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Research Interests

Stratification, economic sociology, political sociology, income inequality, labor markets, labor unions

Education

2008	Ph.D. Labor Studies, Tel-Aviv University
2001	M.A. Sociology, Tel-Aviv University (Magna Cum Laude)
1998	B.A. Economics and Sociology, Tel-Aviv University

Positions*Current*

2020-	Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Haifa
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Previous

2020-2022	Vice Dean of Research, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Haifa
2014-2019	Senior Lecturer (with tenure), Department of Sociology, University of Haifa
2010-2013	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Haifa
2009-2010	Postdoctoral Scholar at the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality
2008	Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Grants

2024-2026	National Science Foundation (NSF) and United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF), "The Polarization of Employment and Earnings in the United States, 1996-2020" (\$636,000) [with Edo Navot]
2023-2027	European Research Council Consolidator Grant , "The Role of Workers' and Employers' Bargaining Power in "Distributional Workplace Accounts" (€ 1,997,259)
2022-2024	Israel Science Foundation, "Opening the Black Box of Union Coverage" (\$180,000) [with Assaf Bondy#]
2020-2021	Pinhas Sapir Economic Policy Forum, "A Longitudinal Study of the Causal Impact of the Coronavirus Crisis on Employment and Income Inequality in Israel" (\$10,000) [with Meir Yaish]
2016-2020	European Research Council Starting Grant , "The Resurgence in Wage Inequality and Technological Change: A New Approach" (€ 1,495,091)
2016-2017	Israel Science Foundation, "Why did Computerization Upraise Privileged Workers' Earnings?" (\$62,000)
2014-2016	United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation, "Fringe Benefits, Unions, Technology and Rising Inequality" (\$109,800) [with Yinon Cohen]
2012-2013	Israel Science Foundation, "The Takeoff in Income Inequality: Capitalists versus Workers" (\$56,000)
2011-2012	Israel Foundations Trustees - Program for the Advancement of Research in the Social Science, "Fringe Benefits and the Structure of Workplace Inequality" (\$30,000)

Prizes and Fellowships

2023	Michael Bruno Memorial Award for Groundbreaking Research
2014	Best Article Award, Israeli Sociological Society
2012	The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities - The Young Scholars Forum in the

	Humanities and Social Sciences
2009	Annual Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies
2009-10	Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford University
2008	Lady Davis Post-doctorate Fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2005-06	Doctoral fellowship, Israel Pollak Fellowship Program for Excellence, Tel Aviv University
2005-06	Fellowship, Van Leer Institute, Program for Economics and Society
2005	Travel Award, International Sociological Association, RC28
2003	Doctoral fellowship, Horowitz Research Institute on Society and Economy
2002-04	Doctoral fellowship, Tel-Aviv University.
2001	Prize for M.A. thesis, The Yonathan Shapiro Fund, Tel-Aviv University.

Professional Service

Editorial Positions

2022-2024	Editorial board member of <i>American Sociological Review</i>
2022-	Editorial board member of <i>Work and Occupations</i>
2017-2024	Editorial board member of <i>Socio-Economic Review</i>

Organization of International Conferences

2023	Israel Academy of Sciences International Workshop on Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality, Haifa, Israel, Co-Organizer
2020	Israel Academy of Sciences International Workshop on Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality (canceled - coronavirus), Haifa, Israel, Co-Organizer
2018	International Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility and Income Inequality, Haifa, Israel, Co-Organizer

Reviewing

2008-	Ad-hoc reviewer: <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>Social Forces</i> , <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> , <i>Work and Occupations</i> , <i>Research in Social Stratification and Mobility</i> , <i>Social Science Research</i> , <i>European Sociological Review</i> , <i>Socius</i> , <i>Sociological Science</i> , Israeli Science Foundation, United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, European Research Council.
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Public Activity

2020	Member of the UN framework for socio-economic response to COVID-19, the Macroeconomic and Multilateral Collaboration Steering Group
2018-2020	Member of the Advisory Committee of the Histadrut Institute for Economic and Social research

Memberships in Academic Professional Associations

2015-2017	Board Member, Israeli Sociological Association
2011-	Member, American Sociological Association
2011-	Member, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
2005-	Member, Research Committee on Social Stratification (ISA-RC28)

