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## CV - Nir Becker

### A. Personal Details

- Nir Becker
- Date of birth: 31/12/1959
- Country of birth: Israel
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### B. Higher Education

From-To	Institute	Area of Specialty	Degree
1981 – 1984	Hebrew Univ.	Agricultural economics and Management	B.Sc.
1984 – 1986	Hebrew Univ.	Agricultural economics and Management	M.Sc. <b>Name of advisor:</b> Prof. David Bigman
1986 – 1990	University of Minnesota	Applied Economics	Ph.D. <b>Name of advisor:</b> Prof. K.W. Easter

**C. Academic Appointments and Academic Administrative Positions in  
Institutions of Higher Education**

**Academic positions**

<b>From-To</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Research Area</b>	<b>Title</b>
1990 – 1997	Haifa University	Environmental economics	Lecturer
1997 - 2006	Tel-Hai College	Environmental economics	Senior Lecturer
2007 - 2013	Tel-Hai College	Environmental Economics	Associate Professor
2013 -	Tel-Hai College	Environmental Economics	Professor
1990 -	Natural resource and environmental research center	Environmental economics	Senior research Fellow

**Academic Administrative Positions:**

<b>From-To</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Position</b>
2002 -2013	Fellowship committee, Tel-Hai College	Member
2000 - 2009	Tel-Hai College	Head, Department of Economics and Management
2010 – 2013	Tel-Hai College	Deputy Dean, Faculty of Humanities and social sciences
2010-2012	Tel-Hai College	In charge of the academic conferences
2013 -	Tel-Hai College	Dean, Faculty of Humanities and social sciences

## D. Teaching

Describe teaching experience thoroughly, in chronological order (from old to new):

- The University of Haifa and Tel-Hai College: Operations Research, Natural and Environmental economics, Cost-Benefit Analysis, Managerial Economics and International Trade.
- Courses in Environmental Economics were also thought at the Hebrew University and Ben-Gurion University.
- Main courses taught in the past five years:

Managerial Economics - Undergraduate

Operation Research – Undergraduate

International Economics – Undergraduate

Cost Benefit Analysis – Undergraduate

Environmental Economics – Undergraduate/Graduate

## E. Supervision of Graduate Students:

Name of Student	Degree, Years Supervised	Thesis Title
Yaron Fisman (With M. Shechter)	M.A.. 1999-2001	Dynamic externalities in fertilizer uses.
Yael Choresch (With M. Inbar)	M.A., 2001 - 2003	Cost benefit analysis of feeding stations for vultures
Vered Ben Shlomo (With M. Roman) Tel-Aviv U.	M.A., 1999 - 2003	The Value of Open spaces in Tel-Aviv
Naama Lindman (With I. Yitzhaki)	M.A., 2002 - 2004	Economic Analysis of the Hulla project
Eyal Shani (With O. Ayalon)	M.A., 2002 - 2004	Economic Analysis of the Hiria park project
Hagit Snir-Salinger (With U. Marinov)	M.A., 2002 - 2004	Sustainable development of the Dead Sea basin
Helena Segal (With E. Friedler)	M.A., 2002 - 2004	Cost Benefit Analysis of the Shafdan sludge
Yuval Cohen (With A. Chaim)	M.A., 2003 - 2005	Fish - Birds conflict in the Beit-Shean Valley
Oren Azaria (With M. Inbar)	M.A., 2004 - 2006	Economics of Invasive species.

Sharon Goldzon (With A. Haim)	M.A., 2002 - 2004	Economics of Sea turtle conservation in Marine Reserve Parks.
Vered Ben – Shlomo (With Y. Scnell) Tel-Aviv U.	Ph.D., 2004 - 2009	Urban parks components analysis: Application to Ayalon Park. (9.4)
Meira Segev (With P. Bar) Ben-Gurion U.	Ph.D, 2004 - 2009	Non-Market values of national coasts (9.6)
David Lehrer (With P. Bar) Ben Gurion U.	M.A., 2007 - 2009	A Bio-Economic model of risk assessment due to invasive species.
Chanoch Friedman (With E. Erell) Ben Gurion U.	Ph.D., 2010 - 2013	Cost Benefit Analysis of retrofit investment in green buildings
Hagit Navaro (With M. Inbar)	M.A., 2010 - 2011	Environmental, biological and economic consideration in the case of Thermal disinfection of dates
David Lehrar (With P. Bar) Ben Gurion U.	Ph.D., 2013-	The cost of nature conservation
Irit Manor (With Pua Bar) Ben Gurion U.	M.A. 2011-2013	Biodiversity opportunity cost according to different definitions
Itai Divinski (With Pua Bar) Ben Gurion U.	M.A., 2013-	Tradeoffs between biodiversity and other assets in 3 nature reserves
Marina Pogorelov (With Tamar Dayan from Tel-Aviv U.)	M.A. 2015-	Cost Benefit Analysis of the feeding program in the Agamon.
Yoni Yaacobi (With Avital Gasist from Tel-Aviv U.)*	M.A. 2016-	Synchronization of local heritage and water resources: Is there any value added? Application to the Gold park in Kiryat Shemona.

