

Curriculum Vitae Jacob (Kobi) Metzer

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Education

Ph.D. Economics, the University of Chicago, 1972
M.A. Economics, the University of Chicago, 1969
B.A. Economics and History, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1967

Current Position

President, The Open University of Israel

Academic Positions at the Hebrew University

Alexander Brody *Emeritus* Professor of Economic History, Department of Economics, since 2010
Member, Academic Committee, the Martin Buber Society of Fellows, since 2009
Chair, Academic Board of the *Hebrew University Magnes Press*, 2011-2013
Member, the University Central Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2005-2009
Founding Chair, the University Library Authority, 2003-2009
Editor, *Eshkolot* book series on Israel: society, economy, and polity, 2002-2010
Member, the University Board of Managers (Va'ad Menahel), 2001-2003
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, 1995-1999
Chair, Curriculum and Teaching Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences, 1993-1995
Chair, Department of Economics, 1990-1992
Incumbent of the Alexander Brody Chair in Economic History, 1994-2010
Faculty member [Lecturer (1972) Full Professor (1994)], Department of Economics, 1972-2010

Visiting Positions and Fellowships (more than three months)

Visiting Professor, the London School of Economics and Political Science, 2009/2010
 Academic Visitor, the London School of Economics and Political Science, 1999/2000
 Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. 1993
 Visiting Senior Fellow, St Antony's College, Oxford, 1992/1993
 Visiting Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1988
 Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, University of California at Berkeley, 1984/1985
 Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, Stanford University, 1980
 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1976/1977

Other Academic Positions

President, Israel Economic Association, 2009-2010
 Member, Executive Committee, *International Economic History Association*, 1998-2006
 Member, Academic Committee, the Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, 2002-2008
 Member, Editorial Board, *Explorations in Economic History*, 1994-2004
 Member, Editorial Board, *the Journal of Economic History*, 1995-1998
 Member, Editorial Board, *the Economic Quarterly* (Hebrew), 1992-2003

Public Service

Member, Board of Governors, the Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, since 2011
 Chair, *MALMAD* (Israel Center for Digital Information Services), Steering Committee, 2005-2009
 Member, Public Directorship, the *Israel National Library*, 2006-2008.
 Member, Advisory Committee to the Parliamentary (Knesset) Enquiry Committee into the location and restitution of the assets of Holocaust victims, 2001-2005
 Member, Public Council of the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 1994-2000

Grants and Awards

Competitive research grants awarded by: *Israel Foundation Trustees*, 1973-1975, 1977-1978, 1984-1986, 1990, 2003-2004 and by the *Israel Science Foundation*, 1987-1989, and 2003-2006

Awarded the 1993 Peretz Naphtali Prize for Economic and Social Sciences in Israel for the book *The Jewish and Arab Economies in Mandatory Palestine*

Publications

Books

Settler Economies in World History. Co-edited with Christopher Lloyd and Richard Sutch. Leiden and Boston: Brill Publishers, 2013.

Land Rights, Ethno Nationality and Sovereignty in History. Co-edited with Stanley L. Engerman. London: Routledge, 2004. Reissued in paperback, 2006.

The Divided Economy of Mandatory Palestine. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998. Reissued in paperback, 2002.

The Jewish and Arab Economies in Mandatory Palestine: Production, Employment and Growth. Co-authored with Oded Kaplan. Jerusalem: the Bialik Institute for the Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, 1990 (Hebrew).

National Capital for a National Home: The Formation of the Zionist Public Sector in the Early Mandate Period. Jerusalem: Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 1979 (Hebrew).

Some Economic Aspects of Railroad Development in Tsarist Russia. New York: Arno Press Inc., 1977.

Articles

"Some Perspectives on the Israeli Economy: Stocktaking and Looking Ahead," *Israel Studies* (forthcoming).

"Settler Colonization and Societies in History: Patterns and Concepts," (co-authored with Christopher Lloyd), in Christopher Lloyd, Jacob Metzger, and Richard Sutch (eds.) *Settler Economies in World History*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, Publishers, 2013, pp. 1-34.

"Jews in Mandatory Palestine and additional phenomena of *atypical* Settler Colonization in Modern Time," in Christopher Lloyd, Jacob Metzger, and Richard Sutch (eds.) *Settler Economies in World History*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, Publishers, 2013, pp. 169-202.

"Jewish Immigration to Palestine in the Long 1920s: An Exploratory Examination," *Journal of Israeli History*, September, 2008, pp. 221-251.

"Some Considerations of Ethno-Nationality (and other Distinctions), Property Rights in Land, and Territorial Sovereignty," co-authored with Stanley Engerman, in Stanley L. Engerman and Jacob Metzger (eds.) *Land Rights, Ethno Nationality and Sovereignty in History*. London: Routledge, 2004, pp. 7-28.

"Jewish Land – Israel Lands: Ethno-Nationality and Land Regime in Zionism and in Israel, 1897-1967," in Stanley L. Engerman and Jacob Metzger (eds.) *Land Rights, Ethno Nationality and Sovereignty in History*. London: Routledge, 2004, pp. 87-110.

"Palestine during the British Mandate," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press 2003, vol. 3, pp. 316-319.

"The Economy of Mandatory Palestine: Reviewing the Development of Research in the Field," in Avi Bareli and Nahum Karlinsky (eds.) *Economy and Society in Mandatory Palestine, Iyunim Bitkumat Israel* (Thematic Series). Sede Boqer: The Ben-Gurion Research Center, 2003, pp. 7-57 (Hebrew).

