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CURRENT POSITION

Full Professor and Sumner T. White Chair,
Department of Economics, Ben Gurion University, Israel.

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) (London, UK) research fellow: 2001-
(Public Policy Program); 2005-06 (Institutions and Economic Performance)
Center for Economic Studies (CESifo) (Munich, Germany) research fellow: 1999-
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) (Bonn, Germany) research fellow, 2004-

EDUCATION

1981-86 M.A and Ph.D. (Economics, Bar-Ilan University, Israel)
1975-78 B.A. (Economics and Statistics, Tel Aviv University, Israel).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2012-16 (fall) Visiting Professor, Brown University
Fall 2008 Visiting Scholar, Harvard University
Fall 2004 Visiting Scholar, Research Department (DECRG), the World Bank, the IMF
Spring 2004 Visiting Professor, University of Virginia
2002-2003 Visiting Scholar, Research Department (DECRG), the World Bank
2004- Full Professor, Ben Gurion University (2019-, Sumner T. White Chair)
1998-2004 Associate Professor, Ben Gurion University.
1995-1998 Visiting Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania.
1993-1998 Senior Lecturer, tenured, Ben Gurion University.

1989-1993	Lecturer, Ben Gurion University.
1987 - 1989	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Toronto.
1986 - 1987	Research fellow, the Technion.
1978 - 1983	Research officer, Behavioral Science Department, IDF.

HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS

2023	Visiting Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Bologna
2020	Honorary Visiting Professorship, University of Technology Sydney (declined because of the COVID-19 pandemics)
2012	Research fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy
2010-12	Taub Center (Jerusalem, Israel) research fellow, 2010-2012
2011	Invited keynote speaker, Annual Meetings of the Asian Law and Economics Association (ASLEA), Hong Kong
2006-8	Israeli Science Foundation's grant for "Compulsory Education," with M. Justman.
2005	Invited keynote speaker, workshop on "Economic Growth and Institutions," University of Copenhagen
2004	Invited keynote speaker at the annual CESifo Public Economics conference (declined because of personal circumstances)
2003-4	Research grant, DECRG, the World Bank, for "Educational Expansion around the World," with H.-f. Zou.
2002-2003	Research fellowship, Development Research Group, the World Bank.
1999	Invited organizer, a session on "The Political Economy of Education," the European Economic Association annual meetings, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
1991-3	Dean's grants for young faculty, Social Sciences and Humanities, BGU.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Administration and Service

2005-2007, 2017-2019	Chair, Economics, BGU
2001-2002, 2007-2010	Director, Graduate Studies, Economics, BGU.
2000-2001	Vice Chair, Economics, BGU
1994-2002	Steering Committee member, Center of Welfare Economics in Economies under Stress, BGU
1992	Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Economics, BGU.
1989-92	Seminar coordinator and member, Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, BGU.
1989-present	Multiple ad hoc Committees' member, BGU

Teaching

Undergraduate Level: Introductory Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Economic Policy Analysis, Public Choice, Industrial Organization and Public Policy, Political Economy of Development.

Graduate Level: Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Policy, Public Economics, Political Economy, International Political Economy, Political Economy and Development, Economic Growth and Inequality.

Summer Schools and Mini-Courses:

The Hebrew University - Moscow State University Summer School, courses in public finance and public policy, summers of 1993-95.

"The Political Economy of Education," LMU, Munich, 1999.

"Democracy and Economy – The Public Choice Approach," Yugoslavia, summer 2001.

"Political Economy of Public Education," University of Dresden, May 2002.

"The Political Economy of Development and Institutions," LMU, Munich, 2007.

"Institutions and Growth," Institute for Economic Policy, Belgrade, Serbia, 2010.

"The Political Economy of Institutions and Economic Development," LMU, Munich, 2011.

Consulting projects

"Nutrition and food subsidies in Indonesia," 1987-88, the World Bank.

"Democracy and inequality," 1998-2000, the World Bank.

"Government finance," 1999, the Open University.

"Managerial Economics," 2001-2002, the Open University.

"What Drives Mass Education: Economy, Policies, Institutions," 2003-2004, the World Bank.

"Bias in education spending," 2004, the International Monetary Fund.

"Attitudes toward foreign aid," 2004, the Inter-American Development Bank.

"Inequality and informality," 2005, the Inter-American Development Bank.

"The determinants of informality," 2005, the International Monetary Fund.

"Firm growth and informality," 2005, the International Monetary Fund.