\* Still needs approval from TAU

## F. Research Grants

From-To	Funding Agency	Title	Amount	Papers originated from the research (number in publication section)
1991 - 1993	European Commission (EC) (With N. Zeitouni)	Water trade in the middle east	50K Euro	5.5, 5.6, 5.8, 5.9, 5.12, 6.4, 7.3
1993 – 1994	Water commission	Water trade In Israel	100K NIS	5.10, 8.5, 8.6, 8.9
1992 – 1994	Ministry of Infrastructure (With M. Schechter)	Air Basin management	150K NIS	5.4, 5.13, 5.15
1998 - 1999	Ministry of the environment	The value of statistical life	30K NIS	
1997	Ministry of the environment	The value of Noise in Israel	20K NIS	5.21
1997	European commission	Sustainable use of groundwater	30K NIS	6.7
1999 - 2000	Israeli Electrical company (with Vered Ben Shlomo).	Survey of externalities in electricity production	10K	
2001 – 2002	Ministry of the environment (With D. Lavee)	Voluntary agreements	25K NIS	
2001 – 2005	Glowa Jordan river (Part of a scientific team with I. Litaor coordinating)	Population and hydropolitics dynamics in the Jordan river basin.	50K Euro	
2002 – 2004	Ministry of the environment (With M. Inbar)	The economics of bird watching	125K NIS	5.23, 5.28, 5.37, 6.11, 8.13.
2003 - 2004	The Jerusalem Institute, the Ministry of the Environment and FOEME ME.	Sustainable future of the Dead Sea basin (A governmental commission)	70K NIS	5.24, 6.15
2003	The Jerusalem Institute	Green Accounting: Theory and Application to Israel	20K NIS	
2003 - 2004	The EC – RAC/SPA	Sustainable use of Marine Reserves (With R. Ortal, B. Galili and M. Goren)	25K NIS	5.29, 3.1

2003	Ministry of the Environment	Cost Benefit Analysis of Accelerated car retirement program (With D. Lavee)	20K NIS	5.32
2003 – 2005	Municipality of Kiryat Shemona	Action plan for the “ <b>Clean City project</b> ” (With Snait Tamir).	30K NIS.	
2004	Ministry of the Environment (With D. Lavee and Itai Freeman	Sustainable development in the Israeli government: An implementation plan.	20K NIS	
2004	Friend of the Earth	Environmental costs of desalinization (With Doron Lavee).	11K NIS	5.34, 5.41, 5.46, 8.12.
2005-2007	KKL	Economic value of Forests in Israel	90K NIS	5.33, 8.16
2004 – 2007	EC	Optima: An optimization module for integrated water management in Mediterranean countries	60K NIS	5.35, 5.47
2005 - 2007	BMBF, Israeli ministry of science	Kidron river – Wadi Nar: The benefits of a cooperated management approach (With Eran Feitelson and Richard Laster)	150K NIS	5.36
2005	Adam Teva Vadin	Cost benefit Analysis of Energy conservation	24K NIS	5.27
2005	Femise - France	Country profile – Israel: Governance (With J. Kahn)	30K NIS	
2007	Nature and parks protection agency	Cattle – Wolves conflict analysis	80K NIS	9.5*
2006 – 2008	Glowa Jordan river part II	Cost benefit analysis of waste water re-use	18K Euro	
2008	Coalition for public health	Economic cost of morbidity and mortality due to air pollution in Israel	40K NIS	5.39
2009	Nature and parks protection agency	The cost of nature protection (With A. Perevolutzki)	80K NIS	9.8*
2010 - 2012	Ministry of Infrastructures	Cost Benefit Analysis of retrofit investment in green buildings (With E. Erell)	270K NIS	9.10*
2010-2011	Ministry of Environmental Protection	Implementation of Polluters pays principle by benefit from non-compliance in Israel (With D. Lavee)	75K NIS	