"From the Jewish National Home to the State of Israel: Some Economic Aspects of Nation and State Building," in Alice Teichova and Herbert Matis (eds.), *Economic Change and the Building of the Nation State in History*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003, pp. 270-287.

"Economic Growth and External Trade in Palestine: A Special Mediterranean Case," in Jeffrey G. Williamson and Sevket Pamuk (eds.), *The Mediterranean Response to Globalization before 1950*. London: Routledge, 2000, pp. 363-380.

"Immigration and the Jewish Economy in Mandatory Palestine: An Econometric Exploration," co-authored with Michael Beenstock and Sanny Ziv. *Research in Economic History*, Vol. 15, 1995, pp. 149-214.

"Palestine in World War Two: Some Economic Aspects," co-authored with Nachum Gross, in Geoffrey T. Mills and Hugh Rockoff (eds.), *The Sinews of War: Essays on the Economic History of World War II*. Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1993, pp. 59-82.

"What Kind of Growth? A Comparative Look at the Arab Economies in Mandatory Palestine and in the Administered Territories," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, July 1992, pp. 843-865.

"Growth and Structure of the Arab Economy: an Historical Perspective," *The Economic Quarterly*, July 1988, pp. 129-145 (Hebrew).

"The Slowdown of Economic Growth in Israel: A Passing Phase or the End of the Big Spurt?" in Yoram Ben-Porath (ed.), *The Economy of Israel: Maturing through Crises*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1986, pp. 75-100.

"Jointly but Severally: Arab-Jewish Dualism and Economic Growth in Mandatory Palestine," co-authored with Oded Kaplan. *Journal of Economic History*, June 1985, pp. 327-345.

"How New was the New Era?" The US Public Sector in the 1920's," *Journal of Economic History*, March 1985, pp.119-126.

"Arcadius Kahan, 1920-1982: Profile of a Scholar," in Nachum T. Gross (ed.), *Jews in Economic Life*. Jerusalem, Zalman Shazar Center for the Furtherance of the study of Jewish History, 1985, pp. IX-XXVI.

"Railroads and the Efficiency of Internal Markets: Some Conceptual and Practical Considerations," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, October 1984, pp. 61-70.

"The New Era Ending in Depression — Economy and Government in the United States from the First World War to the New Deal," *Zmanim*, An Historical Quarterly, Spring 1982, pp. 61-70 (Hebrew). Reprinted in Arnon Gutfeld (ed.), *The American Democracy*. Tel Aviv: Zmora-Bitan and Tel Aviv University, 2002 (Hebrew).

"Technology, Labor and Growth in a Dual Economy's Traditional Sector: Mandatory Palestine 1921-1936," in L. Jorberg and N. Rosenberg (eds.), *Technical Change, Employment and Investment*. Lund University, Sweden 1982, pp. 159-171.

"Fiscal Incidence and Resource Transfer between Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine," *Research in Economic History*, Vol. 7, 1982, pp. 87-132.

"The Records of the U.S. Colored Troops as an Historical Source: An Exploratory Examination," *Historical Methods*, Summer 1981, pp. 123-132.

"National Goals and Economic Structure. The Jewish National Home in Interwar Palestine," *Journal of Economic History*, March 1978, pp. 101-119. Reprinted in Jehuda Reinhartz and Anita Shapira (eds.), *Essential Papers on Zionism*. New York and London: New York University Press, 1996.

"Public Finance in the Jewish Economy in Interwar Palestine," co-authored with Nachum Gross. *Research in Economic History*, Vol. 3, (1978), pp. 87-159.

"National Capital in Zionist Thought," *Asian and African Studies*, December 1977, pp. 305-338.

"Institutional Change and Economic Analysis: Some Issues Related to American Slavery," *Louisiana Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, Winter 1977, pp. 321-343.

"National Capital in Zionist Thought 1919-1921: The Creation of the Foundations Fund," *Economic Papers* 1976, pp. 50-63 (Hebrew).

"Railroads in Tsarist Russia: Direct Gains and Implications," *Explorations in Economic History*, January 1976, pp. 85-111.

"Rational Management, Modern Business Practices and Economies of Scale in the Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations," *Explorations in Economic History*, April 1975, pp. 123-150. Reprinted in Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman (eds.), *Without Consent or Contract: The Rise and Fall of American Slavery: Markets and Production*, Technical Papers Volume I. New York & London: W. W. Norton & Company, 1992.

"Railroad Development and Market Integration: The Case of Tsarist Russia," *Journal of Economic History*, September 1974, pp. 529-550. A Rejoinder," *Journal of Economic History*, December 1976, pp. 917-918.

"Economic Aspects of Railroad Development in Tsarist Russia," Dissertation Summary, *Journal of Economic History*, March 1973, pp. 314-316.

Book Reviews

Review of **Diamonds and War: State, Capital and Labor in British-Ruled Palestine**, by David De Vries, *Journal of Israeli History*, February 2011, pp. 101-103.

Review of **The Palestinian Peasant Economy under the Mandate: a Story of Colonial Bungling**, by Amos Nadan, *Economic History Review*, May 2007, pp. 432-434.

Review of **Studies in the Russian Economy before 1914**, by Olga Crisp, *Journal of Modern History*, September 1977, pp. 521-524.

Working papers

"Political-economy perspectives on sovereignty: the case of Israel," 2012.

"Self-employment in Jewish communities: a comparative examination across time and places," 2013.