

## Curriculum Vita

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### Current Positions

- 2006 – Associate Professor (Rosita and Esteban Herczeg Chair),  
Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2006 – Professor, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway,  
University of London
- 2009 – Head of the Economic Advisory Board of the Israeli  
Minister of Finance
- 2004 – Senior Fellow, Shalem Center (on leave since April 2009)
- 2007 – Research Fellow, CEPR
- 2007 - Director, Minerva Center of Economic Growth

### Previous Positions

- 2008 Member of the state commission of inquiry investigating  
the treatment of Holocaust survivors by the state of Israel
- 2007 Member of the Committee nominated by Prime Minister  
Ehud Olmert for the measurement of Poverty in Israel

2007 - 2009	Member of the panel for macroeconomic policy in the Ministry of Finance
2001 – 2007	Research Affiliate, CEPR
2004 – 2005	Acting Director, Minerva Center of Economic Growth
July 2004 – October 2006	Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
October 2000 – July 2004:	Lecturer, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
August 1999 – July 2000:	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, MIT

#### **Visiting Positions**

June 2001	IIES (Stockholm)
February 2002	Brown University
September – October 2002	NES (Moscow)

#### **Editorial Positions**

2001 – present	Associate Editor, <i>Finnish Economic Papers</i>
2005 – present	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Economic Growth</i>
2006 – 2007	Panel Member, <i>Economic Policy</i>
2006- present	Associate Editor, <i>Macroeconomic Dynamics</i>

#### **Education**

1990-1993	B.A. Economics and Business, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Magna cum laude)
1993-1995	Master in Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Summa cum laude)
1995-1999	Ph.D., Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Graduation - March 1999)

#### **Fellowships and Honors**

1992	Dean's list, Hebrew University
1993	Rector's fellowship, Hebrew University
1994	Rector's fellowship, Hebrew University
1998	Wolf fellowship for Ph.D students, Wolf foundation, Israel
1999	Fulbright fellowship, The United States-Israel Educational Foundation
2001	Alon fellowship, Israel, Ministry of Education
2006	Rector's Prize for excellence in research and teaching, Hebrew University
2008	Guest of Honor and keynote speaker in the 2008 annual ceremony of the Aaron Gutwirth Fund.

- 2008 Keynote speaker in the XIIIth Spring Meeting of Young Economists: SMYE 2008, Lille, April 2008.
- 2008 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2007-2008
- 2009 Commencement speaker and guest of honor at the Hebrew University (Social Sciences commencement)

### **Research Grants**

- 1999 – 2000: Falk Institute, “Stratification, Capital-Skill Complementarity, and wage inequality”, (with Yishay Maoz)
- 2000 – 2001: Falk Institute, “Capitalists, Workers and Landlords: Institutions and Cross Country Growth Differences”, (with Oded Galor)
- 2001 – 2002: Falk Institute, “Cheap children and the Persistence of Poverty”
- 2002 – 2003: Falk Institute, “Inequality in the Ownership of Land: A Political Barrier for Public Schooling and Economic Growth”
- 2003- 2005: Israel Science Foundation, “Land, Education Reforms, and the Process of Development” (with Oded Galor)
- 2004 – 2005 Falk Institute, “The Quality of Information and Incentives for Effort”
- 2007- 2009: Israel Science Foundation, "Technological Progress and Regress, Institutions, and the Transition to Modern Growth"
- 2007-2008: The Pinhas Sapir Center, "An Empirical Analysis of Emigration from Israel" (with Eric Gould)

### **Publications in refereed international journals**

Moav, Omer and Zvika Neeman "The Quality of Information and Incentives for Effort", *Journal of Industrial Economics*, (Forthcoming)

Galor, Oded, Omer Moav and Dietrich Vollrath (2009) “Land Inequality and the Emergence of Human Capital Promoting Institutions” *Review of Economic Studies*, 76, 143–179.

Aiyar, Shekhar, Carl-Johan Dalgaard and Omer Moav, (2008) "Technological Progress and Regress in Pre-industrial Times" *Journal of Economic Growth*, 13, 125-144

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Avi Simhon, (2008) “The Mystery of Monogamy” *American Economic Review* 98, 333–357.

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2006) “Das Human-Kapital: A Theory of the Demise of the Class Structure”, *Review of Economic Studies* 73, 85–117

Moav, Omer (2005) “Cheap Children and the Persistence of Poverty” *Economic Journal* 115, 88-110.

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2004) "From Physical to Human Capital: Inequality in the Process of Development" *Review of Economic Studies* 71, 1001-1026.

Maoz, Yishay and Omer Moav (2004) "Social Stratification, Capital-Skill Complementarity and the Non-Monotonic Evolution of the Education Premium", *Macroeconomic Dynamics* 8, 295-309. (Lead article).

