

Press Release

Four Nobel Laureates join Taub Center's International Advisory Council

The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel, whose recently released annual *State of the Nation Report: Society, Economics and Policy* received considerable attention from the country's top policy-makers as well as from the domestic and international media, has also been attracting some of the world's leading scholars to its International Advisory Council. Recent additions to the 15 member Council include four Nobel Laureates – **Professors Gary S. Becker, Aaron Ciechanover, James J. Heckman and Daniel Kahneman** – who join a fifth Nobel Laureate, **Professor Lawrence Klein**, already on the Taub Center's Council. Also joining the Council are Israel's most highly cited academic economist, **Professor Elhanan Helpman**, from Harvard University, and **Professor Adam Gamoran** from the University of Wisconsin, one of America's leaders in education research, who was also recently appointed by President Obama to serve as a member of the National Board for Education Sciences. Taub Center Executive Director, **Professor Dan Ben-David**, said that the addition of some of the world's most renowned scholars to the Council was a unique accomplishment among Israeli research centers, further contributing to the Taub Center's prominence as an independent world-class Israeli research institute.

The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel provides the country's leading policy makers and the general public with a “big picture” perspective and policy options in the economic and social spheres. The Center's Policy Programs include prominent academic researchers and leading experts from the policy realm who carry out cutting edge academic research on the nature, source, scope, and resolution of some of the most severe problems that Israel is facing, and bridge these together with the formulation and implementation of policy recommendations.

The Taub Center was established in 1982 by American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). “It's a fitting reminder of the deep and important influence of the Taub Center on Israel's social fabric that such esteemed Nobel Laureates have joined it's International Advisory Council,” said JDC CEO Steven Schwager. “JDC is proud of its ongoing commitment to the Taub Center and utilizing its findings to help positively transform the lives of Israel's most vulnerable citizens”.

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