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Dr. Kerret is an environmental lawyer whose primary research interests involve environmental law and policy aspects. She received from Tel-Aviv University her Ph.D. and M.A. in environmental studies and her LL.B. In the Israeli military she served in JAG as the legal advisor of the navy and as a JAG officer. During her military service she initiated an Independent Environmental Department within the International Department of the Military Law School.

During her Ph.D. studies, Dr. Dorit Kerret received various research grants and scholarships among which was the Dan David Prize Scholarship: “Present: Leadership – Changing Our World”.

Shortly after finishing her Ph.D., Dorit was appointed as a Post Doctoral Fellow at the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, in the Harvard School for Public Health. She won both the Rothschild Fellowship and the Fulbright Scholarship for conducting her research.

Her main research interests involve international and comparative aspects of environmental policy, focusing on promoting environmental enforcement and compliance in Israel. Dr. Dorit Kerret’s research is mainly of empirical and applied character. She worked closely with the Ministry of the Environment on several occasions and also served as a consultant to the Director General of the Ministry. She took part in the design and stirring of environmental bills. Her works served as basis for evaluating and improving environmental policy in Israel.

The primary focus of her current research is complementary approaches to environmental enforcement that aim to promote environmental compliance and improve environmental performance. Among these systems are Voluntary Agreements, Environmental Management Systems and Information Systems. This research area is within the cutting edge research in environmental policy. In recent years environmental issues have been placed in the top research and policy agendas of leading countries and research institutes. As environmental problems become more complex a most challenging mission is to develop and adopt environmental policy that would be able to handle these problems. Therefore, research inspecting the effectiveness and viability of different policy

tools for addressing environmental problems has taken a leading role in public policy research.

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