Omer Moav
Curriculum Vitae
2026

Current Positions

2013 –	Professor, School of Economics, Reichman University
2012 –	Professor, Department of Economics, University of Warwick
2013 –	Research Associate, CAGE
2007 –	Research Fellow, CEPR

Research Interests

- Comparative Development and Economic Growth
- Income Inequality and Economic Growth
- Persistence of Poverty and Development Policy
- The Emergence of States, Culture, and Institutions
- Corner Solutions in Investment

Previous Positions

2010 –2014	Professor, Rosita and Esteban Herczeg Chair, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2006 – 2012	Professor, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway, University of London
2009 – 2010	Head of the Economic Advisory Board of the Israeli Minister of Finance
2004 –2011	Senior Fellow, Shalem Center
2008	Member of the state commission of inquiry investigating the treatment of Holocaust survivors by the state of Israel
2006 – 2007	Panel Member, *Economic Policy*
2007	Member of the committee nominated by the Israeli prime minister for the measurement of poverty
2007- 2010	Member of the panel for macroeconomic policy in the Ministry of Finance
2001 – 2007	Research Affiliate, CEPR
2007 – 2012	Director, Minerva Center of Economic Growth
2004 – 2005	Acting Director, Minerva Center of Economic Growth
2006 –2010	Associate Professor (Rosita and Esteban Herczeg Chair), Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2004 – 2006	Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2000 –2004	Lecturer, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
August 1999 – July 2000:	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, MIT

Editorial Positions

2025 –	Associate Editor, *Oxford Economic Papers*
2005 –	Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Growth*
2001 – 2019	Associate Editor, *Finnish Economic Papers*
2006 – 2022	Associate Editor, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*

Education

1990-1993	B.A. Economics and Business, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Magna cum laude)
1993-1995	Master in Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Summa cum laude)
1995-1999	Ph.D., Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Fellowships and Honors

1992	Dean's list, Hebrew University
1993	Rector's fellowship, Hebrew University
1994	Rector's fellowship, Hebrew University
1998	Wolf fellowship for Ph.D students, Wolf foundation, Israel
1999	Fulbright fellowship, The United States-Israel Educational Foundation
2001	Alon fellowship, Israel, Ministry of Education
2006	Rector's Prize for excellence in research and teaching, Hebrew University
2008	Guest of honor and keynote speaker in the 2008 annual ceremony of the Aaron Gutwirth Fund.
2008	Keynote speaker in the XIIIth Spring Meeting of Young Economists: SMYE 2008, Lille, April 2008.
2008	Excellence in Refereeing Award, American Economic Review, 2007-2008
2009	Commencement speaker and guest of honor at the Hebrew University (Social Sciences commencement)
2009	Guest of honor and keynote speaker in the September 2009 meeting of the Association of Friends of the Weizmann Institute.
2009	Excellence in teaching Hebrew University list
2011	Guest of the Israeli ambassador in Zagreb, September 2011, lecturing on the Israeli economy at Osijek University, Economy Institute at Zagreb, and Libertas Business School.
2012	The Landau Prize (Israeli mifal ha'pais prize)
2018	Reichman University Excellence in research award
2021	Reichman University Excellence in teaching award
2022	Reichman University Excellence in research award

Research Grants

1999 – 2000	Falk Institute, "Stratification, Capital-Skill Complementarity, and wage inequality", (with Yishay Maoz) $5,000
2000 – 2001	Falk Institute, "Capitalists, Workers and Landlords: Institutions and Cross Country Growth Differences", (with Oded Galor) $5,000
2001 – 2002	Falk Institute, "Cheap children and the Persistence of Poverty" $5,000
2002 – 2003	Falk Institute, "Inequality in the Ownership of Land: A Political Barrier for Public Schooling and Economic Growth" $5,000
2003 – 2005	Israel Science Foundation, "Land, Education Reforms, and the Process of Development" (with Oded Galor) 213,000 NIS
2004 – 2005	Falk Institute, "The Quality of Information and Incentives for Effort" $5,000
2007 – 2009	Israel Science Foundation, "Technological Progress and Regress, Institutions, and the Transition to Modern Growth" 160,000 NIS
2007 – 2008	The Pinhas Sapir Center, "An Empirical Analysis of Emigration from Israel" (with Eric Gould) $12,000
2011 – 2014	Israel Science Foundation, "Environment and Transparency: The rise of the State and Property Rights from Ancient Egypt and Babylon to the 20th Century" 269,000 NIS

Publications

Joram Mayshar, Omer Moav, and Luigi Pascali, (2020) "The Origin of the State: Productivity or Appropriability? Rejoinder" ***Journal of Political Economy***, conditional acceptance.

