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The Pinhas Sapir Economic Policy Forum Founded by Samuel Rothberg, and the Eitan Berglas School of Economics cordially invite you to:

**“The Long Shadow of History: The Role of Geographical, Institutional, Cultural, and Human Factors in Comparative Economic Development”**

Sunday – Tuesday, July 2-4, 2017

Location: The Fred and Jetty Strauss Conference Room (101), Berglas Building, TAU, Tel Aviv.

[Please RSVP here >>](#)

**Sunday, July 2**

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| <b>09:00 – 09:15</b> | <b>Reception</b>   |
| <b>09:15 – 10:15</b> | <b>Oded Galor</b><br>“Geographical Origins and Economic Consequences of Language Structures” (joint with Omer Ozak and Assaf Sarid).   |
| <b>10:15 – 10:30</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| <b>10:30 – 11:30</b> | <b>Sascha Becker</b><br>“The Economic Effects of Catholic Censorship During the Counter-Reformation” (joint with Francisco J. Pino and Jordi Vidal-Robert).                  |
| <b>11:30 – 11:45</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| <b>11:45 – 12:45</b> | <b>Stelios Michalopoulos</b><br>“Folklore and Culture”   |
| <b>12:45 – 14:00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>14:00 – 15:00</b> | <b>Carl-Johan Dalgaard</b><br>“Physiological Constraints and Comparative Economic Development” (joint with Holger Strulik).  |
| <b>15:00 – 15:15</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| <b>15:15 – 16:15</b> | <b>Karine van der Beek</b><br>“Wheels of Change: Skill biased natural resources and industrialization in eighteenth century England” (joint with Joel Mokyr and Assaf Sarid) |
| <b>16:15 – 16:30</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| <b>16:30 – 17:30</b> | <b>Yannay Spitzer</b><br>“Pale in Comparison: The Economic Ecology of the Jews as a Rural Service Minority”.   |



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## Monday, July 3

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Elhanan Helpman**

“The Productivity Slowdown and the Declining Labor Share: A Neoclassical Exploration”  
(joint with Gene M. Grossman, Ezra Oberfeld, and Thomas Sampson)

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Coffee Break**

**10:15 – 11:15**

**David Weil**

“The Global Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity: Nature, History, and the Role of Trade” (joint with Vernon Henderson, Tim Squires and Adam Storeygard).

**11:15 – 11:30**

**Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 12:30**

**David Weiss**

“Women’s Liberation as a Financial Innovation” (joint with Moshe Hazan and Hosny Zoabi).

**12:30 – 13:45**

**Lunch**

**13:45 – 14:45**

**Paola Giuliano**

"Understanding Cultural Persistence and Change" (joint with Nathan Nunn).

**14:45 – 15:00**

**Coffee Break**

**15:00 – 16:00**

**Raphaël Franck**

"Technology-Skill Complementarity in Early Phases of Industrialization" (joint with Oded Galor).

**16:00 – 16:15**

**Coffee Break**

**16:15 – 17:15**

**Ori Katz**

“The Effect of Industrialization on Fertility and Human Capital: Evidence from the United States in the 19th Century”.



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## **Tuesday, July 4**

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Davide Cantoni**

"The Origins of Fiscal Capacity" (joint with Cathrin Mohr).

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Coffee Break**

**10:15 – 11:15**

**Luigi Pascali**

"Religion, Division of Labor and Conflict: Anti-Semitism in German Regions over 600 Years" (joint with Sascha Becker).

**11:15 – 11:30**

**Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 12:30**

**Joachim Voth**

"Rage Against the Machines: Labor Saving Technology and the Unrest in England, 1830-1832" (joint with Bruno Caprettini).

**12:30 – 14:00**

**Lunch**