2010-2011	Ministry of Environmental Protection	Estimation of Air pollution damages from Industry and Transportation in Israel (With G. Rosental)	90K NIS	
2011 - 2013	Ministry of Environmental Protection	Economic incentives in the green buildings industry (With Y. Gaarb, D. Perlmutter and E. Erell)	300K NIS	
2011	The Coalition for public health	Risk assessment of different hazardous facilities in the Haifa bay (with V. Ben-Shlomo).	10K NIS	
2011	Adam Teva Vadin	External effects of off shore natural gas drilling in the Mediterranean (with V. Ben-Shlomo).	30K NIS	
2011	Kison River authority	Non-Market benefits of the Kison River restoration plan (With S. Shamir).	35 NIS	9.8*
2011-2012	Friends of the Earth Middle East (FOEME)	Economic Benefits of restoring the lower Jordan River	50K	9.3*
2012	Ministry of the Environment	Economic valuation of land use change in Israel	50K	
2013-2014	Ministry of the Environment	Tradeoffs between ecological services and monetary services in LTER's in Israel (with P. Bar)	150K	
2013 - 2015	Tel-Hai internal research funds	Cost benefit analysis of healthy aging (With Shirra Hantman and Snait Tamir)	50K	
2014 – 2017*	Ministry of the Environment	Creating an environmental economic data set for the ministry	500K	
2014 – 2018*	Ministry of Agriculture and rural development	Possible solutions to soil surpluses during mega projects.	750K	
2015	Ministry of the Environment	Assessment of the monetary damage due to the oil spill in Evrona	150K	
2015	Ministry of the Environment	Estimating a fee on polluted river flow for different water qualities.		

2016	Mifal Hapais	Costs and Benefits of managing open spaces: Application to Ramot Menashe Biosphere reserve	70K NIS	
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\* In preparation

### G. Awards and Fellowships

- Dissertation won an honorable mention of the American Association of Agricultural Economics, 1990.
- Herald Jensen Award for the best dissertation in 1990 in the department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the University of Minnesota.
- John Wiley prize for the best applied article in the Multiple Criterion Decision Analysis area, 1997.

### H. Active Participation in Conferences (Only from 2001)

\* denotes an invited or keynote lecture

1. \*2001 - Water reform Policy: The Israeli Experience. Key note speech in **Designing Water reforms in Australia**, Melbourne, Australia.
2. 2001 – Economic analysis of air pollution from vehicles in Te Aviv. **Annual meeting of the Israeli Association of Ecology**.
3. 2001 – Dynamic use of water and inter-temporal use of marginal water. With Edna Leohman. **Annual meeting of the Israeli Association of Ecology**.
4. 2003 – Sustainable Management of the Dead Sea Water Resources. **University Council of Water Resources Centers, annual meeting**. Washington, DC, USA.
5. 2004 – Cooperation in a Hydro-Geologic Commons: New Institutions and Pricing to Achieve Sustainability and Security. With Edna Leohman. **International Water Demand Management Conference**. International Water Resources Association special meeting. The Dead Sea, Jordan.
6. \*2004 – Cost Benefit Analysis of the Dead Sea current Water Level Policy. Key note Speech in **The Economics of Sustainable Management and Development of the Dead Sea Basin**. International Conference organized by Friends of the Earth Middle East. Movenpick hotel – Dead Sea – Jordan.
7. 2004 – The Use and Non Use of the Agmon. **University Council of Water Resources Centers, annual meeting**. Portland, OR, USA.