Joram Mayshar, Omer Moav, and Luigi Pascali, (2020) "The Origin of the State: Productivity or Appropriability? " ***Journal of Political Economy***, 130, 1091–1144.

Mayshar, Joram, Omer Moav, and Zvika Neeman (2017) "Geography, Transparency and Institutions" ***American Political Science Review,*** 111, 622-636.

Gould, Eric and Omer Moav (2016) "Does high inequality attract high skilled immigrants?" ***The Economic Journal***, 126, 1055 -1091.

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Avi Simhon, (2012), "Lifestyles of the Rich and Polygynous in Cote d'Ivoire" ***Economics Letters***, 115, 404-407.

Moav, Omer and Zvika Neeman, (2012) "Saving Rates and Poverty: The Role of Conspicuous Consumption and Human Capital" ***The Economic Journal,*** 122, 933-956.

Moav, Omer and Zvika Neeman (2010) "The Quality of Information and Incentives for Effort" ***The Journal of Industrial Economics***, 58, 642–660.

Moav, Omer and Zvika Neeman (2010) "Status and Poverty" ***Journal of the European Economic Association***, 8, 413-420.

Galor, Oded, Omer Moav and Dietrich Vollrath (2009) **"**Land Inequality and the Emergence of Human Capital Promoting Institutions**"** ***Review of Economic Studies***, 76, 143–179.

Aiyar, Shekhar, Carl-Johan Dalgaard and Omer Moav (2008) "Technological Progress and Regress in Pre-industrial Times" ***Journal of Economic Growth***, 13, 125-144.

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Avi Simhon (2008) "The Mystery of Monogamy" ***American Economic Review*** 98, 333–357.

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2006) "Das Human-Kapital: A Theory of the Demise of the Class Structure" ***Review of Economic Studies*** **7**3, 85–117.

Moav, Omer (2005) "Cheap Children and the Persistence of Poverty" ***The Economic Journal*** 115, 88-110.

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2004) "From Physical to Human Capital: Inequality in the Process of Development" ***Review of Economic Studies*** 71, 1001-1026.

Maoz, Yishay and Omer Moav (2004) "Social Stratification, Capital-Skill Complementarity and the Non-Monotonic Evolution of the Education Premium" ***Macroeconomic Dynamics*** 8, 295-309. (Lead article).

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2002) "Natural Selection and the Origin of Economic Growth" ***Quarterly Journal of Economics*** 117, 1133-1191 (Lead article).

Moav, Omer (2002) "Income Distribution and Macroeconomics: The Persistence of Inequality in a Convex Technology Framework" ***Economics Letters*** 75, 187– 192.

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Bruce Weinberg (2002) "Skill Obsolescence and Wage Inequality Within Education Groups" In The Economics of Skill Obsolescence, in the book series ***Research in Labor Economic*****s**, Solomon Polachek (series ed.), A. Grip, J. Loo, and K. Mayhew (eds.), 21, 215-234.

Gould, Eric, Omer Moav and Bruce Weinberg (2001) "Precautionary Demand for Education, Inequality and Technological Progress", ***Journal of Economic Growth*** 6, 285-316.

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2001) "Evolution and Growth", ***European Economic Review*** 45, 718-729

Galor, Oded and Omer Moav (2000) "Ability Biased Technological Transition, Wage Inequality and Economic Growth" ***Quarterly Journal of Economics*** 115, 469-497 Reprinted in: "Recent Developments in Growth Theory," D. Acemoglu ed., Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2004.

Maoz, Yishay and Omer Moav (1999) "Intergenerational Mobility and the Process of Development," ***The Economic Journal*** 109, 677-697.