Presentations in Professional Meetings

2025	"Distributional Workplace Accounts: Concepts, Methods and Estimates for Income and Production Classes." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August, Chicago.
2024	"What is an Occupation? Ascribing Workers into Occupational Categories Using Linked Employer-Employee Longitudinal Data." Co-presented at the 10th International Conference on Computational Social Science, July, Philadelphia
2023	"Structural Changes in Wage and Employment: What can we Learn from Workplaces?" Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), May, Paris
2023	"Organizations and Benefits Inequality: The Intersections between Gender, Ethnicity, and Class." Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), May, Paris

- 2022 “Organizational practices and earnings inequality: Who gains from organizational flexibility?” Co-presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), April, London.
- 2022 “The effects of individual and collective labor market status on employees’ fortunes in times of crisis,” Co-presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), April, London.
- 2020 “Ethnic Conflict, Status Salience, and Workplace Inequality in Israel,” Co-presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August, San Francisco.
- 2020 “Ethnic Conflict, Status Salience, and Workplace Inequality in Israel,” Co-presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE), Amsterdam.
- 2019 “Workplace Compensation Practices and the Takeoff in Benefit Inequality,” Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, Princeton.
- 2019 “Workplace Compensation Practices and the Takeoff in Benefit Inequality,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August, New York
- 2019 “Computer Wage Premium across Unionized and Non-Unionized Workplaces,” Co-presented at the Spring Meeting of ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Frankfurt
- 2017 “Why Was the Takeoff in Benefits Inequality Bigger than the Takeoff in Wage Inequality?” Co-presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, New York
- 2017 “Computer Wage Premium across Rich Countries,” Co-presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE), June, Lyon
- 2016 “Computers and the Decline of American Unions: Is Computerization Class-Biased?” Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, Bern
- 2015 “Who Gets and Who Gives Employer-Provided Benefits: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee Data,” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE), July, London
- 2013 “The Causes of Rising Inequality: What Do Computerization and Fading Pay-Setting Institutions Do?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August, New York
- 2013 “The Causes of Rising Inequality: What Do Computerization and Fading Pay-Setting Institutions Do?” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE), June, Milano
- 2011 “It’s Good to Be a Capitalist: Why Capitalists are Getting More and Workers are Getting Less,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), August, Las Vegas
- 2011 “Slicing the Pie: Class Organization, State Policy, and Labor’s Share of National Income,” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE), June, Madrid
- 2009 “Good Times Bad Times: Postwar Labor’s Share of National Income in 16 Capitalist Democracies” Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, Yale University
- 2009 “Fringe Benefits and Income Inequality” Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), March, Peking University
- 2008 “Bad Jobs, Good Jobs, and High-Tech Jobs - Classes of Income among Wage and Salary Workers” Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, Florence
- 2007 “Slicing the Pie – Distribution of Israeli National Income between Capital and Labor, 1955-2005” Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, Montreal
- 2005 “Decentralization of Collective Agreements and Rising Wage Inequality in Israel” Presented at

the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August, UCLA

Invited Talk and Colloquium Abroad

2023	Invited presentation, "Structural Changes in Wage and Employment: What can we Learn from Workplaces?" Presented at the Humanities and Social Sciences Fund Conference on Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality, March, Haifa
2022	Invited presentation, "Technological Change and The Resurgence in Wage Inequality: A Class-Biased Approach," Presented at the conference of the Centre for Advanced Study in Oslo and the Research Council of Norway: Firms, Employers, and Comparative Perspectives on Labor Market Inequality in the 21st Century, Oslo
2020	Invited presentation, "Technological Change and The Resurgence in Wage Inequality: A Class-Biased Approach," Presented at the Labor Relations, Law, & History/International and Comparative Labor research seminar, Cornell University
2019	Invited keynote presentation, "The Resurgence in Wage Inequality and Technological Change: A Class-Biased Approach," Presented at the International Conference on "Technology, Demographics, and the Labor Market", March, Cologne
2018	Invited presentation, "Why did Computerization Upraise Privileged Workers' Earnings?" Presented at the Intergenerational Mobility and Income Inequality, March, Haifa
2018	Invited keynote presentation, "The Neoliberal Revolution and Rising Income Inequality," Presented at Annual Meeting of the Israeli Sociological Society, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
2017	Invited presentation, "Computer Wage Premium across Rich Countries," Presented at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
2015	Invited presentation, "Rising Wage Inequality, Computerization, and the Decline of Organized Labor," Presented at the Chicago Booth School of Business, Organizations and Markets Workshop
2014	Invited keynote presentation, "Israel's Political Economy and Rising Income Inequality," Presented at Annual Meeting of the Israeli Sociological Society, Tel Aviv University
2010	Invited keynote presentation, "Rising Income Inequality in Israel," Presented at the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), May, Haifa
2009	Invited presentation, "Good Times Bad Times, the Share of Labor in National Income in 18 OECD Countries, 1960-2000," Presented at the Columbia University Center of Wealth and Inequality

