

Prof. Rachelle Alterman (née Leichter)

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Rachelle Alterman is an emeritus (non-retired) professor of urban planning and law at the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology, and senior researcher at the Neaman Institute for National Policy Research. Her research interests include comparative planning law and land use regulation, comparative land and housing policy, climate change, and implementation of public policy. She is currently also the academic coordinator of a BA degree in Real Estate Valuation at Bar Ilan University.

Professor Alterman holds a B.A. Hon. degree in social science and a Master's in City Planning from the University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada); a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology; and LLB from Tel Aviv University Law School (pursued after her PhD).

In 2007, Alterman founded the International Academic Association on Planning, Law and Property Rights, thus forging the interdisciplinary linkage between planning and law and launching a vibrant field of international research. For her leadership, the Association of European Schools of Planning made her an Honorary Member (the only non-European). In 2017 she was selected as one of sixteen global “Key Thinkers in Spatial Planning” whose academic autobiographies are published in a Routledge book. The Stockholm Royal Institute of Technology's Center for the Future of Places awarded her (among 20) its Athena Accolade for leading female scholars and later, an award granted to 10 globally leading scholars. In Israel, she has won the Landau Academic Prize, the Distinguished Planner award from the Israel Planners' Association, and several prizes from government ministries and the City of Tel Aviv

Rachelle pays special attention to making her publications accessible to decision makers. Her advice (usually pro-bono) is frequently sought by UN Habitat, the OECD, the Union for the Mediterranean, the World Bank, and Chinese national and local governments and research centers. Many of her publications are cited by the Israeli courts and her advice is sought by Knesset (parliament) committees, government ministries, local governments, and NGOs. She is often interviewed by the public media.

Rachelle's husband, Doron Alterman, is a civil engineer; their son, Edan Alterman, is a TV, movie and theater actor; their daughter, Dr. Neora Alterman, is an epidemiologist.