Refereed Publications in Hebrew

Gould, Eric and Omer Moav (2007) "The Brain Drain from Israel", ***The Economic Quarterly*** (Hebrew) 46-69. Translated to English and reprinted: "Israel's Brain Drain" ***Israel Economic Review*** 5, 1-22.

Moav, Omer (1996) "The Kibbutz Dining Room - A Model for Privatization" ***The Economic Quarterly*** (Hebrew) 33-44.

Other Publications

Moav, Omer, Book Review of The Human Journey (Hebrew), by Oded Galor and Ori Katz, ***Hshiloach***, (Hebrew) 20, 2020.

Moav, Omer, Book Review of Economic Tales (Hebrew), by Ariel Rubinstein, ***Tchelet,*** (Hebrew) 39, Spring 2010. Reprinted in ***Azure***, (English) 42, Autumn 2010.

Moav Omer, "Brain Drain, Scientific Achievements, and the Wage Structure in the Universities", a lecture in the conference The Government Budget: Implications Upon the Higher Education System in Israel, ***The Economic Quarterly*** (Hebrew), 56, 21-27

Moav, Omer and Ofer Cohen (2008), "Who Needs Job Security?", ***Tchelet***, (Hebrew) Spring 2008, 53-72. Reprinted in ***Azure,*** (English) Autumn 2008.

Moav, Omer (2007), comment on: "The Effect of Information and Communication Technologies on Urban Structure" by Yannis M. Ioannides, Henry G. Overman, Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, and Kurt Schmidheiny, ***Economic Policy*** 23, 232 – 234.

Moav Omer (2007), Printed Lecture from the Conference "The Universities (in Israel): an Organizational Economic Crises and Brain Drain", ***The Economic Quarterly*** (Hebrew), 150-153. Translated to English and reprinted in ***Israel Economic Review*** (forthcoming)

Moav, Omer (2007) comment on: "Does School Tracking Affect Equality of Opportunity? New International Evidence" by Giorgio Brunello and Daniele Checchi, ***Economic Policy***, 52, 781-861.

Moav, Omer (2007), Book Review of *Freakonomics*, by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner, ***Tchelet***, (Hebrew) Winter 2007, 26, 148-152.

Moav, Omer (2006) comment on: "Valuating Ecosystem Services as Productive Inputs" by Edward Barbier, ***Economic Policy***, 22 (49), 177-229.

Moav, Omer (2006), Introduction to the Hebrew edition of ***Basic Economics: A Citizen's Guide to the Economy*** by Thomas Sowell, Shalem Press

Moav, Omer and Hadas Gabay (2005) "How to Solve the Problem of Labor Strikes", ***Tchelet***, (Hebrew) November 2005, 22, 74-90.

Ahituv, Avner and Omer Moav (2003), "Fertility Clubs and Economic Growth". In *Inequality and Growth: Theory and Policy Implications,* Theo Eicher and Stephen Turnovsky eds., Cambridge: MIT Press, 61-87.

Working Papers

Moav, O, L Pascali and A Pauzner (2025), 'DP20548 Cooperation When Surrounded by Exploiters: The Role of Outside Options', CEPR Discussion Paper No. 20548. CEPR Press, Paris & London. https://cepr.org/publications/dp20548

Alexey Khazanov, Omer Moav, Zvika Neeman and Hosny Zoabi (2018) THE MICROFINANCE DISAPPOINTMENT: AN EXPLANATION BASED ON RISK AVERSION, CEPR DP12659 https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/staff/omoav/cepr-dp12659.pdf

Galor Oded and Moav Omer, "The Neolithic Origins of Contemporary Variations in Life Expectancy" http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1012650

Professional Activities

Refereed for: *American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, American Political Science Review, Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of labor Economics, Rand, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, European Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Review of Economics & Statistics, International Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, Economica, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, B.E. Journals in Macroeconomics, German Economic Review, Bulletin of Economic Research, European Journal of Political Economy, Oxford Economic Papers, IMF staff Paper, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Quarterly Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Economics Letters, Economic*

Modelling, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Economics, Theoretical Economics, Review of Development Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Social Science Quarterly, Economics Bulletin, Review of International Organizations, The Journal of Politics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, AEJ Macro, Explorations in Economic History

