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**Emerging Issues in Agricultural Economics - Farms and Farming People:  
Structure and Connections to Food Security and Rural Communities**

**Program** (May 4, 2011)

Session 1: Political economy and agriculture.

Session chair: Barry K. Goodwin (North Carolina State University)

**Grace Skogstad** (University of Toronto), "The political economy of farming, agriculture and food in a food-surplus country."

Israel Finkelshtain, **Iddo Kan** and Yoav Kislev (The Hebrew University), "Combining taxes and quotas under political lobbying."

**Jonathan Kaminski** (The Hebrew University) and Renata Serra (University of Florida), "Local realities and endogenous economic reforms: Cotton policy-making in Burkina Faso."

Session 2: The size distribution of farms.

Session chair: Rick Barichello (University of British Columbia)

**Ray D. Bollman** (Statistics Canada), "Farmers and farms are orthogonal: the unchanging structure of the inter-face of farmers and farms in Canada."

**Ayal Kimhi** and Nitzan Tzur (The Hebrew University), "Long-run trends in farm size distribution and their determinants."

**Zvi Lerman** (Hebrew University), "Agricultural recovery and individual land tenure: Evidence from Central Asia."

Session 3: Economics of food.

Session chair: Yacov Tsur (Hebrew University)

**David R. Just** (Cornell University), "Behavioral economics, food programs and obesity."

Daniel L. Millimet (Southern Methodist University & IZA) and **Rusty Tchernis** (Georgia State University & NBER), "Estimation of treatment effects without an exclusion restriction: with an application to the analysis of the school breakfast program."

**Amir Heiman** (Hebrew University), "The effect of calorie information on the choice process of (fast) food products."

Session 4: Prices and spatial modeling.

Session chair: Yakir Plessner (Hebrew University)

**Barry K. Goodwin** (North Carolina State University), "Copula-Based Nonlinear Models of Spatial Market Linkages."

**Ofir Rubin** (Hebrew University), "Movement restrictions, agricultural trade and price transmission between Israel and the West Bank."

**Ernst-August Nuppenau** (University of Giessen), "Crop rotation modelling as a challenge in Agricultural Economics: On spatial and dynamic programming in cultural landscapes."

Session 5: Environmental and resource economics.

Session chair: Yoav Kislev (Hebrew University)

**David A. Hennessy** (Iowa State University), "Environmental effects of crop insurance and biofuels."

**Somlanare Romuald Kinda** (University of Auvergne), "Democratic institutions and environmental quality: Effects and transmission channels."

**Erez Yerushalmi** (University of Warwick), "Measuring water allocation efficiency within an administrative mechanism: An example for Israel."

**Jonas Luckmann**, Khalid Siddig, Dorothee Flaig, Harald Grethe (University of Hohenheim), "Modeling water scarcity in Israel, a general equilibrium approach."

Session 6: Efficiency of agricultural production.

Session chair: David R. Just (Cornell University)

**Alfons Oude Lansink** (Wageningen University), **Spiro Stefanou** (Penn State University), and **Elvira Silva** (University of Porto), "Recent advances in dynamic efficiency analysis."

**Supawat Rungsuriyawiboon** (Thammasat University) and **Heinrich Hockmann** (Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe), "Structural change and adjustment costs in Polish Agriculture: A dynamic frontier approach."

**Adeleke Salami** (African Development Bank), "Technological progress, innovation and productivity growth in Africa's agriculture: An empirical analysis."

Session 7: Structural changes in agriculture.

Session chair: David A. Hennessy (Iowa State University)

**Rick Barichello** (University of British Columbia), "Comparative changes in industry structure with the policy instrument of tradable marketing quotas: The case of the Canadian dairy industry."

**Israel Finkelshtain** and **Atel Steren** (The Hebrew University), "An economic analysis of organizational reform in the Israeli broiler industry."

**Ayal Kimhi** and **Ami Reznik** (The Hebrew University), "Efficiency implications of the dairy farm policy reform in Israel."

Session 8: Agriculture and the family.

Session chair: Alfons Oude Lansink (Wageningen University)

**Arden Esqueda** (Agriculture and Agri-food Canada) and **Ekaterina Niman** (University of Guelph), "Planning for the next generation: factors affecting succession decisions among Canadian farm families."

**Channing Arndt** (University Of Copenhagen), **Rui M. S. Benfica** (World Bank), and **James Thurlow** (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research), "Gender implications of biofuels expansion in a low-income, land-abundant country."

Session 9: Agriculture and the rural economy.

Session chair: Ray D. Bollman (Statistics Canada)

**Alessandro Alasia** (Statistics Canada), "Economic flows from farming families and their farms to the local economy and the flows from the local economy to farming families and their farms: some implications for agriculture and rural policy."

Anat Tchetchik (Ben-Gurion University), **Aliza Fleischer** and Israel Finkelshtain (The Hebrew University), "Agglomeration and optimal spatial density of the rural accommodations industry."

**Rose Olfert** (University of Saskatchewan), "Can co-operatives and credit unions in rural communities, both largely created to support farms and the farming community, continue to serve this role?"

**Eli Feinerman**, Israel Finkelshtain (The Hebrew University), and Anat Tchetchik (Ben-Gurion University), "Impact of counter-urbanization on size, population mix and welfare of an agricultural region."

Session 10: Implications of climate change and climate risk.

Session chair: Ofir Rubin (Hebrew University)

**Nikolinka G. Koleva** (Hamburg University), Uwe A. Schneider (Hamburg University) and Bruce A. McCarl (Texas A&M University), "Pesticide and greenhouse gas externalities from US agriculture ó The impact of their internalization and climate change on land management, markets, and mitigation."

**Jonathan Kaminski**, Iddo Kan and Aliza Fleischer (The Hebrew University), "Climate change and the land-use response of farmers: Application to Israel."

**A. B. Sekumade** (University of Ado-Ekiti), "Farm income, gender differential and climate risk in Nigeria: Implications for resource mobilization in agrarian households."

Posters

**Leon Vinokur** (Queen Mary University of London), "Providing Global Public Good under Ambiguity Aversion."

**Arlete Maria da S. Alves** (Federal University of Viçosa), "Sustainable Rural Development: Agroforestry as an Alternative of Development for Rural Areas in Brazil."

**J.O. Lawal** (University of Ibadan), "Profitability of Production and Resource-use efficiency among Ofada Rice (*Oryza sativa japonica*) Farmers in Southwest, Nigeria."

**Dorothee Flaig** (Universität Hohenheim), "A CGE Approach to Model the Integration of Palestinian-Israeli Labour Markets: Implications for the Agricultural Sector."