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Prof. Shoval is a full professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He completed his Ph.D. at The Hebrew University and conducted post-doctoral research at the Department of Geography, King's College, University of London. He was an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at the Department of Geography of the University of Heidelberg (Germany). He spends this academic year (2014-2015) as a visiting Professor at the Center for Urban and Social Research at the University of Pittsburgh, USA.

Prof. Shoval's main research interests are urban geography and planning, urban tourism and the implementation of advanced tracking technologies in various areas of spatial research such as tourism and urban studies and medicine. Over the years he already published three books and over one hundred other scientific publications.

Prof. Shoval has collaborated in several international research projects, for example: visitors' activities in Port Aventura Theme Park in the Costa Dorada of Spain (together with Prof. Salvador Anton Clave), tourist time space activities Hong Kong (together with Prof. Bob McKercher), aging and cognitive decline in Germany and Israel (together with Prof. Hans-Werner Wahl and Prof. Gail Auslander) and recently time space activities of cruise passengers in Palermo, Sicily (with Stefano De Cantis). He led a large scale urban tourism planning project in the Tangshan hot springs resort town near Nanjing, China.