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## Employment

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2016– Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
2009–2015 Lecturer, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
2007–2009 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
2006–2007 Post-Doctoral Fellow, CEPR RTN UEE, European University Institute and Universitat Pompeu Fabra

## Education

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2007 Ph.D., Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Advisor: Prof. Nathan Sussman  
Dissertation: Political Fragmentation and the Expansion in Watermill Construction in Medieval Europe: A Case Study from Ponthieu, France  
2002 M.A., Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
1997 B.A., Economics and Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## Research Interests

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Economic History; Historical Development; Institutional economics; Human Capital and Skill Formation; Technological Change

## Scholarship

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### Current Working Papers and Work in Progress

- 2026. "Land Titling, Credit Expansion, and Bankruptcies: Evidence from the English Enclosures." [SSRN WP 6633338](#) (with Tomer Ifergane, Walker Ray, and Lior Farbman)
- The Mobility Effects of Land Reform: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century English Enclosures
- Nature as a Therapeutic Space in Times of Crisis (with Ron Ben-Tovim and Tal Litvak-Hirsch)  
Funded research grant, March 2025
- Reclassifying Skill: Millwrights, Labour, and Visual Culture in Early Industrial Britain (with Ronit Milano)  
Proposal advanced to second round of competitive grant funding

## Refereed Journal Articles

- 2023. Bluestein-Livnon, Roni, Svoray, Tal, Dorman, Michael, and Van der Beek, Karine. "Economic Aspects of Urban Greenness Along a Dryland Rainfall Gradient." *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening* 83.
- 2022. Mokyr, Joel, Sarid, Assaf, and Van der Beek, Karine. "The Wheels of Change: Technology Adoption, Millwrights, and Persistence in Britain's Industrialization." *The Economic Journal* 132: 1894–1926.
- 2017. Ben-Zeev, Nadav, Mokyr, Joel and Van der Beek, Karine. "Flexible Supply of Apprenticeship in the British Industrial Revolution." *Journal of Economic History* 77(1): 208–250.
- 2016. Feldman, Naomi and Van der Beek, Karine. "Skill Choice and Skill Complementarity in Eighteenth Century England." *Explorations in Economic History* 59: 94–113.
- 2015. Justman, Moshe and Van der Beek, Karine. "Market Forces Shaping Human Capital in Eighteenth Century London." *Economic History Review* 68(4): 1177–1202.
- 2015. Van der Beek, Karine. "The Effects of the Political Space on Watermill Construction in 11th and 12th century Ponthieu, France." *Zmanim* 129: 16–25 (Hebrew).
- 2010. Van der Beek, Karine. "Political Fragmentation, Competition and Investment Decisions: The Medieval Grinding Industry in Ponthieu, France (1150–1250)." *Economic History Review* 63(3): 664–687.
- 2010. Van der Beek, Karine. "The Effects of Political Fragmentation on Investments: A Case Study of Watermill Construction in Medieval Ponthieu, France." *Explorations in Economic History* 47: 369–380.

## Book Chapters

- 2014. Van der Beek, Karine. "England's eighteenth-century demand for high-quality workmanship: Evidence from apprenticeship, 1710–1770." In Greif, Kiesling, and Nye (eds.), *Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization*, Princeton University Press.

## Edited Volumes

- 2020. Arnon, Arie, Young, Warren, and van der Beek, Karine (Eds.). *Expectations: Theory and Applications from Historical Perspectives*. Springer.

## Book Reviews and Review Articles

- 2019. Van der Beek, Karine. Review of Adam Lucas, *Ecclesiastical Lordship, Seigneurial Power and the Commercialization of Milling in Medieval England*, Ashgate, 2014. *PAR-ERGON* 36(2): 227–228.
- 2007. Van der Beek, Karine. Review of Lawrin Armstrong, Ivana Elbl and Martin M. Elb (editors), *Money, Markets and Trade in Late Medieval Europe: Essays in Honour of John H.A. Munro*. EH.Net Economic History Services.

