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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

All sessions will be held in the conference room on the third floor of the Central Administration Building (upper campus).

10:00 – WELCOMING REMARKS
Daniel Schiffman, Program Chair
Albert Pinhasov, Vice President and Dean for Research and Development, Ariel University
Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Chancellor, Ariel University; former Minister of Finance, State of Israel

Session 1
Chair, Daniel Schiffman

10:10 (1)
Yisrael (Robert) Aumann (Nobel Prize in Economics) (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Collectives as individuals
Discussion openers: Heinrich Ursprung, Arge Hillman

10:50 (2)
Martin Paldam (Aarhus University)
A model of the rational economist as researcher and policy advisor
Discussion openers: James Cassing, Thomas Stratmann

11:20 (3)
Volker Lindenthal (University of Freiburg)
Betting against the Jews? The market reaction to Jewish firms in Nazi Germany
Discussion openers: Avichai Snir, Mark Levin

11:50 (4)
Erik Hille (Leipzig Graduate School of Management, Leipzig)
Trade and the environment: The role of climate policy in achieving air emission reductions
Discussion openers: Zareh Asatryan, Gerrit Gonschorek

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Lunch: 12:20 – 13:05
Session 2
Chair, Idit Sohlberg

13:05 (5)
Doron Greenberg (Ariel University) and Avichai Snir* (Netanya College and Bar-Ilan University)
Expressive voting in the lab: voting for self or voting for self-image?
Discussion openers: Doron Klunover, Marina Dodlova

13:35 (6)
Gerrit Gonschorek* and Günther Schulze (University of Freiberg)
To the ones in need or the ones you need? The political economy of central discretionary grants: Empirical Evidence from Indonesia
Discussion openers: Momi Dahan, Yanting Chen

14:05 (7)
Ekaterina Borisova, Andrei Govorun, Denis Ivanov (National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow) and Irina Levina* (National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Whom to help? Trust, social norms, and preferences for redistribution target groups
Discussion openers: Leonid Azarnert, Moshe Justman

14:35 – 14:55 Coffee break

Session 3
Chair, Raphael Franck

14:55 (8)
Mark Levin (National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Why does corruption persist?
Discussion openers: Liu Qijun, Elena Seghezza

15:25 (9)
Christian Bjørnskov* (Aarhus University) and Stefan Voigt (University of Hamburg)
Why do governments call a state of emergency? – On the determinants of using emergency constitutions
Discussion openers: Roger Congleton, Artyom Jelnov

15:55 (10)
Michael Neugart* and Johannes Rode (Technical University of Darmstadt)
Democratic experience and retrospective voting
Discussion openers: Yair Tauman, Volker Lindenthal

Break 16:25 – 16:40
Session 4
Chair, Jakob de Haan

16:40 (11)
Irina Mirkina (Lund University)
FDI, sanctions, and public policy: Being good guys or good investors?
Discussion openers: Thomas Stratmann, Martin Rode

17:10 (12)
Carsten Hefeker (University of Siegen)
In whose interest? British and American money doctors after 1945
Discussion openers: Andrei Yakovlev, Daniel Schiffman

17:40 (13)
Raphael Franck (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The lawyers’ comparative advantage in parliamentary elections
Discussion openers: Artyom Jelnov, Debora Di Gioacchino

18:10 (14)
Moshe Justman (Ruppin Academic Center and Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Economic research and education policy: Project STAR and class size reduction
Discussion openers: Giovanni Battista Pittaluga, Irina Levina

18:40 End of Day 1 sessions.

Leave for brief tour of Ariel's entrepreneurial and economic landscape, including the Field Center for Entrepreneurship. To be followed by dinner at the home of Idit Sohlberg (Chair, Department of Economics and Business Management, Ariel University).

10:10 Return to Ariel University campus

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

7:20 Breakfast in Central Administration Building

Session 5
Chair, Roger Congleton

7:50 (15)
Rasmus Wiese (University of Groningen), Richard Jong-A-Pin (University of Groningen and CESifo) and Jakob de Haan*
(De Nederlandsche Bank, University of Groningen, and CESifo)
Can successful fiscal adjustments only be achieved by spending cuts?
Discussion openers: Alex Cukierman, Michael Neugart

8:20 (16)
Giovanni B. Pittaluga and Elena Seghezza (University of Genoa)
The rise and fall of left populism in Latin America: the role of commodities price cycle
Discussion openers: Erik Hille, Martin Rode
8:50 (17)
Artyom Jelnov (Ariel University), Yair Tauman* (State University of New York, Stony Brook and Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya), and Richard Zeckhauser (Harvard University)
Attacking the unknown weapon of a possible provocateur
Discussion openers: Amnon Schreiber, Doron Klunover

