

Sammy Smooha's Bio – June 2021

Sammy Smooha is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Haifa. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and President of the Israeli Sociological Society. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from UCLA, and was appointed as a visiting professor in many universities (including the University of Washington, University of Michigan, Brown University, UCLA and the University of London-SOAS) and as a visiting senior fellow in various research centers (including the United States Institute of Peace and the Frankel Center for Advanced Judaic Studies).

Prof. Smooha specializes in ethnic relations generally and in Israel particularly, and studies Israeli society and democracy in comparative perspective. He has published widely on the internal divisions and conflicts in Israel, focusing on the Arab-Jewish and Mizrahi-Ashkenazi divisions. In 2003 he launched the research project "Index of Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel" that monitors attitudes of Arab and Jewish citizens toward each other and toward the state, drawing on representative opinion surveys taken annually. He developed the ethnic democracy model that is applied to Israel and other countries. Among his books are *Israel: Pluralism and Conflict, Arabs and Jews in Israel* (two volumes), *The Fate of Ethnic Democracy in Post-Communist Europe* (coedited with Priit Järve), *Autonomy for Arabs in Israel?*, *Still Playing by the Rules: Index of Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel* (five volumes).

Prof. Smooha won Israel Prize for Sociology in 2008.

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