

Natural Resource Management, Growth and Political Economy – a symposium in honor of Professor Eithan Hochman

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Venue: Faculty Club, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences, The Hebrew University, Rehovot

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Program:

Opening (9 – 9:15): Yitzhak Hadar, Dean, the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Session 1 (9:15 – 10:45): Production Theory

- Yair Mundlak: *Implemented Technology – Examples from Southeast Asia*
- Elisabeth Sadoulet and Alain de Janvry: *Optimal Share Contracts under Predation*
- Richard Just: *Practicality in the Practice of Economics*
- David Zilberman: *On The economics of Agricultural Production and the Environment*

Coffee Break (10:45 – 11:15)

Session 2 (11:15 – 12:30) Resource, Environmental and Bio economics

- Michael Hanemann: *TBA*
- Uri Regev: *Municipal Waste Recycling*
- Yoav Kislev: *The Water Economy of Israel*
- Eli Feinerman, Israel Finkelstein and Iddo Kan: *The Political Economics of NIMBY: Theory and Application to Landfills Siting*

Session 3 (12:30 – 1:30): Political Economy and Economic Institutions

- Gordon Rausser: *TBA*
- Oded Hochman: *Agglomeration of Spatial Clubs*
- David Bigman: *The role of the public sector in future agricultural research*
- Moshe Justman: *Public Education and the Melting Pot*

Lunch (1:30 – 2:30)

Session 4 (2:30 – 3:45): Economic Dynamics and Uncertainty

- Ronny Bental: *Robust solutions of uncertain optimization problems*
- Robert Mendelsohn and Ariel Dinar: *Climate, Water and Agriculture: How Farmers Might Adapt to Future Climate Change*
- Yacov Tsur and Amos Zemel: *Growth, Scarcity and R&D*

Session 5 (3:45 – 5:00): International Trade and Growth

- Elhanan Helpman: *Exports versus FDI*
- Ujjayant Chakravorty and Joy Mazumder, *Infrastructure Investment in an Open Economy*
- Gal Hochman: *Anti Damping versus Escape Clause*

Coffee Break (5:00 – 5:30)

Session 6 (5:30 – 7:15): Roundtable Discussion:

The Scope for Economic Policy in Economic Development

Avishay Braverman (moderator), Alain de Janvry, Elhanan Helpman, Yair Mundlak, Assaf Razin, Jimmy Weinblatt, David Zilberman

Session 7 (7:30 PM): Dinner (spouses invited)