

**The Jerusalem Summer School in Economic Growth  
July 7-11, 2008  
Organized by the Minerva Center for Economic Growth  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Jerusalem, Israel**

**Program**

**Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 09:00-09:30 **Gathering** The Maierdsdorf Faculty Club
- 09:30-11:00 **Oded Galor** (Brown University)  
Economic Growth: From Genesis to the Present
- 11:00-11:30 **Break**
- 11:30-13:00 **David Weil** (Brown University)  
Health and Economic Growth - Part I
- 13:00-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:30 **Oded Galor** (Brown University)  
Unified Growth Theory (UGT)
- 15:30-16:15 **Break**
- 16:15-17:45 **Matthias Doepke** (UCLA and Northwestern University)  
Human Capital, Political Reform, and Economic Development

**Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 09:00-10:30 **David Weil** (Brown University)  
Health and Economic Growth - Part II
- 10:30-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-12:30 **Oded Galor** (Brown University)  
UGT and Comparative Development: Culture and Genetic Diversity
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30-15:00 **Oded Galor** (Brown University)  
UGT and Comparative Development: Trade and Human Capital
- 15:00-15:30 **Break**
- 15:30-17:00 **Matthias Doepke** (UCLA and Northwestern University)  
Endogenous Preferences and the Spirit of Capitalism
- 17:30-21:00 **Tour to the Western Wall (Kotel) Tunnels**  
For further information visit <http://english.thekotel.org/>

## Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

09:30-11:00 **Joseph Zeira** (Hebrew University)  
Industrialization and Economic Growth

11:00-11:30 **Break**

11:30-13:00 **Moshe Hazan** (Hebrew University)  
Did Longevity Cause Growth? Theory and Evidence

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Student Presentations - session 1**

**Evangelos V. Dioikitopoulos** (Athens University of Economics and Business) "Ageing and the Allocation of Public Expenditures on Health and Education"

**Francesco Lancia** (University of Bologna) "A Politico-Economic Model of Aging, Technology Adoption and Growth"

**Edith Sand** (Tel-Aviv University) "Immigration and Social Security: A Political-Economy Approach"

14:00-15:30 **Student Presentations - session 2**

**William Walker Hanlon** (Columbia University) "Human Capital Transferability and the Structure of the Economy"

**Vincenzo Lombardo** (University of Naples – Parthenope) "Poor's behaviour and inequality traps: the role of human capital"

**Daniel Spiro** (Stockholm University) "Natural resources, technology and growth"

15:30-16:15 **Break**

16:15-17:45 **Student Presentations – Session 3**

**Fali Huang** (Singapore Management University) "A Political Economy Model of Educational Change"

**Marie Vander Donckt** (Université catholique de Louvain) "Would Empowering Women Initiate the Demographic Transition in Least-Developed Countries?"

**Tamara Fioroni** (University of Pisa) "Child Mortality Decline, Inequality and Economic Growth"

16:15-17:45 **Student Presentations – Session 4**

**Teodora Borota** (European University Institute) "Innovation and Imitation in a Model of North-South Trade"

**Giulia Felice** (University of Milan) "Home Production in a Growth Model with Uneven Technological Spillovers: Trade Accounts Effects"

**Josh Hall** (Drexel University) "Within- and Across-Country Inequality in a Model of Trade and Endogenous Growth"

## Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Tour to Masada and the Dead Sea

## Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

08:30-10:00 **Nancy Qian** (Brown University)  
Topics and Methods in Development Economics

10:00-10:30 **Break**

### 10:30-12:00 **Student Presentations – Session 5**

**Jeanet Bentzen** (University of Copenhagen) "On the Impact of Digital Technologies on Corruption: Evidence from U.S. States and Across Countries"

**Martin Strieborný** (University of Lausanne) "Culture, Beliefs and the Inequality-Growth Nexus"

**Jenni Pääkkönen** (University of Helsinki) "Government and Growth in Transition – The Trajectories of Former Planned Economies since the Collapse of the Iron Wall"

### 10:30-12:00 **Student Presentations – Session 6**

**Christiane Schuppert** (University of Dortmund) "Capital Mobility, Public Education, and Growth in Developing Countries"

**Konstantinos Vrachimis** (University of Cyprus) "A Contribution to the Empirics of Welfare Growth"

**Cristiana Benedetti Fasil** (European University Institute)  
"Innovation and Firm Selection"

12:00-12:30 **Break**

12:30-14:00 **Omer Moav** (Hebrew University, Royal Holloway and Shalem Center)  
Human Capital and Poverty Traps