Students

Current Post-doctorate:

Tania Azzam (co-advisor with Ameer Saabneh)

Matt Mendoza (co-advisor with Yinon Cohen)

Chalem Bolton (co-advisor with Edo Navot)

Completed MA thesis:

Ludmila Garmash

Adena Goldberger

Alina Rosenfeld-Kiner

Ora Rand

Yaron Kenly

Completed Ph.D. thesis:

Ludmila Garmash (currently postdoctoral fellow in the Demographic Lab, Tel-Aviv University)

Adena Goldberger

Alina Rosenfeld-Kiner

Completed Post-doctorate:

Alina Rosenfeld-Kiner (currently a researcher at the AdvaCenter)

Assaf Bondy (currently a lecturer, Business school, University of Bristol)

Matan Kaminer (currently a lecturer, School of Business and Management, Queen Mary University of London)

Efrat Herzberg Druker (currently a lecturer (tenure-track), department of Labor Studies, Tel-Aviv University)

Susanne Edler (currently a lecturer, department of Sociology, Université de Fribourg)

Edo Navot (currently an assistant professor, department of Sociology, University of Florida)

Courses Taught

Classical Sociological Theory, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Labor Market Analysis, Labor Relations, Income Inequality, Statistics.

PUBLICATIONS

M.A. Thesis

Decentralization of Collective Agreements and Rising Wage Inequality in Israel. Pp. 80.

Tel-Aviv University, 2002 (Supervised by Dahlia S. Elazar and Yinon Cohen)

Prize for M.A. thesis, The Yonathan Shapiro Fund, Tel-Aviv University

PhD Dissertation

Labor's Share of National Income and the Diversification in Sources of Income among Israeli Wage and Salary Workers. Pp. 174.

Tel-Aviv University, 2008 (Supervised by Yinon Cohen)

Winner of Annual Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies (2009).

Journal Articles (# = current or former students/post docs)

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| 2025 | Dustin Avent-Holt, Tali Kristal and Ludmila Garmash(#).2025. "Ethnic Conflict and Workplace Inequality: Minority Access to Jobs during Conflict Escalation in Israel, 1997-2015." Research in Social Stratification and Mobility 96: |
| 2025 | Alina Rozenfeld-Kiner(#) and Tali Kristal . 2025. "Who gains from organizational flexibility? Flexible organizational practices and wage inequality." Work, Employment and Society 39(3): 527-550. |
| 2025 | Tali Kristal , Guy Mundlak, Yinon Cohen, Yitchak Haberfeld, Meir Yaish. 2025. "The Effects of Individual and Collective Labor Market Status on Employment and Earnings during the COVID-19 Crisis." Socio-Economic Review 23(2): 845-875. |
| 2024 | Kristal, Tali , Efrat Herzberg Druker(#) and Adena White(#). 2024. "Is the Wage Premium on Using Computers at Work Gender-Specific?" Research in Social Stratification and Mobility 89: 100890. |
| 2023 | Kristal, Tali . "What Can Unions Do? An Impact Estimate for an Increase in the US Private-Sector Unionization Rate on Workers' Earnings." Work and Occupations 50(3): 400-411. |
| 2023 | Penner, Andrew, Trond Petersen, Are Skeie Hermansen, Anthony Rainey, István Boza, Marta Elvira, Olivier Godechot, Martin Hällsten, Lasse Folke Henriksen, Feng Hou, Aleksandra Kanjuo-Mrčela, Joe King, Naomi Kodama, Tali Kristal , Alena Křížková, Zoltán Lippényi, Silvia Maja Melzer, Eunmi Mun, Paula Apascaritei, Dustin Avent-Holt, Nina Bandelj, Gergely Hajdu, Jiwook Jung, Andreja Poje, Halil Sabanci, Mirna Safi, Matthew Soener, Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Zaibu Tufail. 2023. "Within-Job Gender Pay Inequality in 15 Countries." Nature Human Behaviour 7(2): 184-189. |
| 2022 | Efrat Herzberg Druker(#), Tali Kristal and Meir Yaish. 2022. "Does the Pandemic Affect Inequality Within Families? The Case of Dual-Earner Couples in Israel." Gender and Society 36(6): 895-921. |
| 2021 | Yaish Meir, Hadas Mandel and Tali Kristal . "Has the Economic Lockdown Following the Covid-19 Pandemic Changed the Gender Division of Labor in Israel?" Gender and Society 35(2):256-270. |
| 2021 | Kristal, Tali , Guy Mundlak, Yinon Cohen, Yitchak Haberfeld, Meir Yaish. "Not all are Equal in the face of the Covid-19: The effect of labour market status on employment during the crisis." Israeli Sociology 21(2):122-135 [Hebrew]. |