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2002) "Natural Selection and the Origin of Economic Growth", *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 117, 1133-1191. (Lead article).

Moav, Omer (2002) "Income Distribution and Macroeconomics: The Persistence of Inequality in a Convex Technology Framework," *Economics Letters* 75, 187– 192.

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Bruce Weinberg (2002) "Skill Obsolescence and Wage Inequality Within Education Groups". In *The Economics of Skill Obsolescence*, in the book series *Research in Labor Economics*, Solomon Polachek (series ed.), A. Grip, J. Loo, and K. Mayhew (eds.), 21, 215-234.

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Bruce Weinberg (2001) "Precautionary Demand for Education, Inequality and Technological Progress", *Journal of Economic Growth* 6, 285-316.

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2001) "Evolution and Growth", *European Economic Review* 45, 718-729

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2000) "Ability Biased Technological Transition, Wage Inequality and Economic Growth," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 115, 469-497  
Reprinted in: "Recent Developments in Growth Theory," D. Acemoglu ed., Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2004.

Maoz, Yishay and Omer Moav (1999) "Intergenerational Mobility and the Process of Development," *Economic Journal* 109, 677-697.

### **Refereed publications in Hebrew**

Gould, Eric and Omer Moav (2007) "The Brain Drain from Israel", *The Economic Quarterly* (Hebrew) 46-69. Translated to English and reprinted: "Israel's Brain Drain" *Israel Economic Review* 5, 1-22.

Moav, Omer (1996) "The Kibbutz Dining Room - A Model for Privatization" *The Economic Quarterly* (Hebrew) 33-44.

### **Other Publications**

Moav, Omer and Ofer Cohen (2008), "Who Needs Job Security?", *Tchelet*, (Hebrew) Spring 2008, 53-72. Reprinted in *Azure*, (English) Autumn 2008.

Moav, Omer (2007), comment on: "The Effect of Information and Communication Technologies on Urban Structure" by Yannis M. Ioannides, Henry G. Overman, Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, and Kurt Schmidheiny, *Economic Policy* 23, 232 – 234.

Moav Omer (2007), Printed Lecture from the Conference "The Universities (in Israel): an Organizational Economic Crises and Brain Drain", *The Economic Quarterly* (Hebrew), 150-153. Translated to English and reprinted in *Israel Economic Review* (forthcoming)

Moav, Omer (2007) comment on: "Does School Tracking Affect Equality of Opportunity? New International Evidence" by Giorgio Brunello and Daniele Checchi, *Economic Policy*, 52, 781-861.

Moav, Omer (2007), Book Review of Freakonomics, by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner, *Tchelet*, (Hebrew) Winter 2007, 26, 148-152.

Moav, Omer (2006) comment on: "Valuating Ecosystem Services as Productive Inputs" by Edward Barbier, *Economic Policy*, 22 (49), 177-229.

Moav, Omer (2006), Introduction to the Hebrew edition of *Basic Economics: A Citizen's Guide to the Economy* by Thomas Sowell, Shalem Press

Moav, Omer and Hadas Gabay (2005) "How to Solve the Problem of Labor Strikes", *Tchelet*, (Hebrew) November 2005, 22, 74-90.

Ahituv, Avner and Omer Moav (2003), "Fertility Clubs and Economic Growth". In *Inequality and Growth: Theory and Policy Implications*, Theo Eicher and Stephen Turnovsky eds., Cambridge: MIT Press, 61-87.

### **Working Papers**

Moav Omer and Zvika Neeman, "Conspicuous Consumption, Human Capital and Poverty", CEPR DP6864.

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1140634](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1140634)

Gould, Eric D. and Moav Omer, "When is "Too Much" Inequality Not Enough? The Selection of Israeli Emigrants"

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1146123](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1146123)

Galor Oded and Moav Omer, "The Neolithic Origins of Contemporary Variations in Life Expectancy"

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1012650](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1012650)

### **Policy Papers**

"Lessons from developed countries for the reduction of air and water pollution in Israel" (with Ohad Raveh)

"Income Redistribution among Working Age Population in Israel", 2006, (with Miki Yifrach) Shalem Center Working Paper (Hebrew).

"Does Capital Investment Subsidy Reduce Unemployment: Evidence From Israel", 2006, (With Yaniv Reingvertz) Shalem Center Working Paper (Hebrew).

