



# The 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Agriculture and Economic Development in Memory of Professor Yair Mundlak

June 24-25, 2019

The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment  
Faculty Club, Rehovot Campus of the Hebrew University, Israel



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## Monday June 24

10:00 – 10:30      *Gathering and Refreshments*

10:30 – 12:00      *Session 1* - Chair: Yacov Tsur, Hebrew University

- Re-Emergence of Agricultural Service Cooperatives in Russia – Zvi Lerman (Hebrew University)
- Altruism, Insurance, and Costly Solidarity Commitments – Vesall Nourani (MIT)
- Oil Discoveries and Protectionism – Ohad Raveh (Hebrew University)

12:00 – 13:00      *Lunch*

13:00 – 14:30      *Session 2* - Chair: Ziv Bar-Shira, Hebrew University

- Credit Contract Structure and Firm Growth – Miri Stryjan (Ben-Gurion University)
- Goal-oriented hope and sustainable technology adoption by smallholder farmers – Shira Bukchin (Tel-Aviv University)
- Bayesian Plateau Production Functions – Ford Ramsey (Virginia Tech)

14:30 – 15:00      *Coffee Break*

15:00 – 16:30      *Session 3* - Chair: Avi Ebenstein, Hebrew University

- Who will Buy Fishy Lettuce? Assessing the Market for Aquaponic Produce – Nir Becker (Tel-Hai College)
- Impacts of Health Information on Meat Demand – Israel Finkelshtain (Hebrew University)
- Economy-Wide Long-Run Water Management under Salinity – Iddo Kan (Hebrew University)

16:30 – 17:00      *Coffee Break*

17:00 – 19:00      *Keynote Lecture* - Chair: Ayal Kimhi, Hebrew University

- Greetings - Benny Chefetz, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment; Israel Finkelshtain, Head, Department of Environmental Economics and Management
- Growth in Developing Countries: Implications for Global Agriculture – Will Martin (IFPRI)

19:00 – 21:00      *Conference Dinner* (speakers only)

## Tuesday June 25

*Field Trip* – Developing Agriculture under Extreme Climatic Conditions (Dead Sea Area)

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## Keynote Lecture - Monday June 24, 17:00

Growth in Developing Countries: Implications for Global Agriculture  
Will Martin (IFPRI)

### Abstract

After nearly two centuries of lagging behind the industrial countries, growth in many developing countries has surged since the early 1990s. This outperformance has major implications for almost all areas of agricultural economics and, if continued, will likely do so into the future. This paper aims to identify the key ways in which the changes in rich and poor country growth rates matter for agricultural economists, as a basis for formulating better research agendas. A key impact arises through sharp increases in demand for agricultural resources as demand for livestock products increases. This changing structure of food demand has important implications for nutrition studies and policies, with the emergence of a double burden of malnutrition. On the supply side, growth in developing countries tends to increase domestic food supply, which is also boosted by increases in research and development spending. Growth in developing countries both stimulates and benefits from increases in infrastructure investment, evaluation of which requires new analytical tools discussed at this conference. Negative impacts include the contribution of increased demand for livestock products to global greenhouse gas emissions. In terms of trade policy, developing country growth is tending to lead to convergence of agricultural policies with the pattern of assistance seen in today's developed countries, raising concerns about the future need to deal with collective action problems, particularly those that increase the volatility of world prices.

### About the speaker

Will Martin is a Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, and immediate Past-President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. Martin's recent research has focused primarily on the impacts of changes in food and trade policies and food prices on poverty and food security in developing countries. His research has also examined the impact of major trade policy reforms—including the Uruguay Round; the Doha Development Agenda; and China's accession to the WTO—on developing countries; implications of climate change for poor people; and implications of improvements in agricultural productivity in developing countries. He trained in economics and agricultural economics at the University of Queensland, the Australian National University and Iowa State University and worked at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Australian National University and the World Bank. He was the World Bank's Research Manager for Agriculture for six years prior to joining IFPRI in 2015.

*Free Admission. Refreshments will be served at 16:30.*

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