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Israel Finkelstein teaches in the Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations at Tel Aviv University, where he is the incumbent of the Jacob M. Alkow Chair in the Archaeology of Israel in the Bronze and Iron Ages. Finkelstein deals with the archaeology of the Levant in the Bronze and Iron Ages, the incorporation of the exact and life sciences into archaeological research, and the history of Ancient Israel (biblical history).

Finkelstein is *correspondant étranger* of the French Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres and the winner of the Prix Delalande Guérineau of the Institut de France, l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres (2014). He is the bearer of the French decoration Chevalier de l'ordre des arts et des lettres and the recipient of doctorat honoris causa from the University of Lausanne. Finkelstein is the laureate of the Dan David Prize in the Past Dimension, Archaeology, 2005. He taught in the University of Chicago, in the Sorbonne in Paris and in other institutions world-wide and carried out research at Harvard and Hebrew Universities.

Finkelstein conducted archaeological surveys and excavations in the Negev, the Sinai and the highlands, and since 1994 has been the co-Director of the Megiddo Expedition. In the years 2009-2014 he directed a large-scale research project titled *Reconstructing Ancient Israel, the Exact and Life Sciences Perspectives*, that was funded by the European Research Council, and is now co-directing a project on the historical and archaeological realities behind the Pentateuch, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Finkelstein's studies were discussed in news profiles in the journals *Science*, *Nature* and *New Scientist*. He published eleven books and about 300 scholarly articles and edited eight books. He is the editor of *Tel Aviv*, the journal of the Institute of Archaeology at Tel Aviv University.