"The emergence of property rights systems," 2007, UNDP, UN Commission on Legal Empowerment.

"Education and Economic Growth," 2009, Oxford Analytica.

"Income elasticity of government spending," 2011-12, the Inter-American Development Bank.

"Economic growth and income inequality," 2012-14, the International Monetary Fund.

Professional service

Associate Editor, **Economics of Governance**, 1997-.

Associate Editor, **European Journal of Political Economy**, 2002-2009.

Member, Selection panel for choosing the EMET prize laureate in Economics, 2017.

Organizer, Political Economy session, Israeli Economic Association Meetings, 2006, 2009.

Organizer, Poverty and Inequality session, Israeli Economic Association Meetings, 2015.

Co-organizer, CESifo summer workshop "Political Economy and Development," Venice, 2005.

Member, program committee for the Annual Meetings of the European Economic Association, Venice, Italy, 2002.

Member, research proposals' review committee of the Israel's Academy of Sciences, 2001, 2002, 2012.

Presenter, an invited session on "The Political Economy of Education" in the European Economic Association annual meetings, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 1999.

Presenter, invited lecture series on "Political Economy of Education: Implications for Income Inequality and Growth," University of Munich, 1999.

Member, evaluation panel committees of Economics programs in several institutions of higher education in Israel; various years.

Member, IEA's (Israel's Economic Association) appointed committee to evaluate economics curricula, 2017.

Member, grant allocation committee, Israel Science Foundation, 2001-2, 2011-12.

Outside examiner, PhD theses – Universities of Alicante (2009) and Copenhagen (2009, 2011).

RESEARCH

A. Books

The Political Economy of Education: Implications for Growth and Inequality, 2004, MIT Press, with M. Justman and V. Meier.

Institutions and Norms in Economic Development – edited volume, MIT Press, 2007, with Kai Konrad.

B. Journal Publications

(Google citations, November 2022: about 6500; H index 40, i-10 index 62)

1. "Cultural Attributes, Income Inequality, and Ethnic Differentials," 2022, **Review of Economic Dynamics**, 44, 91-103.

2. "Government Bailout Funds: Balancing Rules and Discretion," 2022, **Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking**, 54, 333-342.
3. "National Income and Trust," with M. Brueckner and A. Chong, 2021, **Review of Development Economics**, 25, 293-314.
4. "Natural Resource Access and Local Economic Growth," 2020, with M. Klemp, **European Economic Review**, 127.
5. "Misallocation of Talent and Human Capital: Political Economy Analysis", 2019, **European Economic Review**, 118, 148-157.
6. "Institutional Persistence, Income Inequality, and Individual Attitudes," 2019, with A. Chong, **Journal of Economic Inequality**, 17, 401-413.
7. "Cultural Interaction and Economic Development: An Overview", 2019, with M. Justman, **European Journal of Political Economy**, 59, 243-251.
8. "Legislative restraints in corporate bailout design," 2019, with M. Kaganovich, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations**, 158, 337-350.
9. "Self Imposition of Public Oversight," 2018, **Public Choice**, 175, 95-109.
10. "On the Preferences for Strong Leadership," 2018, with A. Chong, **Social Science Quarterly**, 99, 1267-1282.
11. "Imposed Institutions and Preferences for Redistribution," 2018, with A. Chong, **Journal of Institutional Economics**, 14, 127-156.
12. "The Rise of the Middle Class and Economic Growth in ASEAN," 2018, **Journal of Asian Economics**, with M. Brueckner, E. Dabla-Norris, and D. Lederman, 56, 48-58.
13. "Political and Economic Inequities and the Shaping of Institutions and Redistribution," 2017, with A. Chong, **Southern Economic Journal**, 83, 952-971.
14. "Government Decentralization as a Commitment in Non-Democracies," 2017, **Journal of Comparative Economics**, 45, 110-118.
15. "Income Windfalls and Schooling: Evidence from International Oil Price Shocks," 2016, with M. Brueckner, **Journal of Human Capital**, 10, 212-234.
16. "National Income and its Distribution," 2015, with M. Brueckner and E. Dabla Norris, **Journal of Economic Growth**, 20, 149-175.
17. "Education and Democratic Preferences," 2015, with A. Chong, **Economics and Politics**, 27, 362-388.
18. "Government Spending Cyclicalilty: Evidence from Transitory and Persistent Shocks in Developing Countries," 2014, with M. Brueckner, **Journal of Development Economics**, 111, 107-116.
19. "Income Growth, Ethnic Polarization, and Political Risk: Evidence from International Oil Price Shocks," 2014, with M. Brueckner, **Journal of Comparative Economics**, 43, 575-594.
20. "Exogenous Volatility and the Size of Government," 2013, with M. Brueckner, **Journal of Development Economics**, 105, 254-266.
21. "Effects of Transitory Shocks to Aggregate Output on Consumption in Poor Countries," 2013, with M. Brueckner, **Journal of International Economics**, 91, 343-357.
22. "Allocation of Students in Public Schools: Theory and New Evidence," 2013, **Economics of Education Review**, 34, 96-106 (with D. Cohen Zada and E. Reuven).
23. "Estimating Permanent Income Elasticity of Government Expenditures: Evidence on Wagner's Law Based on Oil Price Shocks," 2012, **Journal of Public Economics**, 96, 1025-35 (with M. Brueckner and A. Chong).
24. "Is the World Flat? Country Level and Firm Level Determinants of Law Compliance," 2011, **Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization**, 27, 245-271, with A. Chong.