Presentations in Seminars: The Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University, Haifa University, Bar-Ilan University, Tel-Aviv University, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of British Colombia, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, IIES (Stockholm), Mannheim University, Connecticut University, ECARES, Toulouse, Lyon, World Bank, NES (Moscow), MERIT (University of Maastricht), University of Cologne, Penn State, University of Copenhagen, York, Cyprus, Warwick, Royal Holloway, Konstanz, LSE-UCL Growth/Development seminar, GREQAM, SOAS (London), City University (London), Bristol, Zurich, Harvard/MIT Growth/Development seminar, Brown, Auckland, Australian National University (Canberra), HECER (Helsinki), Universitat Autonoma, Chemnitz, Bilkent, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Alicante, Oxford. Harvard/MIT applied theory seminar, NYU, Indiana, Di Tella, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Pisa, Yale, Leicester, Glasgow, Tilburg, Harvard (political economy), Columbia, SFB-seminar in Berlin, Manchester, Birmingham, Berkeley (HAAS), Berkeley (Economics), Stanford, Durham, Free University of Berlin, Humboldt University of Berlin, ISET Tbilisi, HSE Moscow, University of Bonn, University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, Collegio Carlo Alberto, EIEF (Rome), Verona, Padua, Modena, Naples Federico II, Roma Tor Vergata.

Participation in Conferences
(as a presenter unless indicated otherwise)

1. Minerva Conference**,** "Economic Growth", Jerusalem 1999
2. NBER, Summer Institute conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 1999
3. “Crises, Growth and Inequality” Aix en Provence, 2000
4. NBER, Summer Institute conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2000
5. Euroconference “Innovation and Economic growth” Barcelona 2000
6. The XIth Summer School of the European Economic Association, Barcelona 2000
7. Winter workshop of the European Econometric Society, Venice, January, 2001
8. CEPR Conference "The Economics of Education", Bergen, May 2001
9. CESifo Conference, "Growth and Inequality Issues and Policy Implications", Munich 2001
10. ESSIM - Annual conference of the International Macro group of the CEPR, Maale Hachamisa 2001
11. “Dynamics, Economics Growth, and International Trade,” VI Conference, Vienna, 2001

12. NBER, Summer Institute conference, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2001
13. CEPR conference “Dynamic Aspects of Public Expenditure,” Copenhagen 2001
14. American Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta 2002
15. NBER: Summer Institute, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2002
16. "The Economics of Water and Agriculture", Rehovot, 2002
17. Minerva Center for Economic Growth “From Stagnation to Growth” Switzerland 2003 (conference co-organizer and presenter)
18. CEPR conference “The Economics of Education and Inequality” Paris 2003
19. ESSIM - Annual conference of the International Macro group of the CEPR, Tarragona, 2004
20. CEPR Conference, "The Economics of Family, Gender and Work", Bergen 2004
21. CEPR Conference, "Productivity Differences", Sardinia 2004
22. NBER Summer Institute: Inequality and Growth, Cambridge Massachusetts 2004
23. CEPR Conference, "Long-Run Growth", Venice 2005
24. Society of Economic Dynamics, annual conference, Budapest 2005
25. Conference in honor of Reuben Gronau, Jerusalem, 2005 (discussant)
26. Israeli Economic Association meetings, Maale Hachamisha, 2006
27. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Vienna, 2006 (discussant)
28. NBER Summer institute, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts 2006
29. Minerva DEGIT, "Economic Growth and International Trade" Jerusalem 2006 (co-organizer and presenter)
30. IZA – EUI Workshop “Demographic Changes and Secular Transitions in Labor Markets”, Bonn 2006.
31. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Helsinki, 2006 (discussant)
32. CEPR, Annual Public Policy Symposium, Kiel, November 2006.
33. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Frankfurt, April 2007 (discussant)
34. Israeli Economic Association Meetings, Maale Hachamisha, 2007
35. CIFAR - Institutions, Organizations and Growth, Tel-Aviv, June 2007
36. Conference in Honor of Joram Mayshar's book "In His Image" 2007 (Discussants: O. Moav, K. Arrow, R. Aumann)
37. “New Challenges in Economic Research” September 2007, Université catholique de Louvain (plenary presentation)
38. Economic Policy, Panel Meeting, Lisbon, October 2007 (discussant)
39. The XIIIth Spring Meeting of Young Economists: SMYE 2008, Lille, April 2008. (Keynote speaker)
40. ESSIM - Annual conference of the International Macro group of the CEPR, Tarragona, May, 2008.
41. Intergenerational Economic Mobility, Edinburgh, June, 2008
42. Economics of Education and Education Policy in Europe; Amsterdam, 24-25 October 2008
43. NBER Summer institute, “Inequality and Growth”, Cambridge Massachusetts July, 2009
44. EEA, Barcelona, August 2009, invited session
45. Growth and Innovation Conference, Durham, UK, December, 2009

