

*The Taub Center Herbert M. Singer Conference Series*

## **Socioeconomic Impact of Education**

**Sunday, September 18, 2011, 2:30 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem**

The Taub Center hosted a unique symposium with three of the leading researchers worldwide in the field of education. The speakers presented cutting edge research – in a non-academic setting – on education's effect on societies and economies and on ways to improve educational systems. The findings which were presented to senior Israeli policymakers and to the general public, were followed by a high-level discussion pertaining directly to Israel.

**Session 1** Chair: *Ayal Kimhi*, Hebrew University, Taub Center Deputy Director and Chair of the Taub Center Labor Policy Program

2:30 pm **Introduction**

*Greg Rosshandler*, Chair of the Taub Center Board  
*Dov Lautman*, Israel Prize Laureate, Taub Center Board member  
*Dan Ben-David*, Tel-Aviv University, Taub Center Executive Director

3:00 pm **Impact of Educational Attainment and Skills**

*Robert Topel*, University of Chicago

**Session 2** Chair: *Yossi Shavit*, Tel-Aviv University, Chair of the Taub Center Education Policy Program

4:00 pm **Impact of Educational Quality**

*Eric Hanushek*, Stanford University

4:45 pm **Improving the Education System – What Works?**

*Adam Gamoran*, University of Wisconsin

**Roundtable** Chair: *Stanley Fischer*, Governor of the Bank of Israel

6:00 pm **Implications for Israel**

Presentation: *Dan Ben-David*, Tel-Aviv University, Taub Center Executive Director

Participants: *Adam Gamoran*, University of Wisconsin  
*Eric Hanushek*, Stanford University  
*Robert Topel*, University of Chicago  
*Amnon Rubinstein*, IDC Herzliya, Israel Prize Laureate, former Education Minister