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)

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