46. Israeli Economic Association Meetings, Maale Hachamisha, Isreal, June 2010
47. Behavioral Economics, The Yoram Ben-Porath Fund, Jerusalem, June 2010.
48. IDC Workshop, Herzelia, December 2010
49. Royal Economic Society conference, Royal Holloway, April 2011, invited session
50. CEPR Public Policy Symposium, Zurich, May 2011
51. "Towards Sustained Economic Growth: Evidence and Theory" IAE, CREI, Barcelona GSE and CEPR. Barcelona, October, 2011.
52. NBER Summer institute, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts July, 2012
53. Conference of the Economic History Association of Israel, Bar Ilan University, December 2012
54. CAGE/CEPR Conference Long-Run Growth: Unified Growth Theory and Economic History, University of Warwick, January 2013. (presenter and organizer)
55. CEPR Economic History Symposium; Perugia, April 2013
56. Warwick Summer School on Economic Growth, July 2003, presenter and organizer.
57. EEA ESEM, Gothenburg, August 2013, invited session.
58. Political Economy and State Building, University of Pennsylvania, September 2013.
59. Warwick ISI Workshop, ISI, Delhi, February, 2014.
60. IDC annual Economic Workshop, Herzliya (Israel), June 2014, (discussant).
61. Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, "Towards Sustained Economic Growth: Geography, Demography and Institutions", Barcelona, June 2014.
62. INET mini-conference, Cambridge, June 2014
63. Summer Workshop in Economic Growth, Warwick, July 2014, (organizer and presenter).
64. CEPR Public Economics Annual Symposium, Warwick, December 2014.
65. Summer Workshop in Economic Growth, Warwick, July 2015, (organizer and presenter).
66. BREAD/NBER conference, Cambridge MA, September 2015.
67. XII annual conference of the Colombian Central Bank's journal, October 2015, keynote speaker
68. "20th Anniversary Conference at Royal Holloway," July 2016.
69. NBER Summer institute, "Inequality and Growth", Cambridge Massachusetts, July 2016.
70. "Culture, Institutions and Development," GALATINA, August 2016.
71. August 23-24, 2016
72. NYUAD/CEPR Economic History Workshop, Abu Dhabi, March 2017.
73. 39th NES Research Conference, Moscow, April 2017 (Distinguished speaker).
74. Workshop on: The Rise of Political Institutions: the Case of Ancient Societies, Bologna, March 2018
75. 6th Annual Workshop on the "Political Economy of Development and Conflict", Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, May 2018
76. Economics Workshop at IDC, Herzliya, June 2018
77. Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Annual Meeting, Geneva, June 13-14, 2019 (Opening keynote speech)

78. Workshop on Fertility, Health, and Human Capital, Queen's Management School (QUB), Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK), June 2023 (Keynote Speaker)
79. QMUL/Warwick conference "Culture, Institutions and Political Economy." London, June 2024.
80. Frontiers of Comparative Development in Historical Perspective, Manchester, Nov 2025
81. Political Institutions and the Wealth of Nations, Rome, Hosted by the Luiss Guido Carli University, October 2026.

Teaching Experience

Reichman University (2013 -): Introduction to Macroeconomics, Economic Growth

The University of Warwick (2012 -): PhD level Macroeconomics, MSc Macroeconomics, Undergraduate level Topics in Development

Hebrew University (1995–2013): Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Economic Growth

Royal Holloway, University of London (2007 - 2011): Economic Growth, Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics

New Economic School (2003 – 2005): Principles of Microeconomics, Economic Growth

MIT (1999 – 2000): Principles of Microeconomics