25. "Firm-Level Determinants of Political Influence," 2010, **Economics and Politics**, 22, 233-256 (lead article, with A. Chong).
26. "Work Attitudes and Intergenerational Mobility," 2009, **Journal of Human Capital**, 3, 268-288.
27. "Volatility and Firm Growth," 2009, **Journal of Economic Growth**, 14, 1-25 (lead article, with A. Chong).
28. "Foreign Aid, Inequality, and Poverty," 2009, **Public Choice**, 140, 59-84 (with C. Calderon and A. Chong).
29. "Institutional Traps and Economic Growth," 2008, **International Economic Review**, 49, 1043-1066.
30. "What Determines Foreign Aid? The Donors' Perspective," 2008, **Journal of Development Economics**, 87, 1-13 (lead article, with A. Chong).
31. "What Causes Firms to Hide Output? The Determinants of Informality," 2008, **Journal of Development Economics**, 85, 1-27 (lead article, with E. Dabla-Norris and G. Inchauste).
32. "Inequality and Institutions," 2007, **Review of Economics and Statistics**, 89, 454-465 (with A. Chong).
33. "Inequality and Informality," 2007, **Journal of Public Economics**, 91, 159-180 (with A. Chong).
34. "Inequality, Democracy, and the Protection of Property Rights," 2007, **Economic Journal**, 117, 252-269.
35. "The Political Economy of Exclusion, with Implications to Immigration Policy," **Journal of Population Economics**, 2006, 19, 327-344 (with M. Schiff).
36. "The Melting Pot and School Choice," 2005, **Journal of Public Economics**, 89, 871-896 (with M. Justman).
37. "Elections with Contribution-Maximizing Candidates," 2005, **Public Choice**, 122, 467-482 (with A. Glazer).
38. "Political Bargaining in a Federation: Buchanan meets Coase," 2004, **European Economic Review**, 48, 983-999.
39. "Aging Population and Education Finance," 2004, **Journal of Public Economics**, 88, 2469-2485 (with M. Kaganovich).
40. "Does Libert e=Egalit e? A survey of the empirical links between democracy and inequality with some evidence on the transition economies," with B. Milanovic, **Journal of Economic Surveys**, 2004, 515-537.
41. "Governance and Growth," 2004, **Journal of Development Economics**, 73, 505-518.
42. "Voting on Meritocracy," 2004, **European Economic Review**, 48, 797-803.
43. "Consumption Variety and Urban Agglomeration," 2003, **Regional Science and Urban Economics**, 33, 953-661 (lead article, with A. Glazer and P. Rajan).
44. "Education, Social Cohesion, and Economic Growth," 2002, **American Economic Review**, 92, 1192-1204 (with M. Justman).
45. "Rules, Stability, and Growth," 2002, **Journal of Development Economics**, 67, 471-484.
46. "An Economic Rationale for Public Education: The Value of Commitment," 2000, **Journal of Monetary Economics**, 45, 463-474.
47. "Human Capital, Social Capital, and Public Schooling," 2000, **European Economic Review** (Papers and Proceedings), 44, 879-890 (with M. Justman).
48. "Orchestrating Rent-Seeking Contests," 1999, **Economic Journal**, 109, 536-545 (with K. Konrad); reprinted in **Efficient Rent Seeking**, A. Lockard and G. Tullock, eds., 2000,

