025

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<sup>2</sup> Only in 2023 the University was certified to offer PhD programs