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## **CURRENT POSITION**

Senior Researcher, The Aaron Institute for Economic Policy  
Lecturer, The Tiomkin School of Economics, The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 – Now      The Aaron Institute for Economic Policy  
*Senior researcher* - working on economic data analysis and economic policy in Israel
- 2009 – 2010      ISRAEL R&D CENTER, MICROSOFT CORP., HERZELIYA, ISRAEL  
*Software Design Engineer* - Working on advertising platforms
- 2008 – 2009      ISRAEL R&D CENTER, MICROSOFT CORP., HERZELIYA, ISRAEL  
  
*Principal Program Manager, Group Program Manager and Software Design Engineer* –  
Microsoft Enterprise Desktop Virtualization team
- 2006 – 2008      MICROSOFT CORP, REDMOND, WA, USA  
2004 – 2005      HAIFA R&D CENTER, MICROSOFT CORP., HAIFA, ISRAEL  
  
*Principal Program Manager* – ISA platform, Outlook with Business Contact Manager
- 2000 – 2004      HAIFA R&D CENTER, MICROSOFT CORP., HAIFA, ISRAEL  
*Development Lead* – ISA development
- 1996 – 2000      HAIFA R&D CENTER, MICROSOFT CORP., HAIFA, ISRAEL  
*Software Design Engineer*, working on SBS, MSIVR and ISA projects
- 1994 – 1996      HAIFA R&D CENTER, MICROSOFT CORP., HAIFA, ISRAEL  
*Intern, Software Design Engineer*

## **EDUCATION**

- 2012 – 2017      PhD in Economics, The Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel, under the supervision of Prof. Eran Yashiv.  
• Thesis title - "Political Lobbying and the Labor Market"
- 2009 – 2012      M.A in Economics, The Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel, under the supervision of Prof. Zvi Hercowitz.  
• Thesis title - "Macroeconomic Effects of the Gas Discoveries on the Israeli Economy"  
• Graduated *Summa Cum Laude* Final average – 97/100. Thesis grade – 100.

- 1993 - 1997     BSC in electrical engineering - Faculty of Electrical Engineering - Technion-Israel Institute Of Technology, Haifa, Israel.
- Graduated ***Cum Laude*** (Average of 88/100).
  - Dean award - spring 1993, winter 1994 and spring 1994.
  - Provost award for excellence - winter 1995.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Processing and Analyzing Data with R (2019-2020) , The Tiomkin School of Economics  
Macroeconomics I (2016-2020, instructor, undergrad), The Tiomkin School of Economics  
Macroeconomics I (2013, instructor, undergrad), Tel Aviv University  
Macroeconomics I (2013-2014, teaching assistant, undergrad) Tel Aviv University  
Macroeconomic Theory II (2012-2015, teaching assistant, grad students), Tel Aviv University  
Matlab Workshop for graduate students (2013-2015, initiator and instructor), Tel Aviv University

### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Tax Cuts and Growth: Israel in the 2000s” with Zvi Hercowitz , Israel Economic Review, 2015

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2012 - 2015     The Fishman Doctoral Program Fellowship, Tel Aviv University (PhD).  
2014             Excellence Scholarship, The Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University (Ph.D).  
2013             The Berglas prize

### **LANGUAGES**

Hebrew (Native), English (Fluent).