- 2007. Van der Beek, Karine. Review of John Langdon, *Mills in the Medieval Economy: England, 1300–1540*. EH.Net Economic History Services.
- 2006. Van der Beek, Karine. Review of Clé Lesger, *The Rise of the Amsterdam Market and Information Exchange: Merchants, Commercial Expansion and Change in the Spatial Economy of the Low Countries, C. 1550–1630*, Ashgate, 2006. *The Journal of Economic History* 69(3): 882–883.

## Grants and Fellowships

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- **2025–2026**. School of Sustainability and Climate Change. “Nature as a Therapeutic Space in Times of Crisis: Insights from Survivor Narratives and Victorian Writings.” Total amount: 36,000 NIS.
- **2024–2026**. Israel National Insurance Institute. “Psychological Distress, Future Orientation, and Educational Aspirations of Young Adults: Anticipated Long-Term Consequences of October 7th.” Total amount: 180,235 NIS.
- **2021–2024**. Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Individual Research Grant. “The Collateral Channel of Britain’s Industrial Revolution: The Financial Side of Land Enclosures.” Total amount: \$112,300.
- **2011–2014**. Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Individual Research Grant. “The Development in Human Capital on the Eve of the Industrial Revolution (1710–1772).” Total amount: \$66,500.
- **2011–2014**. U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) Regular Grant, with Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University. “The Sources of Technology-Skill Complementarity during the Industrial Revolution: 1710–1810.” Total amount: \$84,000.
- **2011–2012**. The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) Inaugural Grant. “Technology-Skill Complementarity on the Eve of the Industrial Revolution: New Evidence from England 1710–1772.” Total amount: \$22,600.
- **2006**. Arthur H. Cole Grant, The Economic History Association, research grant. Total amount: \$1,500.
- **2006**. Blazeska Excellence Scholarship for Doctoral Students, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- **2003–2004**. Marie Curie Visiting Fellowship for Early-Stage Research Training, European Commission, DELTA, Paris.
- **2000–2006**. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Economics Department Fellowship.

## Professional Service

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### Ad-hoc Referee

Economic Journal; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Economic History; Economic History Review; Explorations in Economic History; European Review of Economic History; Financial History Review; The Review of Economics and Statistics.

## Membership in Professional/Scientific Societies

- Economic History Association of Israel
- American Economic Association (AEA)
- European Historical Economic Society (EHES)
- Economic History Society (EHS)
- Economic History Association (EHA)

## Professional Functions Outside University

- 2025** Head, Scientific Committee, 14th Meeting of the Economic History Association of Israel, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2024** Member, Managing Committee, Israeli Economic Association.
- 2022** BA Seminar Supervisor, Open University.
- 2021** Head, Scientific Committee, 10th Meeting of the Economic History Association of Israel, Raanana.
- 2015–2022** Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London.
- 2015–2021** Trustee, European Historical Economics Society.
- 2012–2018** Member, Steering Committee, Economic History Association of Israel.

## Significant Professional Consulting

- 2024** Member, Professional Committee, Israel Science Foundation (ISF).
- 2022** Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Individual Research Grant.
- 2019** Member, Professional Committee, Israel Science Foundation (ISF).
- 2012** Reviewer, Open University, economic history textbook (under Prof. Joel Mokyr).

## Positions in University Administration

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- 2025–** Chair, Undergraduate Teaching Committee, Department of Economics.
- 2024–** Social Sciences Representative, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Committee.
- 2021–2024** Chair, Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics.
- 2019–2023** Founder and Chair, [Statistics and Data Analysis Program](#).
- 2019–2022** Founder and Chair, AlgoTrading Initiative.
- 2018–** Member, Human Subjects Research Committee, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- 2018–2021** Member, Steering Committee, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute for Social Research.
- 2014–2017** Head of the Economics Curriculum, IAF Flight Course Academic Program.
- 2012–2013** Member, Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics.
- 2009–2012** Organizer, Departmental Seminar, Department of Economics.

