We live in a time of technological advancement unprecedented in human history. The ethical, legal and social implications of these new and innovative technologies are non-trivial. Above all, they require an open mind to the possibilities and promises of human advancement, albeit with an eye toward the many potential pitfalls.

On the one hand, humanity has made exceptional achievements, but on the other hand, the human race faces tremendous challenges. In addition to ambitions to conquer space, to crack the full mystery of DNA, and to develop innovative communications technology and revolutionary technologies in robotics and artificial intelligence, there are the challenges of a growing world population, global warming, the lack of energy and food, and more. This pace of change requires fundamental adjustments and a new interdisciplinary form of instruction, apt to deal with the challenges of the 21st century.

The Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies at IDC Herzliya has an important mission: to help 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.

The generosity of Zvi Meitar z”l contributed to the founding of this Institute and it will undoubtedly grant many talented students an opportunity to explore tomorrow’s challenges and to contribute to the public discourse. Zvi strived for excellence and professionalism and truly believed that our Institute can positively contribute to society.

Zvi’s great wisdom will be missed.
IDC HERZLIYA AND RADZYNER LAW SCHOOL

IDC Herzliya, the first private institution of higher education in Israel, opened its doors in 1994. Its ten different schools, Radzyner Law School being one of them, each offer innovative and dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs that educate Israel’s future business, juridical, hi-tech, communications, economics and civic leaders. IDC Herzliya 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.

Radzyner Law School was established in 1994 as the founding school of IDC. Over the years, it has produced close to 7000 graduates, many of whom have gone on to realize the IDC vision of becoming leaders in various fields. In line with IDC’s approach, Radzyner Law School runs approximately 30 programs, including 14 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, with law, ethics, society and sustainability through practical “hands on” experience.

ZVI MEITAR EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

Currently in its 2nd year, the Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program provides students with a unique and enriching opportunity to examine the 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:

- Interact closely with industry leaders, government officials and NGOs.
- Educate and inform the public on issues associated with disruptive technologies through developing symposiums, round table discussions, workshops and conferences.
- Examine the legal, ethical and social aspects relating to new and emerging technologies.

Students research these challenging issues, publish position papers, formulate amicus briefs and draft relevant statutes.
ZVI MEITAR M. JUR. Z”L

(October 12, 1933 - July 2, 2015)

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.

Zvi was very proud to establish the new & innovative Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program, along the Institute that was founded in October 2014. Zvi believed in education and in granting students an opportunity to examine the challenges of new technologies, in contributing to the legal and judiciary systems in Israel and reaching out to the public on issues relating to emerging technologies, providing lay literature and newspaper opinion pages as well as regular events, featuring local and international experts on areas of Hi-Tech, Bio-Tech and Green-Tech.

Zvi was our mentor, a powerhouse attorney and a generous philanthropist, establishing one of the largest law firms in Israel and supporting numerous charitable causes. We will miss Zvi very much.

ZVI AND OFRA MEITAR FAMILY FUND

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.

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Prof. Amnon Lehavi serves as Dean of Radzyner Law School. Concurrently, Prof. Lehavi is also the Atara Kaufman Professor of Real Estate and Academic Director of the Gazit-Globe Real Estate Institute at IDC, as well as the 2016 Global Law Visiting Chair at Tilburg University, the Netherlands. Prof. Lehavi is a leading authority on property, real estate, land use controls, international economic law, and law and globalization. He has published extensively in numerous leading journals, including the Columbia Law Review, Virginia Law Review, Texas Law Review, Yale Journal of International Law and others.

Prof. Lehavi is the author of Norms, Institutions, Challenges (Cambridge University Press, 2013) and the editor of Private Communities and Urban Governance: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives (Springer, 2016) and Gated Communities (Nevo Press, 2010). Prof. Lehavi also served as Chairperson of the Israeli Association of Private Law and a Visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Toronto. Prof. Lehavi holds a J.S.D. from Yale University. Prof. Lehavi holds a J.S.D. and an LL.M. from Tel-Aviv University.

Dr. Dov Greenbaum is the Director of the Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies and the Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies Program. Concurrently, he is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University School of Medicine (adj). Dr. 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.

