

Call for Papers for a conference on
GLOBALIZATION AND THE BRAIN DRAIN: THEORY, EVIDENCE AND POLICY

Jerusalem and Ramat Gan, Israel

December 9-11, 2008

The Department of Economics at Bar-Ilan University (through the Adar Fund) and the Yoram Ben-Porath Center at Hebrew University will hold a conference on “Globalization and the Brain Drain: Theory, Evidence and Policy” on December 9-11, 2008. The opening lecture will be given by Professor Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia University and Council for Foreign Relations).

The conference is intended to provide a forum for discussing innovative theoretical and empirical research on the brain drain and the way it affects sending and receiving countries. Possible topics include (but are not restricted to): the effects of skilled migration on human capital formation, inequality, labor market outcomes, and welfare; measurement of the brain drain; relationships between brain drain migration and trade, outsourcing, FDI, knowledge diffusion and technology adoption; political economy aspects of the brain drain; international taxation of migrants (Bhagwati tax) and fiscal competition/cooperation; emigration of particular professions (e.g., medical brain drain); and country case-studies.

Those interested in participating should submit a draft paper (PDF format) to the program committee by June 15, 2008, via e-mail, to: hillel@mail.biu.ac.il. Please use the contact author's name as the name of the file. All presenters will be reimbursed for travel expenses (economy class ticket) and hotel accommodations. A selection of papers from the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Development Economics*, subject to the standard refereeing process.

The Program Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance and by July 15, 2008, will contact the authors whose papers have been selected.

Program Committee: Eric Gould (Hebrew University), Gordon Hanson (University of California at San Diego), Hillel Rapoport (Bar-Ilan University).