

May 31stth, 2006



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

"The Welfare State Under Attack"

A Conference in honor of Efraim Sadka

Sunday, June 4th 2006

The Eitan Berglas School of Economics
Ofair Hall
Tel Aviv University

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Program

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08:30-09:00 *GATHERING*

Chairman: Assaf Razin

9:00-10:00 Roger Gordon

"Puzzling Tax Structures in Developing Countries: A Comparison of Two Alternative Explanations"

Joint with Wei Li

Discussant: Pierre Pestieau

10:00-10:30 *COFFEE BREAK*

10:30-11:15 Peter Birch Sorensen

"Optimal Taxation and Social Insurance in a Lifetime Perspective"

Joint with A. Lans Bovenberg

Discussant: Joram Mayshar

11:15-12:00 Laurence J. Kotlikoff

"Rethinking the Corporate Income Tax"

Joint with Jianjun Miao

Discussant: Shlomo Yitzhaki

12:00-13:30 *LUNCH BREAK*

Chairman: Roger Gordon

13:30-14:15 Tomer Blumkin

"Affirmative Action and Economic Justice"

Joint with Yoram Margalioth and Efraim Sadka

Discussant: John D. Wilson

14:15-15:00 Pierre Pestieau

"Longevity and Pay-as-you-Go Pensions"

Joint with Gregory Ponthiere and Motohiro Sato

Discussant: Zvi Eckstein

15:00-15:30 *C O F F E E B R E A K*

15:30-16:15 Mark Gradstein

"Public Sector, Informal Sector and Policy Commitment"

Discussant: Yona Rubinstein

16:15- 17:00 *B R E A K*

17:00 –18:30 *Panel Discussion on: "Pensions in the New Welfare State"*

*Participants: Alan J. Auerbach,
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