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. Krasnozhon, 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**

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

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