

Eli Hurvitz Conference

on Economy and Society 2020

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday | December 14-16, 2020

ONLINE

Co-Chairs: **Prof. Eugene Kandel** and **Prof. Karnit Flug** ■ Conference Director: **Daphna Aviram-Nitzan** ■ President of the Israel Democracy Institute: **Yohanan Plesner**

Monday, December 14th

Opening Remarks

Yohanan Plesner, President, the Israel Democracy Institute (IDI)

9:30 – 11:30 AM

From Recession to Growth: Macroeconomic Policy

Chair: **Prof. Eugene Kandel**, CEO, Start-Up Nation Central; Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Government Perspective

Prof. Avi Simhon, Chair, National Economic Council ■ **Eran Yaakov**, Director, Israel Tax Authority and Acting Director-General of the Ministry of Finance ■ **Yogev Gradus**, Acting Director of the Ministry of Finance, Budget Department ■ **Yael Mevorach**, Director General, Ministry for Social Equality

The Business Perspective

Dr. Ron Tomer, President, the New Israel Manufacturers Association, and Chair, Israel Chamber of Independent Organizations and Businesses ■ **Dubi Amitai**, Chair, Israel Farmers Federation and Chair, Presidium of Israeli Business Organizations

Broadening Horizons: Israel and the Global Economy

Dr. Bruce Kasman, Chief Economist and Managing Director of Global Economic Research at JPMorgan Chase & Co. ■ **Christian Esters**, Senior Director, Analytical Manager, Sovereign and International Public Finance Ratings, S&P Global Ratings

A Green Rescue Plan for the Israeli Economy

Prof. Nathan Zussman, Israel Democracy Institute and the Graduate Institute, Geneva ■ **Dr. Ori Sharon**, Deputy Director, Israel Society of Ecology and Environmental Sciences ■ **MK Yaakov Margi** (Shas), Chair, Knesset Finance Committee

Minister of Finance, **MK Israel Katz** (Likud)

Session Summary

Prof. Karnit Flug, Vice-President for Research and the William Davidson Senior Fellow for Economic Policy, Israel Democracy Institute and Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Former Governor of the Bank of Israel

11:30 AM

Address by the Governor of the Bank of Israel

Prof. Amir Yaron

12:00 – 1:45 PM

From the Corona Crisis to the Climate Crisis

Chair: **Daphna Aviram-Nitzan**, Director, Center for Governance and the Economy, Israel Democracy Institute

Minister of Environmental Protection, **MK Gila Gamliel** (Likud)

The Climate Crisis Challenge and Israel's Global Commitment

Ministry of Environmental Protection

Shuli Nazar, Deputy Director General for Industry ■ **Dr. Gil Proaktor**, Director of Energy and Climate Change ■ **Yuval Laster**, Director, Policy and Strategy Division

Directors General in Conversation: A Government Vision for Israel 2050

Moderator: **Prof. Eugene Kandel**

Ehud (Udi) Adiri, Director General, Ministry of Energy ■ **Dalit Zilber**, Director General, Israel Planning Administration ■ **Ofer Malka**, Director General, Ministry of Transport and Road Safety ■ **David Yahalomi**, Director General, Ministry of Environmental Protection ■ **David Leffler**, Director General, Ministry of Economy and Industry

A Just Transition: Policy Recommendations

Daphna Aviram-Nitzan, Director, Center for Governance and the Economy, Israel Democracy Institute

Open Discussion:

Shlomo Dolberg, Director General, Federation of Local Authorities ■ **Chen Lichtenstein**, Chief Financial Officer, Syngenta Ventures ■ **Nitzan Moshe**, Chair, Environmental Quality Committee of the New Israel Manufacturers Association ■ **Harel Shlissel**, Head of Energy Sector, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance ■ **Dr. Dov Khenin**, Founder, "Changing Course 2020"; Tel Aviv University ■ **Chani Shwartz**, Youth Protests for Environmental Protection

Climate Change and Financial Risk

Galit Cohen, Senior Deputy Director for Planning, Policy, and Strategy, Ministry of Environmental Protection

Regulators in Conversation: Financial Risk and Climate Change

Moderator: **Prof. Karnit Flug**, Vice President of Research, Israel Democracy Institute

Yair Avidan, Supervisor of Banks ■ **Anat Guetta**, Chair of the Israel Securities Authority ■ **Dr. Moshe Barkat**, Head, Capital Market, Insurance, and Savings Authority ■ **Adv. Meir Levin**, Deputy Attorney General (Economic Law)

How the Global Financial Market Adapts to ESG

Anath Levin, CEO, BlackRock Israel

5:30-6:30 PM

Israel and the Global Economic Crisis

* This session will be in English

Moderator: **Yohanan Plesner**, President of the Israel Democracy Institute

Conversation with:

Dan Senior, Elliott Management; Co-author of Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle ■ **Prof. Karnit Flug**, Vice-President for Research, Israel Democracy Institute ■ **Prof. Eugene Kandel**, CEO, Start-Up Nation Central

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Tuesday, December 15th

10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

The Israeli Workforce: From Crisis to Opportunity

Chair: **Prof. Karnit Flug**, Vice-President for Research, Israel Democracy Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Former Governor of the Bank of Israel

Minister of Labor, Social Affairs, and Social Services,
MK Itzik Shmuli (Labor)

The German Government Policy on the Workforce

Dr. Carsten Stender, Director General for European and International Employment and Social Policy, Federation Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany

The Workforce and Corona: Challenges and Opportunities

A Macro-Economic Discussion

Shira Greenberg, Chief Economist, Ministry of Finance ■ **Prof. Michel Strawczynski**, Director of the Research Department, Bank of Israel