## Teaching

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### Graduate Courses

Institutional Economics; British Industrial Revolution

## Undergraduate Courses

Introductory Econometrics; Topics in Economic History; Academic Writing; Practical Economics

## Research Students

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- **2026** Lior Farbman, Ph.D., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- **2026** Nadav Magen, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- **2019** Chen Ganon, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (with Naomi Gershoni).
- **2019** Shlomi Ben-Artzi, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- **2016** Nofar Shamir, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- **2015** Tal Sinko, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (with Mark Gradstein).
- **2014** Idan Reichman, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- **2011** Shir-Ran Shechter, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- **2011** Boaz Yemini, M.A., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

## Lectures and Presentations

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### Key Note Lecture

the 10th Sound Economic History Workshop, Lund, 2015.

### Conference and Meeting Presentations

- **2026** EHA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri.
- **2026** Econometric Society European Meetings, Dublin.
- **2026** Annual Conference of the Israel Economic Association, Tel-Aviv.
- **2026** Conference to Celebrate Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University.
- **2026** Historical Development Workshop at RIDGE, Cave Hill, Barbados.
- **2025** EHA/Clio sessions, Western Economic Association International meeting, San Francisco (flight cancelled due to war).
- **2025** Annual Workshop on “Growth, History and Development,” DIAS, University of Southern Denmark, Odense.
- **2024** ICI Conference, Kellogg Crown Family Israel Center for Innovation, Jerusalem.
- **2023** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Vienna.
- **2023** Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of Warwick.

- **2020** ASSA Annual Meetings, San Diego.
- **2020** International Water History Conference, Delft (cancelled, COVID-19).
- **2019** Faculty Conference, Ben-Gurion University.
- **2018** Economic History Society Annual Conference, Keele University.
- **2018** Nicholas Crafts @70 Conference.
- **2018** Annual Meeting of the Israeli Economic History Association.
- **2017** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Tübingen.
- **2017** Sapir Forum Conference, Tel Aviv.
- **2015** World Economic History Congress, Kyoto.
- **2015** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Pisa.
- **2015** CEPR Economic History Symposium.
- **2014** CEPR Economic History Symposium, Vienna.
- **2013** CEPR Economic History Symposium, Perugia.
- **2013** Long Run Growth Conference, University of Warwick.
- **2013** European Historical Economics Society Conference, London.
- **2011** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Dublin.
- **2011** Conference Honoring Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University.
- **2010** Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Evanston, IL.
- **2010** Israeli Economic Association Meeting, Jerusalem (session chair).
- **2010** Cliometrics Conference, La Crosse, WI.
- **2010** European Social Science History Conference, Ghent.
- **2009** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Geneva.
- **2009** FRESH Meeting, Oxford University.
- **2007** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Lund.
- **2006** CEPR Summer School, European University Institute, Florence.
- **2005** Economic History Association Meeting, Toronto (poster session).
- **2005** European Historical Economics Society Conference, Istanbul.
- **2005** Economic History Society Annual Conference, Leicester.
- **2005** Medieval Global Economies Conference, University of Western Ontario.

## Invited Presentations

- **2024** Department of Economics, Queen's University Belfast.
- **2023** Department of Economics, University of Haifa.
- **2021** Department of General History, Ben-Gurion University.
- **2019** Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (ULB).
- **2018** Paris School of Economics.
- **2015** Economics Department, Bar-Ilan University.
- **2015** Economics Department General Seminar, Hebrew University.
- **2014** Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, ULB.
- **2014** IDC Herzliya.
- **2013** Department of Economics, Oxford University.
- **2013** Department of Economic History, London School of Economics.
- **2013** Department of Economic Agriculture, Hebrew University.
- **2012** Economics Department Seminar, Ben-Gurion University.
- **2012** Economics Department (Empirical Seminar), Hebrew University.
- **2012** Department of General History, Ben-Gurion University.
- **2012** Faculty of Business and Management, Ben-Gurion University.
- **2011** Economics Department Seminar, Bar-Ilan University.
- **2009** Economic History Seminar, University of Copenhagen.
- **2006** Economic History Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- **2005** Economic History Seminar, Oxford University.
- **2005** Social and Economic History Seminar, Utrecht University.
- **2005** Economics Department Seminar, University of Western Ontario.
- **2005** History Department, European University Institute.