8. 2004 – Groundwater Management in a Hydro-Economic Commons: Application to Israel and the West Bank. With Edna Leohman. **Water for Life in the Middle East.** International Conference organized by Israeli Palestinian Center for Research and Information (IPCRI). Antalya, Turkey.
9. 2004 – A Bio-Economic Valuation of Protecting Vultures. With Yael Choresch, Moshe Inbar and Ofer Bahat. **Sixth Annual Conference on Economics and the Analysis of Biology and Biodiversity.** Cambridge, England.
10. 2005 – Economic Analysis of Cross Boundary River Restoration Plan: The Alexander River Case Study. **University Council of Water Resources Centers, annual meeting.** Portland, ME, USA.
11. 2006 – Wildlife – Human Conflict The Economic perspective. **Cormorant – Fishery Conflict in the Hula Valley.** InterCafe and Natural Protection Agency International Conference. Kfar Blum, Israel.
12. 2006 – A comparative analysis of wastewater reuse as a possible solution to drought crisis. With Doron Lavee. **University Council of Water Resources Centers, annual meeting.** Santa Fe, NM, USA.
13. 2006 – The Economic Value of Coastal Natural Parks. With Meira Segev and Pua Bar. **The Israeli Geographical Society annual meeting.**
14. \*2006 – Cost Benefit Analysis of the Current Dead Sea Water Level Drop. **The Dead Sea annual Conference,** Kibutz Ein Geddy.
15. \*2006 - Conflicts between farmers and Nature. **Water and Agriculture,** Conference organized by the ministry of Agriculture, Kibutz Nir Etzion.
16. \*2007 - Conflicts between farmers and Nature. Invited lecture at the annual conference of the research department at the Nature Protection Agency. The Volkani Institute.
17. \*2007 – Wolves-Rancher's conflict at the Golan height. Invited lecture at the annual conference of Nekudat Hen. Kibutz Tzuva.
18. \*2008 – The economics of energy saving. **Israeli Economic Society. + Chair of the Environmental Economics session.**
19. 2008 - Water conflicts and market solutions in the Middle East. **University Council of Water Resources Centers, annual meeting.** Boise, ID USA.
20. 2009 - Cost effectiveness solutions for pollution reduction. **The European Society for Energy economists.** Vienna, Austria
21. 2009 – Wildlife-Human conflict: The Agmon case study. **Meeting in honor of Israel Levin.** The Hula Reserve.
22. \*2010 – The economics of Ecological tourism. Keynote speech at the Haifa conference for eco-tourism. The University of Haifa.

23. \*2010 – Session chair and organizer: Environmental Economics. **Israeli Ecology and environmental Society** (also deliver of the key lecture in the session).
24. 2010 – Internalization of air pollution in Israel based on optimization. **The European Society for Energy economists**. Vilna, Lithuania.
25. 2010 - The economics of pricing nature reserves. **BioEcon group**, Venice
26. 2011 – The economics of scrapping old appliances. **Society of Sustainable Development**. Dubrovnik, Croatia.
27. \*2011 – Chairman of the Macro session at: **Greening the Economy with Agriculture**. International conference organized by the UN. The Macabia Village.
28. \*2012 – Session chair and organizer: Environmental Economics. **Israeli Economic Society**.
29. \* 2012 – The Social value of Cranes in the Hula Valley. **The Cranes Conference**. Kibutz Kfar Blum (organized by the society for nature protection). Invited Lecture.
30. \* 2013 – Session moderator in **Economic modeling of ecosystems and Bio-invasion**. Organized by the Milken Institute.
31. \* 2013 – The economics of rivers restoration. Invited lecture for the **3<sup>rd</sup> water forum day**. The Technion, Haifa Israel.
32. \*2013- Water conflict in the Middle East. **A general lecture in the Faculty of Agriculture**. Both faculty and students (100 audited).
33. 2013 - CBA of retrofit of residential buildings in Israel. International conference of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Protection. Maribor, Slovenia.
34. \* 2013 – The benefit of Clean air act in Israel. Business and the Environment. Kfar Hamacabia, Israel.
35. \* 2014 – Aesthetic values in municipal gardens. **Landscape annual conference**, Eilat, Israel.
36. 2014 – Private and Social motivations for green building and retrofit actions. **In Sustainable environments** (Workshop organized by the Technion), Tel Aviv, Israel.
37. \* 2014 – Gas and Oil funds: Options for actions. Panel participant in **Environment 2050** (Organized by Globes with hundreds of participants), Tel Aviv, Israel.
38. 2014 - **American association of Water Resources annual conference**, Sparks, NV USA. Integrated water management in Israel.
39. 2014 – Session moderator of “Environmental indicators” in the **Israeli association of Ecology and Environmental Sciences** annual conference, Bar-Ilan University.

