

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010



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

**The Eitan Berglas School of Economics  
Tel Aviv University**

**Workshop on:  
“Frontiers in Economics of Education”**

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010

The Eitan Berglas School of Economics  
Ofair Hall, Tel Aviv University

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George Wise Street, Ramat Aviv.**

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# Program

Presentation: 30 minutes - Discussant: 10 minutes - General Discussion: 5 minutes

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## Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

- 09:15 -9:30 **Welcoming**  
**Session I** Chair: David Atkin (Yale University)
- 09:30-10:15 David Figlio (Northwestern University)  
[“Competitive Effects of Means-Tested School Vouchers”](#)  
(joint with Cassandra M.D. Hart)  
Discussant: Parag Pathak (MIT)
- 10:15-11:00 Joshua D. Angrist (MIT)  
[“Who Benefits from KIPP?”](#)  
(joint with Susan M. Dynarski, Thomas J. Kane, Parag A. Pathak, and Christopher R. Walters)  
Discussant: Miguel Urquiola (Columbia University)
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-12:15 Susan M. Dynarski (University of Michigan)  
[“Accountability and Flexibility in Public Schools: Evidence from Boston's Charters and Pilots”](#)  
(joint with Atila Abdulkadiroglu, Joshua D. Angrist, Thomas J. Kane, and Parag A. Pathak)  
Discussant: David Figlio (Northwestern University)
- 12:15-13:30 **Lunch Break**
- Session II** Chair: Steven Rivkin (Amherst College)
- 13:30-14:15 Kevin Lang (Boston University)  
[“Education and Labor Market Discrimination”](#)  
(joint with Michael Manove)  
Discussant: Yona Rubinstein (Brown University)
- 14:15-15:00 Tali Regev (Tel Aviv University)  
[“Is There Place for Women? Gender Bias at Top Economics Schools”](#)  
(joint with Galina Hale)  
Discussant: Susan M. Dynarski (University of Michigan)
- 15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**
- Session III** Chair: Miguel Urquiola (Columbia University)
- 15:30-16:15 Analia Schlosser (Tel Aviv University)  
[“Rise to the Challenge or Not Give a Damn: Differential Performance in High vs. Low Stakes Tests”](#)  
(joint with Yigal Attali and Zvika Neeman)  
Discussant: Daniele Paserman (Boston University and Hebrew University)
- 16:15-17:00 David Atkin (Yale University)  
[“Endogenous Skill Acquisition and Export Manufacturing in Mexico”](#)  
Discussant: Shaul Lach (Hebrew University)
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**Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

09:15-09:30 **Gathering**

**Session IV** Chair: Jonah Rockoff (Columbia University)

09:30-10:15 Yona Rubinstein (Brown University)

["Be Heedful the Children of the Poor for from Them Torah Goeth Forth: The Returns to Schooling and Family Income"](#)

(joint with Dror Brenner)

Discussant: Eric Gould (Hebrew University)

10:15-11:00 Philip Oreopoulos (University of Toronto)

["How Large are Returns to Schooling? Hint: Money Isn't Everything"](#)

(joint with Kjell G. Salvanes)

Discussant: Victor Lavy (Hebrew University)

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:15 Victor Lavy (Hebrew University)

["Does Increasing Mother's Schooling Reduce Fertility and Raise Children Education in the Absence of Economic Mechanisms?"](#)

Discussant: Asaf Zussman (Hebrew University)

12:15-13:45 **Lunch Break**

**Session V** Chair: Philip Oreopoulos (University of Toronto)

13:45-14:30 Miguel Urquiola (Columbia University)

["Anti-Lemons: School Reputation and Educational Quality"](#)

(joint with W. Bentley MacLeod)

Discussant: Zvika Neeman (Tel Aviv University)

14:30-15:15 Sandra S. McNally (London School of Economics)

["The Effect of Tracking Students by Ability into Different Schools: a Natural Experiment"](#)

(joint with Nina Guyon and Eric Maurin)

Discussant: Patrick Puhani (University of Hannover)

**Panel Discussion: "Challenges and Research in Education Policy"**

15:30-16:00 **Reception**

16:00-17:30 Chair: Victor Lavy (Hebrew University)

Discussion with:

Yuli Tamir (President of Shenkar College and former Minister of Education)

Josh Angrist (MIT)

Michal Beller (Israeli National Authority for Measurement and Evaluation in Education)

Dan Gibton (Tel Aviv University)

David Figlio (Northwestern University)

Kevin Lang (Boston University)

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**Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

08:45-09:00

**Gathering**

**Session VI**

09:00-09:45

Chair: Sandra S. McNally (London School of Economics)

Parag Pathak (MIT)

["The Effects of Exam Schools on Student Achievement in New York and Boston"](#)

(joint with Atila Abdulkadiroglu and Joshua D. Angrist)

Discussant: Jonah Rockoff (Columbia University)

09:45-10:30

Steven Rivkin (Amherst College)

["Disruption, Achievement and the Heterogeneous Benefits of Smaller Classes"](#)

(joint with Graham McKee and Katharine R. E. Sims)

Discussant: Sandra S. McNally (London School of Economics)

10:30-10:45

**Coffee Break**

10:45-11:30

Jonah Rockoff (Columbia University)

["Information and Employee Evaluation: Evidence from a Randomized Intervention in Public Schools"](#)

(joint with Thomas J. Kane, Douglas O. Staiger, and Eric S. Taylor)

Discussant: Miikka Rokkanen (MIT)

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