

Professor Leonardo Leiderman – Bio

Leonardo Leiderman is Professor (Emeritus) of Comparative Economics at the Berglas School of Economics, and Visiting Professor at the Coller School of Management, Tel-Aviv University. In addition, he is the Chief Economic Advisor of Bank Hapoalim, the largest commercial bank in Israel.

Among previous senior positions held by Prof. Leiderman are: Managing Director and Head of Emerging Markets Economics at Deutsche Bank, based in New York and London (2000 to 2002), and Senior Director and Head of the Research Department at the Bank of Israel (1996 to 2000). From 1992 to 1996 Prof. Leiderman was an advisor to the Governor and to the monetary department at the Bank of Israel. From 1988 to 1991, Prof. Leiderman was Chairman of the Department of Economics at Tel-Aviv University.

Leiderman (who was born in Cordoba, Argentina, and is a citizen of Israel) joined Tel Aviv University in 1979, after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago under the supervision of Nobel Laureate Professor Robert E. Lucas, Jr. From 1994 to 1996 as well as from 2008 to 2011 he headed the Pinhas Sapir Center for Development at Tel Aviv University. Over the years, Leiderman visited various entities especially in the US, such as the University of Chicago, Boston University, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the IADB. In various years Professor Leiderman received the Best Teacher Award in Social Sciences at Tel-Aviv University.

Professor Leiderman has also consulted for various central banks and ministries of finance, including those of Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, Honduras, Czech Republic, Poland, Georgia, and Turkey.

Leiderman served as a member of the Board of Directors of Poalim Asset Management, based in the UK, and has been a board member of Bank Pozitif in Turkey and PAM Funds in Ireland.

Leonardo Leiderman's published work includes more than 70 articles in professional journals and books, and 7 written or edited books. His research has covered an ample list of topics within the areas of macroeconomic policy, monetary theory, globalization, economic and financial crises, and international finance. Most of his recent work deals with inflation targeting, exchange-rate regimes, and capital inflows to emerging market economies. At various times, Professor Leiderman was interviewed live at the Israeli media as well as at CNBC, Bloomberg, the BBC, and CNN on economic matters related to financial markets, currencies, geo-political developments, and basic economic trends.