### **Professional Activities**

**Refereed for** (times if >1):

1. *American Economic Review* (15)
2. *Review of Economic Studies* (17)
3. *Econometrica* (3)
4. *Journal of Political Economy* (6)
5. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2)
6. *Journal of the European Economic Association* (4)
7. *Economic Policy* (4)
8. *Economic Journal* (8)
9. *Journal of Economic Growth* (10)
10. *Journal of Development Economics* (11)
11. *Journal of Labor Economics* (2)
12. *Rand*
13. *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*
14. *European Economic Review* (12)
15. *Journal of Public Economics*
16. *Journal of Economic Theory* (3)
17. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* (2)
18. *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* (3)
19. *Review of Economics & Statistics* (2)
20. *International Economic Review* (3)
21. *Journal of International Economics*
22. *Economica* (4)
23. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* (3)
24. *B.E. Journals in Macroeconomics*
25. *German Economic Review*
26. *Bulletin of Economic Research*
27. *European Journal of Political Economy* (3)
28. *Oxford Economic Papers* (2)
29. *IMF staff Paper* (2)
30. *Macroeconomic Dynamics* (2)
31. *Quarterly Economics* (5)
32. *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*
33. *Journal of Population Economics* (3)

34. *Journal of Public Economic Theory*(3)
35. *Economics Letters* (2)
36. *Economic Modelling*
37. *Journal of Economic Inequality*
38. *Journal of Economics*
39. *Theoretical Economics*
40. *Review of Development Economics*

### **Presentations in Seminars**

1. The Hebrew University
2. Ben-Gurion University
3. Haifa University
4. Bar-Ilan University
5. Tel-Aviv University
6. Boston University
7. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
8. University of British Columbia
9. Universitat Pompeu Fabra
10. IIES (Stockholm)
11. Mannheim University
12. Connecticut University
13. ECARES
14. Toulouse
15. Lyon
16. World Bank
17. NES (Moscow)
18. MERIT (University of Maastricht)
19. University of Cologne
20. Penn State
21. University of Copenhagen
22. York
23. Cyprus
24. Warwick
25. Royal Holloway
26. Konstanz
27. LSE-UCL Growth/Development seminar
28. GREQAM
29. SOAS, London
30. City University, London
31. Bristol
32. Zurich
33. Harvard/MIT Growth/Development seminar
34. Brown
35. Auckland
36. Australian National University, Canberra

## **Participation in Conferences**

(as a presenter unless indicated otherwise)

1. Minerva Conference, "Economic Growth", Jerusalem 1999
2. The Summer Institute NBER conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 1999
3. "Crises, Growth and Inequality" Aix en Provence, 2000
4. The Summer Institute NBER conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2000
5. Euroconference "Innovation and Economic growth" Barcelona 2000
6. The XIth Summer School of the European Economic Association, Barcelona 2000
7. Winter workshop of the European Econometric Society, Venice, January, 2001
8. CEPR Conference "The Economics of Education", Bergen, May 2001
9. CESifo Conference, "Growth and Inequality Issues and Policy Implications", Munich 2001
10. ESSIM - Annual conference of the International Macro group of the CEPR, Maale Hachamisa 2001
11. "Dynamics, Economics Growth, and International Trade," VI Conference, Vienna, 2001
12. The Summer Institute NBER conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2001
13. CEPR conference "Dynamic Aspects of Public Expenditure," Copenhagen 2001
14. American Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta 2002
15. The Summer Institute NBER conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2002
16. "The Economics of Water and Agriculture", Rehovot, 2002
17. Minerva Center for Economic Growth "From Stagnation to Growth" Switzerland 2003 (conference co-organizer and presenter)
18. CEPR conference "The Economics of Education and Inequality" Paris 2003
19. ESSIM - Annual conference of the International Macro group of the CEPR, Tarragona, 2004
20. CEPR Conference, "The Economics of Family, Gender and Work", Bergen 2004
21. CEPR Conference, "Productivity Differences", Sardinia 2004
22. NBER Summer Institute: Inequality and Growth, Cambridge Massachusetts 2004
23. CEPR Conference, "Long-Run Growth", Venice 2005
24. Society of Economic Dynamics, annual conference, Budapest 2005
25. Conference in honor of Reuben Gronau, Jerusalem, 2005 (discussant)
26. Israeli Economic Association meetings, Maale Hachamisha, 2006
27. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Vienna, 2006 (discussant)
28. NBER Summer institute, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2006
29. Minerva DEGIT, "Economic Growth and International Trade" Jerusalem 2006 (co-organizer and presenter)

30. IZA – EUI Workshop "Demographic Changes and Secular Transitions in Labor Markets", Bonn 2006.
31. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Helsinki, 2006 (discussant)
32. CEPR, Annual Public Policy Symposium, Kiel, November 2006.
33. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Frankfurt, April 2007 (discussant)
34. Israeli Economic Association meetings, Maale Hachamisha, 2007
35. CIFAR - Institutions, Organizations and Growth, Tel-Aviv, June 2007
36. Conference in Honor of Joram Mayshar's book "In His Image" (Discussants: O. Moav, K. Arrow, R. Aumann)
37. "New Challenges in Economic Research" September 2007, Université catholique de Louvain (plenary presentation)
38. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Lisbon, October 2007 (discussant)
39. The XIIIth Spring Meeting of Young Economists: SMYE 2008, Lille, April 2008. (Keynote speaker)
40. ESSIM - Annual conference of the International Macro group of the CEPR, Tarragona, May, 2008.
41. Intergenerational Economic Mobility, Edinburgh, June, 2008
42. Economics of Education and Education Policy in Europe; Amsterdam, 24-25 October 2008
43. NBER Summer institute, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts July, 2009

