



Dr. Roby Nathanson

Dr. Nathanson, whose childhood was spent in Uruguay and Brazil, completed high school in Germany. In 1974, he began his studies in economics and business administration at the University of Köln, where he obtained his MA in economics in 1978. During this period he conducted comprehensive research on: "The Economic Structure and Behavior of the Kibbutz." In 1982 he was awarded a PhD in economics from the University of Köln, with specialization in international trade and development. After receiving his degree, he joined the International Trade Department, Bank HaPoalim (1983-1984), where he remained until his appointment in 1985 as macro-economic policy advisor to the Histadrut during implementation of Israel's Economic Stabilization Program.

Dr. Nathanson has since been active in preparing programs aimed at socio-economic structural reform, especially in the areas of industrial relations, health, pensions and regional development. He has taken part in negotiations on the future of the Israeli economy within the framework of strategic planning teams and think tanks such as the National Council for Economic Planning and the Forum for Strategic Planning in cooperation with the Israel Association of Industrialists. Dr. Nathanson is also member of the board of directors of various public institutions involved in energy, communications and health.

In 1989, Dr. Nathanson was appointed Director of the Histadrut's Institute for Economic and Social Research. Under his guidance, the Institute published a long list of studies on economic, social, and foreign policy issues.

Dr. Nathanson was chosen to head Israel's Office for Economic and Social Planning during Peace within the Office of the Prime Minister in 1995. That same year, he founded the Israeli Institute for Economic and Social Research, and after 11 years of research The Macro Center for Political Economics was established, where he continues to serve as the General Director.

In the framework of his academic teaching activities, Dr. Nathanson has lectured at the Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University. He currently lectures at the Department of Economics, the Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo. In addition, Dr. Nathanson serves as a senior advisor at the Open University.

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