40. \*2015 – The Economics of wetland restoration: The case of the Lower Jordan River. Invited lecture at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science.
41. 2015 – Behavioral factors impact on increased risk of health symptoms for elderly people in Europe (and Israel) – Paper presented at the **annual meeting of the Israeli Economic Society**. Dan hotel, Tel-Aviv.
42. 2015 – Do Ecologists and the public see eye to eye the ecological damages; Application to the sand dunes in Israel – Paper presented at the **annual meeting of the Israeli Ecological and Environmental Science Society** – Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
43. \*2015 - Economics of Renewable energy resources. General invited lecture at the Weizmann institute, Rehovot Israel.
44. \*2016 – Water pricing experience in Israel: Various waters, various neighbors. Invited lecture for a **workshop in the University of California Water Resources Centre, Sacramento, CA**. Feb. 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. Water pricing for a dry future

## I. Publications

### 1. M.Sc.

Becker, N. An Economic Analysis of the Drought compensation Scheme. The Hebrew University, Israel. Supervisor: Prof. David Bigman. 1986. (Heb.)

### 2. Ph.D. thesis

Becker, N. Dynamic Supply from a Common Property Resource. The University of Minnesota, USA. Supervisor: Prof. K.W. Easter. 1990.

### 3. Books

Becker, N. and Y. Choresh. Economics of Marine Protected Areas (2006). UNEP – MAP. RAC/SPA, Tunis.

### 4. Edited books

Becker, N. (Ed.). (2013). Water Policy in Israel: Context, Issues and Options. Springer Science & Business Media.

### 5. Articles in refereed journals

1. Becker, N. and Easter, K. W. (1989). Residential Water Demand in Metro Manila-Discussion. *Water Resources Bulletin* 25(6), 1273-1274.

2. Easter, K. W., & Becker, N. (1989). Inter-basin Water Transfers: An Economic Panacea or a Political Ploy. *Journal of the Minnesota Academy of Science JMNAAC*, 55(1).
3. Becker N. and Easter, K. W. (1992). Dynamic Supply from A Common Property Resource: Water diversions From the Great Lakes. *Natural Resource Modeling*, 4, 343-371.
4. Becker, N., Baron, M. G., & Shechter, M. (1993). Economic instruments for emission abatement under appreciable technological indivisibilities. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 3(3), 263-284.
5. Schechter M., Zeitouni N. & Becker, N. (1994). Trading in Water: An Illustrative Application to the Middle East. *International Irrigation Review* (Hebrew), 14(2), 12-16.
6. Zeitouni N., Becker, N. & Schechter, M. (1994). Auctions for Water Rights in a Regional Context: The Middle East. *Resource and Energy Economics*, 16 (4), 303 - 320.
7. Becker N., (1994). Public policy and the value of clean air: An alternative approach. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 37(1), 21-31.
8. Zeitouni N., Becker, N. & Schechter, M. (1994). Markets for Water in the Middle East. *Economic Quarterly* (Hebrew), 3, 400 - 416.
9. Zeitouni, N., Becker, N., & Shechter, M. (1994). Water sharing through trade in markets for water rights: An illustrative application to the Middle East. *Studies in Environmental Science*, 58, 399-412.
10. Becker, N. (1995). The value of institutional change in moving from central planning to a market system: the Israeli experience. *Agricultural Economics*, 21, 11-21.
11. Becker, N., & Easter, K. W. (1995). Water diversions in the great lakes basin analyzed in a game theory framework. *Water resources management*, 9(3), 221-242.
12. Becker, N. (1996). Reallocating water resources in the Middle East through market mechanisms. *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 12(1), 17-32.
13. Becker, N., & Shechter, M. (1996). Decentralized economic incentives under technological indivisibilities: a cooperative game approach. *Ecological Economics*, 17(1), 9-20.
14. Becker, N., & Easter, K. W. (1997). Water diversion from the Great Lakes: is a cooperative approach possible? *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 13(1), 53-66.
15. Becker N. and Soloveitchick, D. (1998). Dynamic Multi-objective Optimization of environmental regulations policies. *Journal of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis*, 7, 3-19.

