

Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony  
**Mr. José Manuel Durão Barroso**  
President of the European Commission

The University of Haifa is honored to bestow its highest award upon Mr. José Manuel Durão Barroso for his outstanding leadership of the European Commission and his actions and vision in this role.

The University of Haifa is Israel's most pluralistic institution of higher learning and as such has the responsibility of preserving its unique mosaic and promoting continued multiculturalism. President Barroso is a man dedicated to intercultural dialogue and a firm believer in coexistence. The University of Haifa shares his vision of unity in a diverse world and believes that bestowing the Honorary Doctorate, its highest accolade, is a fitting tribute to his tireless efforts.

President Barroso has demonstrated a firm stance against anti-Semitism and the University of Haifa is grateful for his steadfast and unwavering position on this issue. As President of the European Commission Barroso has demonstrated his dedication to the preservation of the memory of the Holocaust. In addition to valuing the past, he has shown that he deeply cares about the future through his many acts of mediation around the globe, including a role in mediating between the State of Israel and the Palestinians for a peaceful resolution.

As a leading research University, the University of Haifa also salutes President Barroso for his commitment to innovation through the establishment of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.



The Senate of the University of Haifa, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution of the University and in accordance with the recommendations of the President and the Executive Committee

hereby confers upon

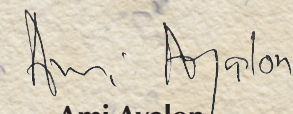
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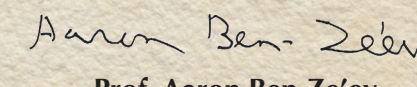
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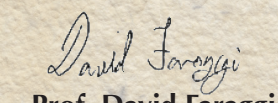
Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

In recognition of his outstanding leadership as President of the European Commission, a role he uses to promote and encourage intercultural dialogue; for his firm stance against anti-Semitism and for his actions in preserving the memory of the Holocaust; for his dedication to peace and his actions to mediate between Israelis and Palestinians; and for his commitment towards the promotion of innovation through investments in research, science and technology.

Conferred in Haifa, Israel  
20 Tamuz 5772/July 10, 2012

  
**Ami Ayalon**  
Chairman of the  
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**Prof. Aaron Ben-Ze'ev**  
President

  
**Prof. David Faraggi**  
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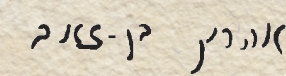
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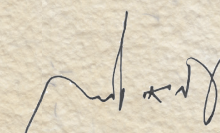
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בהוקרה על מנהיגותו ויצאת הדופן כנשיא הנציבות האירופאית, תפקיד אשר באמצעותו הוא מעודד ומקדם שיח בין תרבותי; על עמדתו האיתנה נגד אנטישמיות ופועלו לשימור זיכרון השואה; על מסירותו לשלום ומעשיו לגישור בין ישראלים ופלסטינאים; על מחויבותו לקידום חדשנות באמצעות השקעה במחקר, מדע וטכנולוגיה

ניתן בחיפה, ישראל  
כ' בתמוז תשע"ב, 10 ביולי 2012

  
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יו"ר הוועד המנהל



## José Manuel Durão Barroso

José Manuel Barroso was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1956. After graduating with a Law Degree from the University of Lisbon, he moved to Geneva where he completed a Diploma in European Studies at the European University Institute of the University of Geneva, and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Geneva, earning honors in both.

In 1979, he founded the University Association for European Studies. In 1995, after a longstanding academic career, he became Head of the International Relations Department at the Lusíada University, Lisbon. President Barroso was a Visiting Professor in Georgetown University between 1996 and 1998.

His political career began in 1980, when he joined Portugal's Social Democratic Party. He was named President of the party in 1999 and was re-elected three times. During the same period, he served as Vice President of the European People's Party. As State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (1987-1992) he played a key role as mediator in the signing of the peace accords for Angola in Bicesse in 1991, and as Minister for Foreign Affairs he was a driving force in the self-determination process in East Timor. Under his leadership, the Social Democratic Party won the general election in 2002 and he became Prime Minister of Portugal in April of that year. He remained in office until July 2004, when he was nominated by the European Council and elected by the European Parliament to the post of President of the European Commission. In June 2009 the European Council unanimously nominated him for a second term as President of the European Commission, and he was re-elected to the post by an absolute majority in the European Parliament in September 2009.

President Barroso has been awarded honorary degrees by many universities including Georgetown University, the University of Genoa, Kobe University, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Geneva, and Sapienza University in Rome. Amongst other honors he was awarded the Grand Cross of the Military Order of Christ in 1996 and the Great Collar of the Order of East Timor in 2010. In 2011 he received the Grand Cross of the Royal and Distinguished Spanish Order of Charles III. He was named Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum in 1993 and declared 2006 "European of the Year" by the newspaper European Voice. José Manuel Barroso has published extensively in the fields of political science, international relations, and the European Union.



### Conferment Ceremony for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *Honoris Causa*

to

**José Manuel Durão Barroso**  
President of the European Commission

In the presence of: **Mr. Leon H. Charney**, Chairman of the Board of Governors

In partnership with the Israel-European Union Chamber of Commerce

Performing the Hooding: **Aaron Frenkel**

**Michael Itzhar Belachovsky**

Greetings: **Prof. Aaron Ben-Ze'ev**, President

10:00 Reception

10:30 Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degree

11:00 Address by **José Manuel Durão Barroso**:

"Democracy and Development in the Middle East"

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Tuesday, July 10, 2012