

## University of Haifa

The Senate of the University of Haifa, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution of the University and in accordance with the recommendations of the President and the Executive Committee

hereby confers upon

**Bruce Bueno de Mesquita**

the degree of

**Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa**

In recognition of excellence in research that places him among the top scientists in the world; on his being one of the great scholars in the field of international relations in general and studies on conflict, war and peace in particular; on creativity and thinking out of the box thanks to which he developed an innovative school of research; and on his vast and exceptional influence both in the field of academic research and practical application in the field.

Conferred in 1 Sivan 5776/June 7, 2016  
Haifa, Israel



**Ami Ayalon**

Chairman of the Executive Committee



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President



**Prof. David Faraggi**

Rector



## **PROFESSOR BRUCE BUENO DE MESQUITA**

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita was born in 1946 in the United States, a son of Jewish parents, émigrés from Holland and Belgium, who left Europe in 1940 for the U.S.

He completed his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Michigan in 1971, and immediately began his academic career as an assistant professor. He was appointed a full Professor at the University of Rochester in 1981, leaving there for Stanford in 1986. Since 2001 he has been a Professor in the Department of Politics at New York University. A year later, he was appointed Julius Silver Professor in that Department, and during the years 2006-2015 he was the Director of the Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy at NYU. Over the years Prof. Bueno de Mesquita has held various visiting and “courtesy” professorial appointments at leading universities in the United States, including Yale, as well as several such appointments at Cornell, University of California, Berkeley, and others.

The foremost and most important academic contribution of Prof. Bueno de Mesquita is in applying rational choice theory to the study of international relations, especially in times of crisis and war. He has developed an innovative field of research aided by mathematical methods that use applied game theory to study issues in international relations in order to explain, predict and forecast diplomatic and political events. The influence of his groundbreaking work is evident not only in the field of theoretical research, but also in practical areas when decision makers in various countries – government entities and non-governmental organizations alike – have used and are assisted by his services.

Prof. Bueno de Mesquita is considered by many to be one of the greatest researchers of our era in the field of international relations. He is certainly seen as being one of the most original of them. With numerous awards and honors to his credit, Prof. Bueno de Mesquita is regularly named in lists of the most influential and important researchers of our times, and his articles are frequently published in leading scientific and popular journals.

He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Political Science Association, the International Studies Association, the Peace Science Society, and others.

Prof. Bueno de Mesquita has an extensive body of published work – he has authored or co-authored no fewer than 19 books, and penned more than 140 articles.