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Born in Poland and educated in Argentina, he obtained his law degree in 1950 and his doctorate in Law and Social Sciences in 1958, both from Buenos Aires University. He was a practicing lawyer in Buenos Aires until 1963, when he settled in New York and worked as one of the representatives of the World Jewish Congress at the United Nations.

In Israel since 1966, he was director of the Israeli Branch of the World Jewish Congress until 1983. From 1984 to 1989 was director of the International Center for the University Teaching of Jewish Civilization. Simultaneously, he taught International Law and Human Rights at the University level. Since 1989 his main activity is university teaching. Since his retirement from Tel Aviv University, after more than 20 years of teaching, Professor Lerner teaches at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. His main course is International Law and he also conducts seminars on, among other subjects, State and Religion, Racial Discrimination, Minorities and Genocide. He lectures frequently abroad, is on the experts list of international organizations, and was Consultant to the UNESCO on racial discrimination.

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He also published several books in Spanish. His books on Racial Discrimination and on Religion were translated into Japanese, and the one on Group Rights into Spanish. He is the author of many articles in Spanish, English and Hebrew, published in books and journals of Israel, the USA, Spain, Argentina and other countries.