

**Research Office, Faculty of Economics**

is organizing a scientific research seminar

 on Tuesday, **22nd November 2011**, at **15:00 pm**

in the room **P-111** at the **Faculty of Economics, Ljubljana**

**Prof. Oded Stark**

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will deliver a lecture:

**“Integration, social distress and policy formation”**

Abstract

I study the integration of regions and nations and as a merger of populations, which I interpret as a revision of social space and the comparison set; I illustrate the repercussion of a merger for aggregate social distress; and I consider policy responses. Specifically, I view the merger of populations as a merger of income vectors; I measure social distress by aggregate relative deprivation; I demonstrate that a merger strictly increases aggregate relative deprivation; and I show that a social planner is able to reverse this increase by means of least-cost, post-merger increases in individual incomes, but is unable to counter the increase by relying exclusively on a self-contained income redistribution that retains individual levels of wellbeing at their pre-merger magnitudes.

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