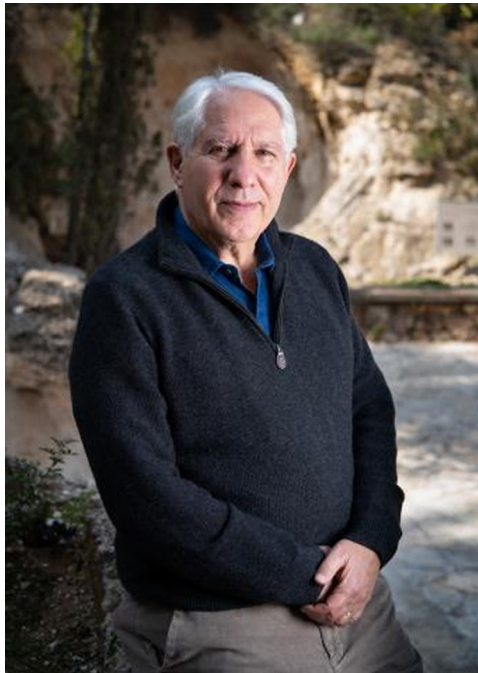


INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the Special Issue in Honour of Professor David Weisburd

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It is a great honour for the International Society of Criminology (ISC), for its publication, the *International Annals of Criminology*, and for me as the President of the Society and Editor in Chief of the *Annals*, to participate in this celebration of the stellar career of Professor Emeritus David Weisburd of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Board member of the Society. I am also very proud to take active part as co-editor in the publication of a selection of scholarly works especially authored by Israeli criminologists in his honour and to illustrate the high quality and level of Israeli criminology and criminal justice, especially in better planning and use of pragmatic crime prediction, prevention and intervention programmes.

The articles in this issue of the *Annals* illustrate the challenges encountered by criminologists on a daily basis and the need to know, analyse, decide and put into practice what high-quality research clearly indicates is a promising and demonstrated crime prevention measure.

It is especially valuable for the International Society of Criminology to take active part in this celebration, another milestone in the continuous growth of criminology as a discipline of major importance and value for today's society which is faced with major challenges stemming at the same time from several areas of advances and innovations in a never-ending spiral of change. Artificial intelligence is a current illustration of this dynamic and challenge. Professor Weisburd represents an inspiring and energizing example of the dynamic and multifaceted interaction between criminology and the challenges we face as a society and that we need to resolve. The articles in this special issue are of great importance in illustrating this dynamic and its importance with a series of cogent examples with international diffusion. Reading them, may we all be inspired and motivated to continue the scholarly and pragmatic work of Professor Weisburd and contribute to the international and cross-cultural development of criminology and to building a better society worldwide.

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