- Boston: Kluwer, and in Congleton, R.D., Hillman, A.L., and K.A. Konrad, eds., 2008, **Forty Years of Research on Rent Seeking**, Springer-Verlag, Berlin and Heidelberg.
49. "Optimal Taxation and Fiscal Constitution," 1999, **Journal of Public Economics**, 72, 471-485.
 50. "Industrial Revolution, Political Transition and the Subsequent Decline in Inequality in Nineteenth-Century Britain," 1999, **Explorations in Economic History**, 36, 109-127 (lead article, with M. Justman).
 51. "The Politics of Extreme Policies," 1998, **Economic Journal**, 108, 1677-1685 (lead article, with A. Glazer and K. Konrad).
 52. "Optimal Contest Design: Volume and Timing of Rent Seeking in Contests," 1998, **European Journal of Political Economy**, 14, 575-585 (lead article).
 53. "Provision of Public Goods in a Large Economy," **Economics Letters**, 1998, 229-234.
 54. "Democratic Choice of an Education System: Implications for Growth and Income Distribution," **Journal of Economic Growth**, 2(1997), 169-183 (with M. Justman).
 55. "Optimal Consumer Subsidies and Income Transfers for Minimum Nutritional Requirement: A Basic Model", 1997, **Food and Nutrition Bulletin**, 18 (with D.Chernichovsky, U. Spiegel, and U. Ben-Zion), 18, 1-9.
 56. "The Political Economy of Mixed Public and Private Schooling: A Dynamic Analysis," **International Tax and Public Finance**, 3(1996), 297-310 (with M. Justman).
 57. "The Politics of Precommitment with Transaction Costs and Electoral Uncertainty," **Economics and Politics**, 8(1996), 73-84.
 58. "Competitive Investment in Higher Education: The Need for Policy Coordination," **Economics Letters**, 47(1995), 393-400 (with M. Justman).
 59. "Intensity of Competition, Entry and Entry Deterrence in Rent Seeking Contests," **Economics and Politics**, 7(1995), 79-91.
 60. "Implementation of Social Optimum in Oligopoly," **Economic Design**, 1(1995), 319-326.
 61. "Efficient Provision of a Discrete Public Good," **International Economic Review**, 35(1994), 877-897.
 62. "Uncertainty, Information, and the Private Provision of Public Goods," **European Journal of Political Economy**, 10(1994), 449-464 (with S. Nitzan and S. Slutsky).
 63. "Neutrality and the Private Provision of Public Goods with Incomplete Information," **Economics Letters**, 46(1994), 69-75 (with S. Nitzan and S. Slutsky).
 64. "Rent Seeking and the Provision of Public Goods," **Economic Journal**, 103(1993), 1236-43. Reprinted in Congleton, R.D., Hillman, A.L., and K.A. Konrad, eds., 2008, **Forty Years of Research on Rent Seeking**, Springer-Verlag, Berlin and Heidelberg.
 65. "Private Provision of Public Goods under Price Uncertainty," **Social Choice and Welfare**, 10(1993), 371-382 (with S. Nitzan and S. Slutsky).
 66. "Time Dynamics and Incomplete Information in the Private Provision of Public Goods," **Journal of Political Economy**, 100(1992), 581-597.
 67. "The Effect of Uncertainty in Interactive Situations," **Economic Journal**, 102(1992), 554-562 (with S. Nitzan and S. Slutsky).
 68. "Collective Decision Making and Limits on Organization's Size," **Public Choice**, 66(1990), 279-291 (with S. Nitzan and J. Paroush).
 69. "Binary Participation and Incremental Provision of Public Goods," **Social Choice and Welfare**, 7(1990), 171-190 (with S. Nitzan).
 70. "Advantageous Multiple Rent-Seeking," **Mathematical Modeling**, 12(1989), 511-518 (with S. Nitzan).

71. "Financing of Public Goods and Noncooperative Theory of Bargaining," **Journal of Public Economics**, 37(1988), 345-357 (with U. Ben Zion and U. Spiegel).
72. "Participation, Decision Aggregation and Internal Information-Gathering in Organizational Decision-Making," **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations**, 10 (1988), 415-431 (with S. Nitzan).
73. "Maximal Correlation between Normal and Dichotomous Variables," **Journal of Educational Statistics**, 11(1986), 259-261, also "Maximal Correlation between Normal and Dichotomous Variables: A Note," *Journal of Educational Statistics*, 12 (1987), p. 301.
74. "Organizational Decision-Making Quality and the Severity of the Free Riding Problem," **Economics Letters**, 23 (1987), 335-340 (with S. Nitzan).
75. "Performance Evaluation of Some Special Classes of Weighted Majority Rules," **Mathematical Social Sciences**, 12(1986), 31-46 (with S. Nitzan).
76. "Conditions for the Optimality of Simple Majority Decisions in Pairwise Choice Situations," **Theory and Decision**, 21 (1986), 181-187.

