The course will deal with the socio-economic aspects of welfare state policy on the basis of current data regarding the trends emerging in developed countries, including Israel. The course will focus on structural changes in the labor market and the effect of globalization on economic and social policy. The following issues will receive special attention: implications of Israel’s National Health Insurance Law (1995), pension arrangements, universality versus selectivity as transfer payment eligibility criteria, income distribution and poverty as well as migrant labor.

Grading: The score received in the final examination will determine 100% of the final grade.


II. **The Government Budget**


III. Health Systems and Health Policy


IV. Effect of Demographic Trends on the Pension System in Israel


V. Social Gaps in Israel


Aviv: The Israeli Institute for Economic and Social Research, 145-162. (Hebrew)


VI. **The Social Security System – Universality versus Selectivity in Transfer Payment Eligibility**


VII. **Structural Changes in the Labor Market during Globalization**

A. General Trends


B. Foreign Workers


from Foreign Workers in Israel. Tel Aviv: Kav Adom and Hakibbutz Hameuchad. (Hebrew)


C. Labor Relations in Israel