16. Becker, N., & Easter, K. W. (1998). Conflict and cooperation in utilizing a common property resource. *Natural Resource Modeling*, 11(3), 173-198.
17. Becker, N., & Zeitouni, N. (1998). A market solution for the Israeli-Palestinian water dispute. *Water International*, 23(4), 1-5.
18. Becker, N., & Easter, K. W. (1999). Conflict and cooperation in managing international water resources such as the Great Lakes. *Land Economics*, 233-245.
19. Becker, N. (1999). A comparative analysis of water price support versus drought compensation scheme. *Agricultural Economics*, 21(1), 81-92.
20. Becker, N. I. R., & Lavee, D. (2002). The effect and reform of water pricing: The Israeli experience. *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 18(2), 353-366.
21. Becker, N., & Lavee, D. (2003). The benefits and costs of noise reduction. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 46(1), 97-111.
22. Becker, N. (2003). Water Pricing—Its Effects and Proposed Reforms: The Israeli Experience. *International Journal of Public Administration*, 26(3), 247-263.
23. Becker, N., Inbar, M., Bahat, O., Choresh, Y., Ben-Noon, G., & Yaffe, O. (2005). Estimating the economic value of viewing griffon vultures *Gyps fulvus*: A travel cost model study at Gamla Nature Reserve, Israel. *Oryx*, 39(04), 429-43
24. Becker, N., & Katz, D. (2006). Economic valuation of resuscitating the Dead Sea. *Water policy*, 8(4), 351-370.
25. Ayalon, O., Becker, N., & Shani, E. (2006). Economic aspects of the rehabilitation of the Hiriya landfill. *Waste management*, 26(11), 1313-1323.
26. Loehman, E. & Becker, N. (2006). Groundwater management in Hydro-Economic Commons. *Water resources development*, 22(4), 603 - 614. IF=0.881
27. Becker, N., Fishman, Y., & Lavee, D. (2008). Economic evaluation of investment in electricity conservation. *Energy Conversion and Management*, 49(12), 3517-3530.
28. Becker, N., Choresh, Y., Bahat, O., & Inbar, M. (2009). Economic analysis of feeding stations as a means to preserve an endangered species: The case of Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) in Israel. *Journal for Nature Conservation*, 17(4), 199-211.
29. Becker, N., & Lavee, D. (2009). Commercial Development and Conservation Value The Case of Rosh Haniqra Marine Reserve in Israel. *Journal of Infrastructure Development*, 1(2), 193-217.
30. Fishman, Y., Becker, N., & Shechter, M. (2009). Treatment versus prevention of Nitrogen fertilizer pollution: An inter-sectoral externality policy model. *Natural resource modeling*, 22(1), 137-171.
31. Becker, N. (2009). A comparative analysis of the pricing systems of nature reserves. *Tourism Economics*, 15(1), 193-213.

32. Lavee, D., & Becker, N. (2009). Cost-benefit analysis of an accelerated vehicle-retirement programme. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 52(6), 777-795.
33. Becker, N., & Freeman, S. (2009). The economic value of old growth trees in Israel. *Forest Policy and Economics*, 11(8), 608-615.
34. Becker, N., Lavee, D., & Katz, D. (2010). Desalination and alternative water-shortage mitigation options in Israel: a comparative cost analysis. *Journal of Water Resource and Protection*, 2010.
35. Abramson, A., Tal, A., Becker, N., El-Khateeb, N., Asaf, L., Assi, A., & Adar, E. (2010). Stream restoration as a basis for Israeli–Palestinian cooperation: A comparative analysis of two transboundary streams. *Intl. J. River Basin Management*, 8(1), 39-53.
36. Dombrowsky, I., Almog, R., Becker, N., Feitelson, E Klawitter, S., Lindemann, and Mutlak, N. (2010). "How widely applicable is river basin management?" *Environmental Management*, 45(May), 1112-1126.
37. Becker, N., Choresh, Y., Bahat, O., & Inbar, M. (2010). Cost benefit analysis of conservation efforts to preserve an endangered species: The Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) in Israel. *Journal of bio economics*, 12(1), 55-70.
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39. Becker, N., Soloveitchik, D., & Olshansky, M. (2011). Incorporating environmental externalities into the capacity expansion planning: an Israeli case study. *Energy Conversion and Management*, 52(7), 2489-2494.
40. Lehrer, D., Becker, N., & Bar, P. (2011). The economic impact of the invasion of *Acacia saligna* in Israel. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 18(2), 118-127.
41. Lavee, D., Ritov, M., & Becker, N. (2011). Is desalination the most sustainable alternative for water-shortage mitigation in Israel?. *International Journal of Sustainable Economy*, 3(4), 410-424.
42. Shelem, I., Lavee, D., & Becker, N. (2011). Contamination by the Israeli military industry and its impact on apartment sale prices in an adjacent Tel Aviv neighborhood: a hedonic pricing model study. *International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development*, 3(2), 221-231.
43. Abramson, A., N. Becker. Y. Garb and N. Lazarovitch. (2011). "Willingness to Pay, Borrow, and Work: Unlocking the potential of cost recovery for rural water service improvements in LDC's". *Water Resources Research*. 47(11). Article number 11512