C. Chapters in Edited Volumes, Editorials, Comments

77. "Equilibrium and Efficiency in Intergenerational Transfers," in A. Wenig (ed.), **Demographic Change and Economic Development**, Springer Verlag, 1989 (with U. Ben Zion).
78. "The Democratization of Political Elites and the Decline in Inequality in Modern Economic Growth," in E. Brezis and P. Temin, eds. **Elites, Minorities, and Economic Growth**, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1999 (with M. Justman).
79. "Does Libert e=Egalit e? An empirical analysis of democracy and inequality," with B. Milanovic, **Annals of Economics** (Ekonomski Anali), 2001, 5-28.
80. "The Development Puzzle," with Kai Konrad, in **Institutions and Norms in Economic Development**, M. Gradstein and K. Konrad, eds., MIT Press, 2007.
81. Discussion of Strawczynsky, M. and J. Zeira, "Cyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Israel," **Bank of Israel Review**, 2007 (in Hebrew).
82. The Committee on Real-Life Economics, report to the Israeli Economic Association, V Behar, M Gradstein, M Strawczynski, E Raz, S Ribon, **Israel Economic Review** 16 (1), 117-224.

D. Non-Refereed Reports and Electronic Publications

Numerous classified research reports on the optimal use of human resources in the military; regression analyses and other statistical procedures to develop and validate psychological tests; and statistical analyses of opinion surveys; 1979-83, Behavioral Sciences Department, IDF.

"Democracy and Income Inequality: An Empirical Analysis," **CESifo Internet Forum**, with B. Milanovic and Y. Ying, 2001

"Rules, Stability, and Growth," **CESifo Internet Forum**, 2001.

"Income and schooling" **VOXEU**, Research based policy analysis and commentary from leading economists, with M. Br uckner, 2013.

“Economic prosperity breeds trust” **VOXEU**, Research based policy analysis and commentary from leading economists, with M. Brückner, A. Chong, 2015.

“Shedding (night-time) light on the local resource curse”, **VOXEU**, Research based policy analysis and commentary from leading economists, with M. Klemp, 2017.

E. Papers Under Journal Revision/Review

"Mother Africa's Exceptionalism? Income and Fertility Redux", R&R

“Misallocation”

“Diversity and growth”, with M. Justman, R&R

“Self-esteem, human capital, and inequality,” R&R

F. Work in Progress

“Development and welfare”

“Gender differences in PISA”

“Spatial distribution of oil revenues”

“Political Economy of Bailouts”

Reviewer: *Binational US-Israel Science Foundation (BSF), Germany-Israel Foundation (GIF), Israel's Academy of Sciences (ISF), The MIT Press, National Science Foundation (NSF), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Swiss National Science Foundation*

Referee: *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal – Economic Policy, American Economic Journal – Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal – Microeconomics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, China Economic Review, Comparative Economic Studies, Economic Design, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Politics, Economics Letters, Economics of Governance, Economica, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Income Inequality, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Management Science, Mathematical Social Sciences, the Open University, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, SIAM Journal, Social Choice and Welfare, Southern Economic Journal, World Development.*

Short Research Visits and Fellowships

CORE, September 1990; CentER, Tilburg University, August 1992; CES, University of Munich, July 1993; IGER, Bocconi University, September 1993; Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Vienna, August 1994; EPRU, Copenhagen Business School, September 1994; Policy Research Department, the World Bank, June-August 1997, January 1999; DELTA-ENS, Paris, 1998; CES, University of Munich, 1999; EPRU, University of Copenhagen, 1999; the World Bank, 2000; DELTA-ENS, Paris, 2000; Indiana University, 2000; Brown University, 2001; Stanford University, 2003; Indiana University, 2003; Stanford University, 2004; the IMF Institute, 2005; CES, University of Munich, 2007; IZA, 2007; ECARES, 2007; CES, University of Munich, 2011; Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, 2012; CESifo, Munich, 2015; IZA, 2017; EIEF, Rome, 2018; Australian National University, 2019; UNU-WIDER, 2022; LUISS, Rome, 2022; Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), Osaka, 2023; Institute for Advanced Studies and Department of Economics, University of Bologna, 2023.

