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FIELDS OF INTEREST

International Economics, Political Economy and Economic Growth.

DISSERTATION

Title: "Globalization and the Welfare State: A Political Economy Approach"
Committee Chairman: Professor Assaf Razin

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Tel-Aviv University, June 2008.
M.A. in Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Magna cum Laude, February 2003.
B.A. in Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Magna cum Laude, September 2000.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Tel Aviv University, The Eitan Berglas School of Economics fellowship, 2000 - 2008.
Tel Aviv University, The Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences, Excellence Scholarship for Doctoral Students, Mars 2005 and 2007.
Tel Aviv University, The Eitan Berglas School of Economics Prize for an outstanding M.A research thesis, November 2003.

WORK AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Professor Yacov Sheinin, Economic Policy in Israel (Undergraduate), Tel Aviv University, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008.
Teaching Assistant, Professor Zvi Hercowitz, Selected Problems in Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Tel Aviv University, Spring 2006.

Teaching Assistant, Professor Efraim Sadka, Introduction to Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Tel Aviv University, Fall 2005 and Fall 2006.

Research Assistant, Professor Assaf Razin, Tel Aviv University, Spring 2004 - Fall 2005.

Research Assistant, Professor Oved Yosha, Tel Aviv University, Spring 2000 - Fall 2003.

Teaching Assistant, Professor Eran Yashiv, Introduction to Statistics (graduate), Department of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University, Fall 2002.

Research Assistant, Professor Eran Yashiv, Tel Aviv University, Spring 2001 – Fall 2001.

Teaching Assistant, Professor Arie Avishor, Microeconomics III (Undergraduate), The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yafo, Fall 2000.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

The Israel Economic Association Meeting, June 2008.

Departmental Seminar, Haifa University, February 2008.

Macroeconomics and PhD Workshops, Tel Aviv University, February 2003, November 2005, May 2006, February 2008.

The Royal Economic Society Third PhD Presentation Meeting, University College London, January 2008.

Cornell-Penn State Macroeconomics Workshop, Ithaca, New York, September 2006.

Macroeconomics Workshop, Cornell University, October 2005.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Political-Economy Positive Role of the Social Security System in Sustaining Immigration (But Not Vice Versa)", with Assaf Razin, November 2007, NBER Working Paper No. 13598 (Job market paper).

Abstract: In the political debate people express the idea that immigrants are good because they can help pay for the old. The paper explores this idea in a dynamic political-economy setup. We characterize sub-game perfect Markov equilibria where immigration policy and pay-as-you-go (PAYG) social security system are jointly determined through a majority voting process. Our analysis demonstrates that even if immigrants are net contributors to social security, migration can actually pose a political threat to the system that in the absence of migration would have been assured. This result from the fact that by having higher population growth rates than the native born population, migration changes the future demographic balance in favor of the young and thereby threatening the political sustainability of social security.

"Taxation and Capital Market Liberalization: A Political-Economy Model".

Abstract: This study analyzes the effect of aging, on the decision over capital taxation, when the degree of openness to capital outflows is endogenous. The model sub-game perfect Markov equilibria reveal that when the political decisions regarding capital taxation and capital controls are both at stake and there is an incentive to invest abroad, aging may lead to higher capital taxation. This result is due to the fact that in addition to the direct effect of aging, which lowers the optimal tax rate, there is an indirect offsetting effect through the decision over the degree of openness to capital outflows. Since aging boosts the openness of the economy to capital outflows, it reduces the tax base for capital taxation. This, in turn, induces for given growth rates a higher politically preferable tax rate.

POLICY PAPER

"Israel and Palestine: Disengagement and the Economic Road Map", with Arnon, A., S. Bamy, G. Ben-Hayoun and Others, 2005.

REFERENCES

Professor Assaf Razin (committee chair)

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