44. Fishman, Y., Becker, N., & Shechter, M. (2012). The Polluter Pays Principle as a policy tool in an externality model for nitrogen fertilizer pollution. *Water Policy*, 14(3), 470.
45. Becker, N., Lavee, D., & Tavor, T. (2012). Desalinate or divert? Coastal non-market values as a decision tool for an integrated water management policy: The case of the Jordan River basin. *Ocean & Coastal Management*, 64, 27-36.
46. Becker, N., D. Soloveitchik and M. Olshanski. (2012). "A weighted average incorporation of pollution costs into the electrical expansion planning". *Energy and Environment*. 23(1): 1-16.
47. Fishman, Y., Becker, N., & Shechter, M. (2012). An input tax on nitrogen fertiliser pollution in the presence of transaction costs. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 55(9), 1206-1227.
48. Becker, N., & Friedler, E. (2013). Integrated hydro-economic assessment of restoration of the Alexander-Zeimar River (Israel-Palestinian Authority). *Regional Environmental Change*, 13(1), 103-114.
49. Segev, M., P. Bar (Kutiel) and N. Becker. (2014). The Ecological and Economic value of Coastal Sand Dunes in Israel. *Ecology and Environment* (Hebrew). Vol. 3: 245-253.
50. Becker, N., Helgeson, J., & Katz, D. (2014). Once there was a river: a benefit–cost analysis of rehabilitation of the Jordan River. *Regional environmental change*, 14(4), 1303-1314.
51. Friedman, C., Becker, N., & Erell, E. (2014). Energy retrofit of residential building envelopes in Israel: A cost-benefit analysis. *Energy*, 77, 183-193.
52. Becker, N. and F. Ward (2014). “Adaptive Water Management in Israel: Structure and Policy Options”. *International Journal of Water Resources Development*. DOI:10.1080/07900627.2014.940447. Vol. 30: 1-18.
53. Becker, N., Tavor, T., Friedler, L., & Bar, P. (2015). Two Stages Decision Process toward Organic Food: The Case of Organic Tomatoes in Israel. *Agro ecology and Sustainable Food Systems*, 39(3), 342-361.
54. Chen, A., Abramson, A., Becker, N., & Megdal, S. B. (2015). A tale of two rivers: Pathways for improving water management in the Jordan and Colorado River basins. *Journal of Arid Environments*, 112, 109-123.
55. Ward, F. A., and N. Becker (2015), Cost of water for peace and the environment in Israel: An integrated approach, *Water Resources Research*, 51, 5806–5826, doi: 10.1002/2014WR016783.
56. Bar, P., Becker, N., & Segev, M (2016), Sand dunes management: a comparative analysis of ecological versus economic valuations applied to the Coastal region in Israel. *Regional Environmental Change*, 1-10. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10113-015-0808-z>

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2001 -	Scientific board of <b>WECUP</b> . An Israeli Palestinian NGO for cooperative solid waste management in the west bank
2004 -	Scientific board of: <b>Transportation today and tomorrow</b> . An NGO for promoting public transportation
2002 - 2005	Member of the governmental committee for writing the policy document: <b>A sustainable future management of the dead Sea</b>
2004	Member of the planning committee for the conference: <b>Water for life</b> . Held in Turkey, Oct. 2004.
2004 – 2007	<b>Chairperson</b> , Professional committee for agricultural economics research proposals from the ministry of Agriculture and BARD.
2002 -	<b>Member</b> , fellowship committee, Tel-Hai Academic College.
2003 -	<b>Advisory committee</b> – "Clean City" project for Kiryat Shmona's municipality.
2006 -	<b>Member</b> of the finance sub-committee of LIFE. A UN financed project for river reclamation in the northern part of Israel.
2007 -	Member of the nature protection and heritage (economic sub – committee) – Nature and parks protection agency.
2010 -	<b>In charge</b> of the conference facilities services at Tel-Hai College
2010	<b>Member</b> of the steering committee. Annual meeting of the Israeli Ecological and Environmental Sciences Society
2010	<b>Member</b> of the scientific committee for the French-Israel Water and Environment research foundation.
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2012-	In charge of environmental economics continuing education programs at the Israeli Electrical Company.
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