9:20 – 9:35 Coffee Break

Session 6
Chair, Elena Seghezza

9:35 (18)
Alex Cukierman (Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya)
The political economy of US bailouts, unconventional monetary policy, credit arrest and inflation during the financial crisis
Discussion openers: Jakob de Haan, Carsten Hefeker

10:05 (19)
Thomas Stratmann* (George Mason University) and Nicola Maaser (University of Bremen)
Election rules, legislators' incentives, and policy outcomes
Discussion openers: Yair Tauman, Zareh Asatryan

10:35 (20)
Leonid Azarnert (Ariel University)
Refugee resettlement, redistribution, and growth
Discussion openers: Martin Paldam, Jerg Gutmann

11:05 – 11:20 Break

Session 7
Chair, Thomas Stratmann

11:20 (21)
Liu Qijun and Chen Yanting (Huazhong University of Science and Technology)
Wages and corruption
Discussion openers: Volker Lindenthal, Marina Dodlova

11:50 (22)
Martin Rode* and Andrea Sanz de Viteri (Universidad de Navarra, Spain)
Political positions on government intervention and inequality: Who is being radicalized by free trade?
Discussion openers: James Cassing, Hristos Doucouliagos

12:20 (23)
Andrei Yakovlev,* Irina Levina, Israel Marques and Anton Kazun (National Research University - Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Destructive corporate raiding: The dark side of economics
Discussion openers: Amnon Schreiber, Mark Levin
12:50 – 13:30 Lunch

Session 8
Chair, Martin Paldam

13:30 (24)
Momi Dahan* and Michel Strawczynski (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Budget institutions and government effectiveness
Discussion openers: Jakob de Haan, Irina Mirkina

14:00 (25)
Jerg Gutmann* (University of Hamburg) and Stefan Voigt (University of Hamburg and CESifo)
The Rule of Law: Measurement and deep roots
Discussion openers: Christian Bjørnskov, Debora Di Gioacchino

14:30 (26)
Daniel Schiffman* (Ariel University), Warren Young (Bar-Ilan University) and Yaron Zelekha (Ono Academic College)
Milton Friedman and Israeli economic reform, 1977
Discussion openers: Carsten Hefeker, Alex Cukierman

15:00 End of Day 2 sessions

15:10 Depart for tour

19:10 Dinner at winery

21:10 Return to Ariel University campus

The tour and dinner are sponsored by the Shomron Regional Council.

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 Breakfast in Central Administration Building
Session 9
Chair, Arye Hillman

8:00 (27)
Björn Kauder (CESifo), Niklas Potrafke (CESifo and University of Munich), and Heinrich Ursprung* (University of Konstanz)
Expressive rhetoric in support of environmental protection policies
Discussion openers: Avichai Snir, Irina Mirkina

8:30 (28)
Ronen Bar-El (Open University of Israel), Limor Hatsor* (Bar-Ilan University) and Yossef Tobol (Lev Academic Center, Jerusalem)
Economic Consequences of Regulation Failure
Discussion openers: Raphael Franck, Michael Neugart

9:00 (29)
Alberto Batinti (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) and Roger Congleton* (University of West Virginia)
The electoral politics of subsidized medical technology
Discussion openers: Christian Bjørnskov, Irina Levina

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9:30 – 9:45 Coffee Break

Session 10
Chair: Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

9:45 (30)
Debora Di Gioacchino* (Sapienza University of Rome), Laura Sabani (University of Florence), Simone Tedeschi (University of Rome Tre)
Differences in education systems across OECD countries: the role of education policy preferences in a hierarchical system
Discussion openers: Moshe Justman, Heinrich Ursprung

10:15 (31)
Zareh Asatryan* (ZEW, Mannheim) and Annika Havlik (University of Mannheim)
Multilateral lending to European regions: Who get the funds and what are the effects?
Discussion openers: Hristos Doucouliagos, Jerg Gutmann

10:45 (32)
Marina Dodlova* (University of Passau, GIGA Hamburg, and CESifo), Anna Giolbas (University of Göttingen and GIGA Hamburg) and Jann Lay (University of Göttingen and GIGA Hamburg)
Pro-poor or political targeting: An analysis of social assistance in developing countries
Discussion openers: Gerrit Gonschorek, Martin Paldam

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Break 10:45 – 11:00
Session 11
Chair, Heinrich Ursprung

11:00 (33)
Hristos Doucouliagos* (Deakin University), Martin Paldam (University of Aarhus), and T.D. Stanley (Deakin University)
Public policy with thin evidence markets
Discussion openers: Erik Hille, Roger Congleton

11:30 (34)
Arye L. Hillman* (Bar-Ilan University, Ariel University, and CESifo) and Ngo Van Long (McGill University)
Policies and prizes
Discussion openers: Andrei Yakovlev, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

12:00 END OF CONFERENCE
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