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Prof. Sharon Rabin-Margalioth holds a J.S.D. and an LL.M. from New York University Law School and an LL.B. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Prof. Rabin-Margalioth is a leading and influential scholar of labor and employment law and her articles are often cited by the Israeli Supreme Court and the National Labor court. Prof. Rabin-Margalioth is also the former co-editor of Labor, Society and Law, the leading employment law journal in Israel. Prof. Rabin-Margalioth holds a J.S.D. and an LL.M. from New York University Law School and an LL.B. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The establishment of the Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies and the Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program was largely facilitated by Prof. Sharon Rabin-Margalioth, former Dean of Radzyner Law School. Prof. Rabin-Margalioth is a leading and influential scholar of labor and employment law and her articles are often cited by the Israeli Supreme Court and the National Labor court. Prof. Rabin-Margalioth is also the former co-editor of Labor, Society and Law, the leading employment law journal in Israel. Prof. Rabin-Margalioth holds a J.S.D. and an LL.M. from New York University Law School and an LL.B. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Inbar Carmel is the Program Manager of the Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program and the Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies. Inbar holds a B.A. in Business & Economics from The College of Management. Over the past 15 years, she has worked as a Marketing Communications Manager in hi-tech companies including ECI, TTI, Emblaze and IMA.

Mrs. Inbar Carmel
The Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program comprises two parts:

- 6 credits are granted for academic course work.
- 4 credits are granted for a student project.

Students are divided into small groups in which they choose from real-world projects in the fields of Hi-Tech, Bio-Tech and Green-Tech. Students are guided by mentors and industry experts and challenged to develop creative solutions to many complex and complicated issues associated with innovative technologies.

The program includes local tours of relevant Israeli industries, affording the students a unique opportunity to make contact with leading figures and organizations in these fields. Upon completion of the program, students receive an official certificate.

The course looks at the historical underpinnings of the study of ethical legal and social implications (ELSI) of science and technology and discusses in depth how such study can be valuable to society as a whole. With this framework established, the course also looks to both established and current technologies to see where ELSI issues arise and where and how ELSI intervention may be useful.

The workshop hosts guest speakers weekly/bi-weekly, comprising local and international experts in a number of fields, such as technology, law, science, and ethics. The workshop gives students the rare opportunity to hear the guests share their personal success stories in intimate and informal sessions. Students are required to prepare short position papers to be submitted throughout the year.

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Projects may be in the form of a white paper or academic discourse that could be presented to the relevant institutions.

Projects slated for this coming year will include cooperation with startups, established multinational companies and government ministries in the areas of maker faires, telemedicine, patent law, fintech, wearables and geoengineering.
STUDENT COLLABORATIONS

In the upcoming academic year, students will collaborate with industry leaders in the world of hi-tech, green-tech, and bio-tech to produce their final projects. Our first graduates collaborated with some fascinating organizations and amazing mentors to produce their final projects. Here’s a brief look at last year’s projects.

A group of students worked in conjunction with the Israeli Ministry of Transportation to develop regulations for the introduction of autonomous vehicles in Israel.

Another group worked with IBM Research, in an effort to further develop artificially intelligent systems that can help attorneys deal with complex tasks.

A third group teamed up with a genetics lab at Stanford University to research the use of genetics to optimize athlete training and minimize athlete injury for the nearly one thousand Stanford varsity athletes.

A fourth group worked with WAVE, a startup that uses Blockchain to digitize international trade. The students examined the international frameworks in this area to determine how to optimally introduce and incorporate the software in light of legal limitations.

A fifth group of students examined the legal issues associated with using off-shore 3D printing to transfer goods in lieu of standard exporting and importing practices.

ON AND OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The program includes supplementary tours to various organizations, start-ups, government offices and companies across Israel. These tours provide the students with unique opportunities to have first-hand experience with cutting edge and innovative technologies, and to make contact with leading figures in the industry. Students receive guided project management and a presentation skills workshop in preparation for their yearly research projects.

Students also attend local conferences on topics such as fintech, robotics, artificial intelligence, IoT and participate in Microsoft’s “Think Next” annual event, as well as the Israeli Knesset Science & Technology Committee Meetings, providing insights on proposed laws and regulations for new and innovative technologies.

Students are also empowered as they take action by presenting their yearly research projects at various international conferences. Last year four of the students were invited to Arizona State University and another to Oxford University in United Kingdom to present their work.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Each year, students of the Zvi Meitar Emerging Technologies Program take part in organizing a variety of conferences that deal with diverse technologies and their implications. In the upcoming academic year, students will be responsible for symposiums in the field of virtual reality, robotics and personal transportation, just to name a few. Furthermore, students will have an opportunity to present their yearly research projects at international conferences.

