

Judea Pearl Biography

Judea Pearl was born in Tel Aviv and is a graduate of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. He came to the United States for post graduate work in 1960 and received his Master's degree in physics from Rutgers University and his Ph.D. degree in 1965 from the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. Until 1969, he held research positions at RCA David Sarnoff Research Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey and Electronic Memories, Inc, Hawthorne, California. .

Dr. Pearl joined the faculty of UCLA in 1969, where he is currently a professor of computer science and director of the Cognitive Systems Laboratory. He is known internationally for his contributions to artificial intelligence, human reasoning and philosophy of science. He is the author of over three hundred scientific papers and three path-breaking books in his fields of interest: Heuristics (1984), Probabilistic Reasoning (1988), and Causality (2000), and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a Founding Fellow of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence,

Professor Pearl is the recipient of numerous scientific awards, including the 2001 London School of Economics Award for the "best book in the philosophy of science" and the 2004 ACM Allen Newell Award for "seminal contributions that extend to philosophy, psychology, medicine, statistics, econometrics, epidemiology and social science."

Dr. Judea Pearl is the father of slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl and president of the Daniel Pearl Foundation www.danielpearl.org, which he co-founded in April 2002 "to continue Daniel's life-work of dialogue and understanding and to address the root causes of his tragedy." The Daniel Pearl Foundation sponsors journalism fellowships aimed at promoting honest reporting and East-West understanding, organizes worldwide concerts that promote inter-cultural respect, and sponsors public dialogues between Jews and Muslims to explore common ground and air grievances. The Foundation has received the Commonground's Partners in Humanity Award in 2002 and the 2003 Roger E. Joseph Prize for its "distinctive contribution to humanity."

Judea Pearl and his wife Ruth Pearl are co-editors of the book "I am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl," winner of the 2004 National Jewish Book Award for Anthologies, which provides a panoramic view of how Jews define themselves in the post 9/11 era. See http://www.danielpearl.org/ways_to_help/books_films_cds.html.

Professors Judea Pearl and Akbar Ahmed, the founders of the Daniel Pearl Dialogue for Muslim-Jewish Understanding, are co-winners of the inaugural \$100,000 Purpose Prize, which honors five individuals 60 or older who have demonstrated uncommon vision in addressing community and national problems.

Dr. Pearl lectures throughout the United States on topics including:

1. I am Jewish: Personal reflections inspired by the last words of Daniel Pearl
2. Being Western, American and Jewish in the post 9/11 era
3. Carving a dialogue between Muslims and Jews
4. The War on Terror: Ideology and Tactics
5. The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: a personal perspective

His columns concerning these topics have appeared in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, The International Herald Tribune, The Daily Star (Beirut), The Saudi Gazette (Jeddah), the Jerusalem Post. He writes a monthly column for the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, and is frequently interviewed on major TV and Radio stations.

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