### **Teaching Experience**

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| 1995-2008:  | Hebrew University, the Department of Economics:<br>Intermediate Microeconomics<br>Introduction to Microeconomics<br>Introduction to Macroeconomics<br>Economic Growth |
| 2006 -      | Royal Holloway, University of London:<br>Economic Growth<br>Macroeconomics<br>Intermediate Microeconomics   |
| 1999 - 2000 | MIT, the Department of Economics:<br>Principles of Microeconomics   |
| 2003-4      | New Economic School<br>Principles of Microeconomics<br>Economic Growth  |

## **Press:**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3440567,00.html>  
<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/edit/archives/2003/03/15/198135>  
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2002/12/021206075529.htm>  
<http://www.forward.com/issues/2003/03.04.11/otherwords.html>  
<http://flysci.com/article.asp?a=112&c=4>  
<http://www.betterhumans.com/Errors/index.aspx?aspxerrorpath=/searchEngineLink.article.2002-12-03-2.aspx>  
[http://www.innovationsreport.de/html/berichte/wirtschaft\\_finanzen/bericht-14935.html](http://www.innovationsreport.de/html/berichte/wirtschaft_finanzen/bericht-14935.html)  
<http://pub16.ezboard.com/frealismfreeforall.showMessage?topicID=780.topic>  
[http://www.findarticles.com/cf\\_0/m1272/2699\\_132/106473704/p1/article.jhtml](http://www.findarticles.com/cf_0/m1272/2699_132/106473704/p1/article.jhtml)  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/hungarian/cat4/archive/pr\\_0311102329.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/hungarian/cat4/archive/pr_0311102329.shtml)  
[http://news.ft.com/cms/s/03b89160-73f9-11d9-b705-00000e2511c8.ft\\_acl=,s01=2.html](http://news.ft.com/cms/s/03b89160-73f9-11d9-b705-00000e2511c8.ft_acl=,s01=2.html)  
<http://news.scotsman.com/international.cfm?id=115432005>  
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2005/01/23/business/ibank.html>  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story\\_9-3-2003\\_pg3\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_9-3-2003_pg3_4)  
<http://www.varianty.cz/grv/SouborTextuGRV.aspx?id=95&idStranky=23>  
<http://www.miaeconomia.com/retrieval/home/articolo.aspx?idchannel=5&idcategory=163&idarticle=73851>  
<http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/news/nations/israel/20050202120933253756.html>  
<http://www.gnxp.com/blog/2007/03/galor-and-moav-property-rights-as.php>  
<http://www.gnxp.com/blog/labels/Evolution.php>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life\\_expectancy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life_expectancy)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/global\\_business\\_w40.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/global_business_w40.shtml)  
interview on the BBC on the Israeli economy

## **Popular press/blogs on "the mystery of monogamy"**

<http://organizationsandmarkets.com/2008/08/29/something-useful-for-the-weekend/>  
<http://mahalanobis.twoday.net/stories/4905435/>  
<http://jeffreyeconbiz.blogspot.com/2008/05/mystery-of-monogamy.html>  
<http://interestingeconomics.blogspot.com/2008/07/mystery-of-monogamy.html>  
<http://www.rickcross.com/reference/polygamy/polygamy298.html>  
<http://www.rferl.org/content/article/1057238.html>  
<http://www.jihadwatch.org/dhimmiwatch/archives/004921.php>  
<http://scripturerefinersfire.blogspot.com/2007/09/polygamy-is-for-dummies.html>  
<http://socioeconomy.blogspot.com/2008/04/one-skilled-wife-vs-multiple-unskilled.html>  
<http://scienceblogs.com/purepedantry/2008/04/the-economic-causes-of-monogam.php>  
[http://www.marginalrevolution.com/marginalrevolution/2005/02/whats\\_wrong\\_wit.html](http://www.marginalrevolution.com/marginalrevolution/2005/02/whats_wrong_wit.html)  
[http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Central\\_Asia/GB04Ag01.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Central_Asia/GB04Ag01.html)  
<http://www.unexplained-mysteries.com/forum/index.php?showtopic=32907&st=15>  
<http://news.ft.com/cms/s/a8f2fe24-771c-11d9-b897-00000e2511c8.html> (financial times)  
<http://denisgorea.wordpress.com/2008/09/23/marginal-revolution-why-is-monogamy-associated-with-economic-development/>