ZMI students are also in charge of organizing a bi-monthly activity for the pensioners’ community in Herzliya and Ramat Hasharon. The goal of these meetings is to educate the public on important and relevant science through pop culture and film.
The deliverables are designed to foster discussion and dialogue amongst all stakeholders in that technological field. In addition, students will be exposed to innovators in startups and multinational corporations, as well as relevant government departments. Finally, the summer program includes site visits to start-ups and technology incubators.

This summer, we will launch a condensed version of the successful year-long academic program, designed to empower outstanding undergraduate and graduate students from all over the globe.

The program will be comprised of a classroom component and a research project component in which students pair up with stakeholders in the technological field of their choice. The program will provide students with the tools to create deliverables that will examine the ethical, legal and/or social implications of that particular technology.

Dan Tamir is a fourth-year student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in International Business Law. In the IDF, Dan served as a military correspondent for the IDF weekly magazine, “Bamahane,” and received the award for outstanding news correspondent in 2010. At IDC, Dan completed his certification in European studies, including EU legal and economic studies, EU relations and politics, and European history. Throughout his studies, Dan performed diverse extra-curricular activities. He was a member of the IDC Law Review, the legal clinic for rights for the disabled and mentored incoming law students during their initial orientation week. Dan also volunteered as a coordinator of the program for “Law Students in Service of the Community” in the Tel Aviv Family Court and was a Student Union Representative for the first year class of Law and Business at IDC.

Avinadav Preuss is a fourth-year student in the joint program for Law and Government at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. As part of his Government studies, Avinadav is specializing in Terrorism and Homeland Security. In the IDF, Avinadav served six years as a soldier and an officer in an elite combat engineering unit. Among other positions, he served as a team commander and a company executive officer. During the first year of his studies, Avinadav joined StandWithUs, an organization for public diplomacy. He later joined the IDC Law Review (“Law and Business”), and is currently one of the Law Review’s student editors. Avinadav currently works as an articled clerk and legal assistant for a legal firm in Tel-Aviv.

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Dana Bookstein is a fourth-year Dean’s List student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. In the IDF, Dana served in the Israeli Intelligence Corps as an aerial photograph researcher and interpreter. Dana participates in the International Criminal and Humanitarian Law Clinic. Previously, Dana worked at a law firm specializing in civil law, and is currently working as a content manager at a content-marketing consulting company that provides services in English to start-ups.

Daniel Klein is a fourth-year student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. Daniel participates in the Honors Law program, and has been on the Dean’s List for Academic Excellence throughout his studies. In the IDF, Daniel served as a tank commander, and was recognized as the outstanding soldier of the 460th Brigade. In 2015, Daniel founded Motifix Ltd., a company that provides professional marketing content to businesses, which he manages alongside his studies.

Dor Nachshoni is a third-year student at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in International Business Law. In the IDF, Dor served as a Captain in a special unit of the Israeli Air Force. During the first year of his studies at IDC, Dor was on the Dean’s List of Academic Excellence. In the upcoming year, Dor will participate in the Legal Clinic for Social Legislation.

Gad Reshef is a third-year student at the Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in International Business Law. Parallel to his academic studies, Gad is a Major in the IDF, serving in the Elite Technology Unit 8200 as the Deputy Commander of the unit’s training program. Throughout his service, he has held numerous positions, including Company Commander of in the Paratrooper Brigade, Unit Commander of the Special Technology Unit TAMAR, and Base Commander of the Elite Technology Unit 8200 MEISHAR. During his military service, Gad led an innovative augmented reality and computer vision technology project, which later received an award for being the most creative and innovative intelligence project in the field by the Commander of the Intelligence Corp. Gad is part of the Debate Team and other extra-curricular activities at IDC.
Ido Sibirsky is a third-year student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in International Business Law. In the IDF, Ido served as a combat soldier in a special operations unit in the Intelligence Corps. At IDC, Ido participated in the SEE-IEC and start-up class programs in the Entrepreneurship Club, and volunteered as a computer tutor for the elderly. In the upcoming year, Ido will participate in the Criminal Defense for the Mentally Impaired legal clinic, and will be a program manager of the International Trade Club at the Arison Business School.

Idan Portnoy is a third-year student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in International Business Law. In the IDF, Idan was a pilot course cadet in the Israeli Air Force, and later became a platoon deputy commander in the special forces combat unit, Maglan. In addition to his studies, Idan is a research assistant for Professor Amnon Rubinstein, focusing on multiculturalism and constitutional law, and participates in the "Street Law" clinic as legal tutor for rehabilitated prisoners. Idan previously volunteered as a coach and mentor at AKIM, an organisation for the developmentally handicapped.

