

Quality of Life in Israel: Present and Future
**The 10th Annual Conference of the Economics and Society Program in the Van Leer
Jerusalem Institute**

Sunday 20th December 2015, 13:00-19:15

At the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem Tel. 02-5605222

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13:00-13:30 Gathering and Refreshments

13:30-13:45 Opening Remarks

Prof. Gabriel Motzkin, Director, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Dr. Werner Puschra, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Israel Office

13:45-16:00 **Paper Session: Measuring Quality of Life (QoL) in Israel**

Chair: **Prof. Avia Spivak**, Senior Research Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; Department of Economics, Ben Gurion University.

13:45-14:30

The Israeli Government Initiative for QoL Measurement

Michal Shinwall, National Economics Committee

14:30-15:00

Regional QoL: A Pilot in Israel

Dr. Anat Itay-Sarig, Director of Development: Progress and QoL, The Elca Institute for Policy and Government, Joint Israel

15:00-16:00

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Prof. Michel Strawczynski, Head of Economics and Society Program, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Hebrew University, Department of Economics and School of Public Policy.

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:30 Keynote Lecture

Chair: **Prof. Michel Strawczynski**

What Are The Determinants Of Our Quality Of Life?

Prof. Andrew Oswald, Professor of Economics, University of Warwick

17:30-19:15 Symposium: **Is the Government Doing Enough To Improve The Quality Of Life In Israel?**

Chair: **Prof. Ori Heffetz**, Hebrew University; Cornell University

- **Prof. Andrew Oswald**: The International Experience
- **Prof. Leah Achdut**, Senior Research Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; Head of Economics and Management Department, Ruppin Academic Center: **QoL and Health**
- **MK Stav Shaffir**: **QoL and Housing**
- **Aiman Saif**, General Director of the Authority for the Economic Development of the Arab, Druze and Circassian Sectors, Ministry for Social Equality: **The Government and Minorities**