

THE AARON INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY CONFERENCE

GOVERNMENT POLICIES FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND GROWTH

Thursday, May 24th 2018, at 8:45am

Arison-Lauder Building

IDC Campus, Kanfi Nesharim St., Herzliya

Leading topics at the conference

- Does the 2019 budget support growth and poverty reduction objectives?
 - Is government support for the high-tech sector increasing wage gaps?
- Where are the capital and banking sectors heading? Do they cater only to the wealthy?
- Can the ultra-Orthodox and Arab communities successfully integrate into the workforce?
 - Will the findings of the "Employment 2030" Committee boost productivity?
 - How to reduce bureaucracy to boost growth?
 - Can public transportation support economic growth?

Conference Chair:

Prof. Omer Moav, Aaron Institute for Economic Policy, IDC Herzliya

8:45 Gathering

9:15 Greetings: **Prof. Uriel Reichman**, President and Founder of IDC Herzliya

9:20 Opening remarks: **Mr. Shlomo Dovrat**, Chairman of the Board of the Aaron Institute, IDC; General Partner and Co-Founder Viola Ventures

9:30 **Dr. Karnit Flug**, Governor of the Bank of Israel

9:50 SESSION 1: GROWTH AND POVERTY IN ISRAEL AND THE WORLD

Prof. Alan Krueger, Princeton University, former chairman of President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers

*"Growth and poverty in the United States"**

Prof. Elhanan Helpman, Harvard University

"Globalization and inequality"

Dr. Osnat Lifshitz, Tiomkin School of Economics, IDC Herzliya

"Changes in employment and inequality in Israel"

Respondents:

Mr. Eyal Waldman, Founder and CEO of Mellanox Technologies

Mrs. Adina Bar-Shalom

Adv. Miriam Kabha, Commissioner for Equal Employment Opportunities, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services

Open discussion

11:25 Recess and refreshments

11:55 SESSION 2: IS THE STATE DEALING WITH GROWTH AND POVERTY CHALLENGES?

Prof. Zvi Eckstein, Head of the Aaron Institute for Economic Policy, Dean of Tiomkin School of Economics, IDC Herzliya

"Employment and wage objectives as an economic strategy"

Mr. Shaul Meridor, Head of the Budget Director, Ministry of Finance

Mrs. Dita Bronicki, Aaron Institute for Economic Policy, IDC Herzliya; Founder and former CEO of Ormat Technologies

"Reforms in technological and vocational training"

Mr. Rony Hizkiyahu, Accountant General, Ministry of Finance

Respondents:

Mr. Asher Levy, CEO of Orbotech

Mrs. Yael Andorn, Former CEO of the Ministry of Finance

Mr. Eli Paley, Chairman of the Haredi Institute for Public Affairs

Mr. Walid Afifi, Owner and Director, the Afifi Group

Dr. Peter Jarrett, Head of Division in the Economics Department of the OECD*

Mr. Craig Beaumont, IMF Mission Chief for Israel*

Open discussion

13:50 **Lunch**

14:50 **Mr. Haim Katz**, Minister for Labor, Welfare and Social Services

15:05 SESSION 3: DEVELOPMENTS IN FINANCE

Mr. Steve Strongin, Head of Global Investment Research, Goldman Sachs*

Prof. Daniel Tsiddon, Founder and General Partner, Viola FinTech

"Finance, this time is really different!"

Dr. Hedva Bar, Supervisor of Banks, the Bank of Israel

"Technology as a vehicle for financial containment and improving access to financial services"

Respondents:

Prof. Martin Eichenbaum, Northwestern University*

Mrs. Anath Levin, Executive VP, Head of Investments and Finance Division, Clal Insurance

Dr. Samer Haj-Yehia, Bank Leumi; IDC Herzliya

Open discussion

16:35 Symposium summary

*Lectures in English without simultaneous translation

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Admission by invitation only

The event will be held in Hebrew