

December 15th 2005



**The Pinhas Sapir Center for Development
Tel-Aviv University**



Bank of Israel

**"New Developments in the Analysis of Monetary
Policy and Institutions"**

**A Conference in honor of Alex Cukierman's Life-Long
Contribution to Macroeconomics**

Thursday – Friday, December 15th -16th, 2005
Ofair Hall
The Eitan Berglas School of Economics
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**On Friday, December 16th, 2005, entrance to parking
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Program

Thursday, December 15th, 2005

9:00-9:30 **G A T H E R I N G**

Chairman: Zvi Hercowitz

9:30-10:30 **Guido Tabellini**
"Bureaucrats or Politicians"

Joint with Alberto Alesina

Discussant: Mark Gradstein

10:30-11:00 **C O F F E E B R E A K**

11:00-12:00 **Frank Smets**
"Adaptive Learning, Persistence and Optimal Monetary Policy"
Joint with Vitor Gaspar and David Vestin

Discussant: Francesco Lippi

12:00-13:00 **Athanasios Orphanides**
"Inflation Targeting under Imperfect Knowledge"
Joint with John C. Williams

Discussant: Nissan Liviatan

13:00-14:30 **L U N C H B R E A K**

Chairman: Benjamin Bental

14:30-15:30 **Francisco J. Ruge-Murcia**
"The Dynamic (In) efficiency of Monetary Policy by Committee"
Joint with Alessandro Riboni

Discussant: Benjamin Bental

15:30-16:30 **Carl E. Walsh**
"Optimal Transparency under Flexible Inflation Targeting "

Discussant: Akiva Offenbacher

16:30-17:30 **Assaf Razin**
"Globalization and Equilibrium Inflation-Output Tradeoffs"
Joint with Prakash Loungani

Discussant: Nathan Sussman

17:30-18:00 *Refreshments will be served before the Panel Discussion*

18:00-19:30 Panel discussion on:
*"Financial Crises, Monetary Policy, and
Macroeconomic Performance"*

Participants:

Alex Cukierman, Stanley Fischer, Jose De Gregorio

Moderator: Assaf Razin

Friday, December 16th 2005

9:00-9:30 *GATHERING*

Chairman: Karnit Flug

9:30-10:30 Francesco Lippi
"Monetary Union with Voluntary Participation"
Joint with William Fuchs

Discussant: Michael Ben-Gad

10:30-11:30 Ricardo Reis
*"A Cost-of-Living Dynamic Price Index, with an
Application to Indexing Retirement Accounts"*

Discussant: Joseph Zeira

11:30-12:00 *COFFEE BREAK*

12:00-13:00 Alex Cukierman
*"Fiscal-Monetary Policy Interactions in the
Presence of Unionized Labor Markets"*
Joint with Alberto Dalmazzo

Discussant: Michel Strawczynski

13:00 *LUNCH*

List of Participants

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