The Government's Role in Rehabilitating the Workforce

Moti Elisha, Director of Employment Regulation, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Social Services ■ **Rami Garor**, Director General, Israel National Employment Service ■ **Michal Fink**, Deputy Director General for Strategy and Policy Planning, Ministry of the Economy & Industry ■ **Liron Hantz**, Deputy Director General for Strategy and Policy Planning, Ministry for Social Equality ■ **Hassan Tawafra**, Head of the Authority for Economic Development in the Arab Sector, Ministry for Social Equality

The Response of the Business Sector

Henry Zimmerman, Chair, Trellidor Group, and Chair, Northern District, the New Israel Manufacturers Association ■ **Roi Cohen**, President of LAHAV, the Israel Chamber of Independent Organizations and Businesses

The Response of the Civil Society Sector

Tali Nir, Executive Director, 121 - Engine for Social Change ■ **Einat Zinger-Dan**, CEO, Social-Economic Forum

Labor Relations in the Economy

Moderator: **Prof. Yotam Margalit**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Tel Aviv University

Kobi Bar-Nathan, Director of Salary and Employment Agreements, Ministry of Finance ■ **Arnon Bar-David**, Chair, Histadrut - General Federation of Labor

12:30 - 2:15 PM

The Education System: From Crisis to Opportunity

Chair: **Eli Hurvitz**, Executive Director, The Trump Foundation

The Education System: A Post-Corona Vision

Michael Fullan, Global Leadership Director, New Pedagogies for Deep Learning, and former Dean, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto

A Guide for Successful Reforms in Education

Dalit Stauber, Israel Democracy Institute, Ono Academic College, and Mandel School for Educational Leadership; former Director General of the Ministry of Education

Dr. Michal Tabiban Mizrahi, Director of Strategy and Planning Ministry of Education

Initiating Change in the Education System

Gila Ben-Har, Supervisor of Innovation, Pedagogy and Digital Learning, Mandel Foundation-Israel ■ **Dr. Eli Eisenberg**, Senior Research Fellow, Samuel Neaman Institute for National Policy Research, Technion ■ **Ram Shmueli**, Co-Founder, The Public Cabinet of Education ■ **Moshe Bachar**, Senior Deputy for Salary and Employment Agreements, Ministry of Finance ■ **Yaffa Ben-David**, Secretary General, Israel Teachers Union ■ **Ran Erez**, Chairman of the Secondary-School Teachers' Association ■ **Merom Schiff**, Chairman, National Parents Union ■ **Itai Croitoru**, Chair, National Student and Youth Council

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Wednesday, December 16th

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Governance in Times of an Ongoing Crisis

Opening remarks: **Yohanan Plesner**, President, Israel Democracy Institute

Alternate Prime Minister of Israel and Minister of Defense, **Benjamin (Benny) Gantz**

The Crisis of Confidence in Times of Corona

The Connection between Confidence and Compliance

Prof. Yuval Feldman, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute and Bar-Ilan University

Who is Building Trust?

Prof. Eugene Kandel; CEO Start-up Nation Central; the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A National Model for Evaluating Policy in Times of Crisis

Moderator: **Ron Tzur**, CEO Sparks Consulting Group Ltd.

Prof. Nissim Cohen, Head of the Department of Administration and Public Policy and Director of the Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Haifa ■ **Yossi Kochik**, Entrepreneurship and Management Ltd., Former Director General, Prime Minister's Office ■ **MK Dr. Yifat Shasha-Biton** (Likud), Chair, Knesset Corona Committee

MK Yair Lapid, Head of the Opposition (Yesh Atid)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Bolstering the Health System's Capacity to Manage Crisis Situations

Chair: **Moshe Bar-Siman-Tov**, Former Director General, Ministry of Health

Gearing up for Emergencies and Crises

A Conversation among:

Dr. Dorit Nitzan, Coordinator of the Health Emergencies and Programme Area Emergency Operations at World Health Organization (WHO) Europe ■ **Prof. Rafael (Rafi) Beyar**, President, International Rambam Friends Association; former Director General of Rambam Health Care Campus ■ **Prof. (Emeritus) Avi Porath**, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben Gurion University of the Negev ■ **Alon Messer**, Deputy Director, Budget Division, Ministry of Finance

Recommendations

Moshe Bar-Siman-Tov, Former Director General, Ministry of Health ■ **Dr. Irit Ginzburg**, Health Economist

Professor Hezy Levy, Director General, Ministry of Health

Learning Lessons from around the World

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe ■ **Prof. Sigal Sadetsky**, former Head of Public Health Services, Ministry of Health

Minister of Health, **MK Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein** (Likud)

1:00 - 2:40 PM

Local Government vs. Central Government

Chair: **Mordechai Cohen**, Director General, Ministry of the Interior

Decentralization versus Disarray in Times of Corona: International Comparisons

Ariel Finkelstein, Researcher, Israel Democracy Institute

Status of the Local Authorities

Ron Huldai, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo ■ **Haim Bibas**, Chair of the Federation of Local Authorities in Israel and Mayor of Modiin-Maccabim-Reut ■ **Amir Levy**, CEO, IBC – Israel Broadband Co. Ltd. ■ **Itaú Tamkin**, Deputy to the Director of Budgets, Ministry of Finance ■ **Ayman Saif**, Head of the Corona Response in the Arab Sector

A Conversation among Mayors

Tal Ohana, Mayor, Yeruham Local Council ■ **Rafik Halabi**, Mayor Daliet El Carmel Local Council ■ **Alon Davidi**, Mayor, Sderot Municipality ■ **Rabbi Yaakov Gutterman**, Mayor Modiin Illit Municipality

MK Nir Barkat (Likud)

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