Keren Or Cohen is a third-year student in the joint program for Law and Government at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. In the IDF, Keren served for five years as a company commander for the preparatory officer’s training course and as a chief instructor at the Mifrasit Intelligence Base, for which she received a certificate of appreciation. During her second and third year at IDC, Keren has been a representative of her class in the Student Union. In her first year at IDC, Keren volunteered in the Family Court program, where she gained experience in legal writing while assisting those in need.

Luisa Onnebrink is a third-year student at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at IDC Herzliya, majoring in Global Affairs, Conflict Resolution and Business Administration. Luisa was born and raised in Germany. She first came to Israel as a volunteer for the Israeli organization Alut, where she worked with autistic young adults. Before her time in Israel, Luisa was an intern at the German Bundestag in Berlin. In addition to her base studies at IDC, Luisa participates in the European Studies Program.
Maya Peleg is a second-year student in the special LL.B. program at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya for outstanding students holding previous degrees. Before attending IDC, Maya participated in a special interdisciplinary program at Tel Aviv University in Philosophy and Biology. During her studies at Tel Aviv University, Maya worked as a research assistant at a neurobiology lab that focused on detailed research of the gene behind ATM disease. This previous work led Maya to find a special interest in bioethics and an eagerness to deal with current issues, from both a philosophical and legal standpoint.

Natalia Kushnir is a second-year student at the Sammy Ofer School of Communications at IDC Herzliya. She specialises in interactive communications and plans to use her skills to contribute to the Israeli entrepreneurial eco-system. In the past year, Natalia worked as a journalist for NoCamels, the world’s leading website regarding innovation from Israel. In addition, she interned at Viewly, a start-up which promotes social change, and is currently the CMO of TapReason, a venture related to mobile app growth. Natalia was born and raised in Toronto, Canada and recently made Aliyah. Natalia originally came to Israel to educate herself on Judaism; but after learning about the land’s history, she is eager to be a part of its future.

Omri Koltin is a third-year student in the joint program for Law and Government at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. In the IDF, Omri served in the Navy. During his first year at IDC, Omri was on the Dean’s List for Academic Excellence. Previously, Omri was a part of a team representing the IDC in the Jean-Pictet Competition on International Humanitarian Law by the ICRC. Omri is also a co-founder of Olim Le’Mishpatim, a tutoring project for new olim studying law, and currently works at the Ministry of Justice in the Money-Laundering and Terror Financing Prohibition Authority.

Or Briga is a third-year student at the joint Law and Government program at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. In his first year at IDC, Or was on the Dean’s List for Academic Excellence. In the IDF, he served as a commander in an elite combat reconnaissance unit, and later served in Ministry of Defense in Hong-Kong for two years as an aviation security manager. In addition to his studies, Or co-founded Olim Le’Mishpatim, a tutoring project for new olim studying law, in order to help others excel with their academic study. He is also a mentor for new students during their orientation week at IDC. Or currently works as a business development and strategy consultant at ‘Robus’, Israel’s leading legal marketing firm.
Shai Yom Tov is a fourth-year student in the joint program for Law and Government at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in Public Administration and Politics. In the IDF, Shai served as an Electro-Optics Technician for UAV-mounted observation systems in the Israeli Air Force. At IDC, he participated in the Legal Clinic for Social Legislation, where he took part in writing statute proposals for the Israeli Parliament. Prior to his academic studies, Shai worked in Research and Development at HP Scitex. He currently works in Digital Advertising at DMG, and is the Manager of Media Activities for the IDC Legal Clinics Division.

Sharon Nakar is a fourth-year student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya. In the IDF, she served in the Elite Intelligence Unit, 8200. Sharon was one of the students chosen to participate in Paths to Peace at New York University, a program that brings eight excellent students from Israel, the West Bank and Gaza to study together for a semester. Sharon also took part in organizing a group of students for the Media in Conflicts Seminar (MICS), volunteered in the Legal Aid and Social Involvement clinic, and participated in Pro-Women High-Tech Project and in the Birthright Excel Fellowship. Sharon previously worked as a Quality Assurance engineer at a start-up company, and later as a business development manager. Sharon currently works as a strategy analyst intern at NICE.

Yaara Libay is a fourth-year student in the joint program for Law and Business Administration at Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, majoring in International Business Law. In the IDF, Yaara served in the unit commander’s office of the elite intelligence unit, 8200. During her studies at IDC, Yaara volunteered for the Students in Service of the Community program and was selected to participate in the legal clinic for Legal Aid and Social Involvement in the Community, aiding people that needed legal assistance. Currently, Yaara is working at a hi-tech and software development company.

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