Seminar and Conference Presentations

Bar Ilan University, 1986; Technion, 1987; University of Toronto, 1987; University of Michigan-University of Western Ontario Economic Theory conference, 1987; Public Choice Society Meetings, San Francisco, 1988; Indiana University, 1988, York University, 1988, European Meetings of the Econometric Society, Bologna, 1988; University of Florida, 1988; Carnegie-Mellon University, 1988; European Meetings of the Econometric Society, Munich, 1989; European Economic Association Meetings, 1989; 6th World Congress of the Econometric Society, Barcelona, 1990; CORE and Bonn University, 1990; Tel Aviv University, 1991; Israeli Economic Association Annual Meetings, 1991, European Public Choice Society Meetings, Torino, 1991; CentER, Tilburg University, 1992; University of Munich, 1993; IGER, Bocconi University, 1993; Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Vienna, 1994; Copenhagen Business School, 1994; the Hebrew University, 1994; Tel Aviv University, 1995; Haifa University, 1995; the German-Israeli Foundation (GIF) conference, Mannheim, 1995; Brown University, 1995; AEA meetings, San Francisco, 1996; NBER conference on income distribution, Cambridge, MA, 1996; University of Virginia, 1996; University of Pennsylvania, 1996; the World Bank, 1996; Southern Methodist University, 1996; University of Pittsburgh, 1997; the World Bank, 1997; Rutgers University, 1998; Boston College, 1998; Free University of Berlin, 1999; EEA'99 meetings, Spain, 1999; University of Copenhagen, 1999; University of Bergen, 1999; University of Haifa, 1999; American University, 2000; Israeli Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2000; CESifo Summer Institute, Venice, 2000; George Washington University, 2000; Indiana University, 2000; the World Bank, 2000; conference on Political Economy, Tel Aviv University, 2001; CESifo First Public Economics conference, Munich, 2001; Bar Ilan University, 2001; CEPR annual conference on Public Policy, Stockholm, 2001; CEPR conference on Dynamic Aspects of Public Expenditure, 2001; Brown University, 2001; UC-Irvine, 2001; Bank of Israel, 2001; the Hebrew University, 2001; CEPR-WZB conference on Contexts and Applications, 2001; Annual Meetings of the Israeli Economic Association, 2002; CESifo, Munich, 2002; CESifo

Second Public Economics conference, Munich, 2002; CESifo-ISPS conference on Labor Markets Regulations, Cadenabbia, Italy, 2002; George Washington University, 2002; CESifo, Munich, 2003; George Mason University, 2003; Yale University, 2003; CESifo Third Public Economics conference, Munich, 2003; CEPR conference on Education and Inequality, Paris, 2003; conference on Horizontal Inequality, the World Bank, Washington DC, 2003; Indiana University, 2003; Stanford University, 2004; University of Virginia, 2004; Bonn University, 2004; International Monetary Fund, 2004; SUNY-Albany, 2004; University of Alabama, 2004; Tulane University, 2005; University of Zurich, 2005; Inter American Development Bank, 2005; Hebrew University, 2005; Sapir Center's conference on the Welfare State, 2006; Tel Aviv University, 2006; INSEAD, 2006; University of Haifa, 2007; IZA, 2007; conference on "Institutions, Public Policy and Economic Outcomes," 2007, Cambridge, UK; European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics, Ammersee, 2007; CESifo workshop on Public Economics, Munich, 2008; Brown University, 2008; Bar Ilan University, 2009; University of Copenhagen, 2009; CESifo worksop on Public Economics, Munich, 2010; BGU, 2011; Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, 2012; Haifa U., 2012; Bar Ilan U., 2012; Indiana University, 2012; Brown University, 2012; Ben Gurion U., 2013; Free University of Berlin, WZB; 2013, Ben Gurion U., 2014; CESifo Public Economics conference, Munich, 2014, Max Planck Institute, Munich, 2015; Fribourg U., 2016; Bar Ilan University, 2016; IZA (Bonn), 2017; University of Heidelberg, 2017; PET conference, Paris, 2017; University of Indiana (Bloomington), 2017; CESifo conference on Employment and Social Protection, Munich, 2018; CESifo conference on Public Economics, Munich, 2019; UNU-WIDER, 2022; conference on Economic Growth and Development, Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, 2022, LUISS, Rome, 2022, Bar Ilan U., 2022, University of Bologna, 2023.