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Academic Positions

King's College London

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics and Policy, Department of Political Economy, 2021 –

London Mathematical Laboratory

Fellow, 2018 – 2021

External Fellow, 2021 –

City University of New York / Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality

Visiting Associate Professor, 2020

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Advanced Research Collaborative, 2020

Associated Researcher, 2020 –

Paris School of Economics

Chateaubriand Postdoctoral Fellow, 2017 – 2018

WID.world Fellow, 2018 –

Education

2018 Ph.D. Tel Aviv University

2012 M.Sc. Physics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

2007 B.Sc. Mathematics and Physics (Talpiot), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Research Fields

Economic Inequality, Social Mobility, Political Economy

Working Papers

1. The Long Run Evolution of Absolute Intergenerational Mobility.
2. *Homoploutia*: Top Labor and Capital Incomes in the United States, 1950–2020 (with Branko Milanovic).
3. Growth, Inequality and Absolute Mobility in the United States, 1962–2014.
4. The Distributional Short-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on Wages in the United States.
5. The Two Growth Rates of the Economy (with Alex Adamou, and Ole Peters).
6. On the Link Between Intergenerational Mobility and Inequality: Are They Truly Distinct?
7. Risk Preferences in Time Lotteries (with Mark Kirstein).

Work in Progress

1. Anonymous and Non-Anonymous Growth Incidence Curves: United States 1968–2016 (with François Bourguignon).
2. Long Run Inequality and Two Types of Intergenerational (Im)mobility (with Ravi Kanbur).
3. Historical Wealth Inequality Estimates using a Simplified Mortality Multiplier Method (with Facundo Alvaredo and Salvatore Morelli).
4. Income Inequality in Israel (with Facundo Alvaredo and Esteban Klor).

Published Papers or in Press

1. Berman Y. and S. Morelli., On the Distribution of Estates and the Distribution of Wealth: Evidence from the Dead (Chapter forthcoming in NBER book *Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Inter-Generational Mobility of Income and Wealth*, eds. Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Janet C. Gornick, Barry Johnson, and Arthur Kennickell). *In press, also available as NBER working paper 28546*.
2. Berman Y., Inequality, Identity, and the Long-Run Evolution of Political Cleavages in Israel 1949–2019 (Chapter forthcoming in *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948–2020*, eds. Amory Gethin, Clara Martínez-Toledano, and Thomas Piketty). *Harvard University Press, to be published in November 2021*.
3. Berman Y., O. Peters and A. Adamou, Wealth Inequality and the Ergodic Hypothesis: Evidence from the United States. *Forthcoming in the Journal of Income Distribution*.
4. Microfoundations of Discounting (with Alex Adamou, Diomides Mavroyannis, and Ole Peters). *Forthcoming in Decision Analysis*.
5. Berman, Y., Y. Shapira and M. Schwartz (2017). A Fokker-Planck Model for Wealth Inequality Dynamics. *EPL* 118(3), 38004 (*Editor's choice*; also at *Europhysics News highlights* 48(5/6), 14).
6. Berman, Y. and Y. Shapira (2017). Revisiting $r > g$ —The Asymptotic Dynamics of Wealth Inequality. *Physica A* 467, 562–572.
7. Berman, Y. and T. Aste (2016). To What Extent Does Immigration Affect Inequality? *Physica A* 462, 1029–1039.
8. Berman, Y., E. Ben-Jacob and Y. Shapira (2016). The Dynamics of Wealth Inequality and the Effect of Income Distribution. *PLOS ONE* 11(4), e0154196.
9. Berman, Y., Y. Shapira and E. Ben-Jacob (2015). Modeling the Origin and Possible Control of the Wealth Inequality Surge. *PLOS ONE* 10(6), e0130181.

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

- 2021 AEA Annual Meeting, Conference on Opportunities, Mobility and Well-Being, Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, ECINEQ Meeting 2021, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, EE2021 Conference, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, Political Economy of Neoliberalism Workshop, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, World Inequality Conference.
- 2020 D-TEA Conference, NBER/CRIW Conference on Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Inter-Generational Mobility of Income and Wealth.
- 2019 AEA Annual Meeting, ECINEQ Meeting 2019, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress.
- 2018 Equal Chances Conference, French Economic Association Meeting, LIS/LWS User Conference.
- 2017 ECINEQ Meeting 2017, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Trends in Inequality: Social, Economic and Political Issues, International Conference on Inequality.

Workshop and Seminar Talks (including scheduled)

2022 King's College London.

2021 London School of Economics, Tel Aviv University, University of Haifa.

2020 City University of New York, Columbia University, Rutgers University, The University of Edinburgh.

2019 City, University of London, Columbia University, Copenhagen University, Freie Universität Berlin, Harvard University, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Royal Holloway, University of London, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Weizmann Institute of Science.

2018 London School of Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2017 London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Tel Aviv University.

2016 University of Oxford.

2015 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University College London.

Grants, Honors & Awards

Advanced Research Collaborative Fellowship, 2020

Laboratoires d'excellence OSE research grant, 2018 – 2019

Best Junior Scholar Paper, Trends in Inequality: Social, Economic and Political Issues, International Conference on Inequality, 2017

Chateaubriand Fellowship, 2017 – 2018

INET Young Scholars Initiative Travel Grant, 2017

Dan David Prize Scholarship for Young Researchers – for Combatting Poverty, 2016 – 2017

Israel Ministry of Science, Technology and Space International PhD Travel Grant, 2016

Arie and Ida Crown Memorial Foundation Scholarship, 2015 – 2016

London Mathematical Laboratory Summer Studentship, 2015

Tauber Family Foundation Scholarship, 2014 – 2016

Part of the Head of Israeli Atomic Energy Commission Award Winning Team, 2009

Outstanding Cadet of Class – Talpiot Program, 2007

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Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review: Insights, Brookings Foreign Policy, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economica, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Income Distribution, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Management Science, Mathematical Social Sciences, PLOS One.

Teaching

King's College London

Macroeconomics: Autumn 2021

University of Warwick

Short course on statistics in economics: Spring 2019

Tel Aviv University

Electricity and magnetism for medicine students: Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017

Classical mechanics for medicine students: Autumn 2015, Autumn 2016, Autumn 2017