



Agricultural Transition in Central and Eastern Europe and the Former USSR after 20 Years

An International Workshop in honor of Professor Zvi Lerman

Rehovot, Israel, March 20 – 22, 2013

Program (updated March 14th, 2013)

Wednesday, March 20

7:45- 8:45 Breakfast (Reisfeld House lobby)

9:00- 9:30 Greetings and opening statements

- Professor Ayal Kimhi, Director of Research, Center for Agricultural Economic Research
- Professor Yakov Tsur, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and Management
- Professor Aharon (Ronnie) Friedman, Dean, The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment

9:30-11:00 Session 1 (Chair: William H. Meyers, University of Missouri, USA)

- Johan Swinnen, University of Leuven, Belgium
Twenty Years of Transition and European Integration: Some Remarkable Observations on the Governance of Land Markets in an Integrated Europe
- Csaba Csaki, Corvinus University, Hungary (with Attila Jambor)
After the Transition: The Impact of EU Membership upon the Agriculture of the New Member Countries
- Ulrich Koester, Kiel University, Germany
Markets and Morality: The Relevance for Transforming the Agricultural Sector in Transition Countries

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 2 (Chair: Yoav Kislev, Hebrew University, Israel)

- Alfons Balmann and Heinrich Hockmann, IAMO, Germany
Is Large not Large enough? What Drives the Growth and Spread of Agroholdings?
- Ayal Kimhi, Hebrew University, Israel
Land Reform and Its Distributional Implications: The Case of Georgia
- Iddo Kan, Hebrew University, Israel (with Ayal Kimhi and Jonathan Kaminski)
Structural Analysis of Climate Change Impact on Agriculture under Partial Equilibrium

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:30 Session 3 (Chair: Thomas Herzfeld, IAMO, Germany)
- William H. Meyers, University of Missouri, USA (with K. Goychuk)
After 20 Years of Transition in Ukraine, Will the Market Find a Way?
 - Leonid A. Krasnozhan, Loyola University, USA
Property Rights in Transition: Evidence from the 1999 Reform in Ukraine
 - Martin Petrick, IAMO, Germany
Competition for Land and Labour among Individual Farms and Agroholdings: Evidence from Kazakhstan
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30 Session 4 (Chair: Csaba Csaki, Corvinus University, Hungary)
- Isabel Teichmann, DIW, Germany (with D. Esenaliev)
Determinants and Welfare Effects of Smallholder Domestic-Market and Export Participation in Kyrgyzstan
 - Nodir Djanibekov, IAMO, Germany (with U. Djanibekov, K. van Assche, and D. Boezeman)
Contract and Strategy in Transitional Rural Economies: Farmers, Dekhqans and Networks in Khorezm, Uzbekistan
 - Zvi Lerman, Hebrew University, Israel
Tajikistan's Vulnerability to Climate Change: An Agricultural Policy Approach
- 18:00-20:00 Conference Dinner

Thursday, March 21

- 8:15- 9:15 Breakfast (Reisfeld House lobby)
- 9:30-11:00 Session 5 (Chair: Aliza Fleischer, Hebrew University, Israel)
- David Sedik, FAO, Hungary (with V. Uzun and Z. Lerman)
Russian WTO Accession: Implications for Agricultural Support Measures
 - Yoav Kislev, Hebrew University, Israel
Agricultural Cooperation in Israel: Past and Present
 - Eugenia Serova, FAO, Italy
Divergence on the Path of Agricultural Transition: Was there a Unified Track?
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00 Session 6 (Chair: Heinrich Hockmann, IAMO, Germany)
- Thomas Herzfeld and Thomas Glauben, IAMO, Germany
Agricultural Labour Adjustment and the Impact of Institutions: A panel Data Analysis
 - Mariusz Rybak, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany (with Sandro Steinbach)
Disintegration of Agricultural Trade Relations in the Former Soviet Union? Cross-Country Evidence from Twelve Successors
 - Israel Finkelshtain, Hebrew University, Israel (with Yael Kachel)
Competitiveness of Israeli Retail Markets for Fresh Agricultural Products

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15: 00 Session 7 (Chair: Martin Petrick, IAMO, Germany)

- Ami Reznick, Hebrew University, Israel (with Ayal Kimhi)
Efficiency Implications of the Dairy Farm Policy Reform in Israel
- Ziv Bar-Nahum, Hebrew University, Israel
Regulations and Structure of the Israeli Dairy Market

Free evening in Tel-Aviv

Friday, March 22

7:30- 8:00 Breakfast (Reisfeld House lobby)

8:00-21:00 Field trip to the north

Field trip plan

8:00 Departure (Reisfeld House parking lot)
10:15 Zemach agricultural experiment station
10:45 Yardenit Baptismal site on the Jordan River (www.yardenit.com/)
11:15 Kibbutz Kinneret
12:15 Lunch ("Mann" biblical style restaurant)
13:30 Golan Heights tour
15:15 Olive oil industry
16:00 Château Golan winery (<http://www.chateaugolan.com/siteFiles/1/1/3637.asp>)
17:30 Umm el Kanatir archeological site (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umm_el_Kanatir)
18:30 Dinner (Abu Nimer restaurant)
21:00 Arrival at Reisfeld House

Note: all sessions, coffee breaks and lunches will be at the faculty club, in the basement of the cafeteria building.

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