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Prof. Arad is a senior fellow at the Yuval Ne'eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security. He was the Chair of the Israeli Association for Ethics in Government and Israel Grand-Strategy Forum. Previously he chaired the Center for Defense Studies and the Atlantic Forum of Israel which he founded. He has been a Visiting Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, Executive Fellow with Calgary University and Senior Fellow with Israel's INSS.

Prof. Arad served as National Security Advisor to Israel's PM Netanyahu and was Head of the Israeli NSC between 2009 and 2011. From 1997 to 1999, during Netanyahu's first term as PM, Arad was his Foreign Policy Advisor. Between 1975 and 1997, Arad served in the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence service, holding a number of posts both at home and abroad, the last of which - Director of the Intelligence Division.

In 2000 Arad established and headed the EU-Israel Forum and in 2005 - the Atlantic Forum of Israel. As a professor on the faculty of IDC's School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Arad founded the Institute for Policy and Strategy, which he directed until 2009, concurrently acting as Special Advisor to the Knesset Foreign and Defense Affairs Committee. At IDC he also launched and presided over its Annual Herzliya Conference Series.

Prior to his career in government, Arad was a Professional Staff Member at the Hudson Institute in New York and a Fellow at Tel Aviv University's Center for Strategic Studies. He received his B.A. from Tel Aviv University (1971) and his M.A. (1973) and Ph.D. (1975) from Princeton University. He is co-author of Grand Strategy for Israel (2017), NSC – The Struggle to Create and Transform the National Security Council (2016, in Heb.), Sharing Global Resources (for the Council of Foreign Relations, 1979), and editor of The Balance of Israel's National Security and Resilience (2001, in Heb.).



Among awards given to Dr. Arad - the Fulbright Fellowship from the US and the rank of Officer of the Legion of Honor from France.

Arad was born in Israel in 1947, served in Israel's Air Force, is married to Dr. Ruth Arad and lives in Tel Aviv.