- 2021 Efrat Herzberg-Druker(#), Meir Yaish, **Tali Kristal**. "Work and Family in the Corona Crisis: The Double-Disadvantaged Position of Women." *Israeli Sociology* 21(2):143-151 [Hebrew].
- 2021 **Kristal, Tali** and Susanne Edler(#). "Computers Meet Politics at the Wage Structure: An Analysis of the Computer Wage Premium across Rich Countries." *Socio-Economic Review* 19(3): 837-868.
- 2020 **Kristal, Tali**. "Why Has Computerization Increased Wage Inequality? Information, Occupational Structural Power and Wage Inequality." *Work and Occupations* 47(4): 466-503.
- 2020 **Kristal, Tali**. "What Do Israeli Unions Do? Unions Effect on Income Inequality." *Labor, Society and Law* 16 [Hebrew].
- 2020 **Kristal, Tali** and Meir Yaish. "Does the Coronavirus Pandemic Level Gender Inequality Curve? (It Doesn't)" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 68: 100520.
- 2020 Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Anthony Rainey, Dustin Avent-Holt, Nina Bandelj, István Boza, David Cort, Olivier Godechot, Gergely Hajdu, Martin Hällsten, Lasse Folke Henriksen, Are-Skeie Hermansen, Feng Hou, Jiwook Jung, **Tali Kristal**, Aleksandra Kanjuo-Mrčela, Joe King, Naomi Kodama, Alena Krizkova, Zoltán Lippényi, Silvia Maja Melzer, Eunmi Mun, Andrew Penner, Trond Petersen, Andreja Poje, Mirna Safi, Max Thaning, Zaibu Tufail. "Producing Inequalities: Rising between Workplace Inequalities in High Income Countries." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117(17): 9277-9283.
- 2020 **Kristal, Tali**, Yinon Cohen and Edo Navot(#). "Workplace Compensation Practices and the Takeoff in Benefit Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 85(2): 271-297.
- 2019 **Kristal, Tali**. "Computerization and the Decline of American Unions: Is Computerization Class-Biased?" *Work and Occupations* 46(4): 371-410.
- 2018 **Kristal, Tali**, Yinon Cohen and Edo Navot(#). "Benefit Inequality among American Workers by Sex, Race, and Ethnicity, 1982-2015." *Sociological Science* 5:461-488.
- 2017 Rosenfeld-Kiner, Alina(#) and **Tali Kristal**. "Changes in the Israeli Employment Structure: From Upgrading to Polarization." *Israeli Sociology* 19(2):120-144 [Hebrew].
- 2017 **Kristal, Tali**. "Who Gets and Who Gives Employer-Provided Benefits: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee Data." *Social Forces* 96(1):31-64.
- 2017 **Kristal, Tali** and Yinon Cohen. "The Causes of Rising Wage Inequality: The Race Between Institutions and Technology." *Socio-Economic Review* 15(1):187-212.
- 2015 **Kristal, Tali** and Yinon Cohen. "What Do Computers Really Do? Computerization, Fading Pay-Setting Institutions and Rising Wage Inequality" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 42:33-47.
- 2015 **Kristal, Tali**, Guy Mundlak, Yitchak Haberfeld and Yinon Cohen. "Organized Labor in Israel: Scope and Effects on Wages and Benefits" *Labor, Society and Law* 14:9-35 [Hebrew].
- 2014 **Kristal, Tali**. "Israel's Political Economy and Rising Income Inequality, 1970-2010." *Israeli Sociology* 15(2):1-30 [Hebrew].

- 2013 **Kristal, Tali.** "The Capitalist Machine: Computerization, Workers' Power, and the Decline in Labor's Share within U.S. Industries" *American Sociological Review* 78(3):361-389.
- 2013 **Kristal, Tali.** "Slicing the Pie: State Policy, Class Organization, Class Integration, and Labor's Share of Israeli National Income." *Social Problems* 60(1):100-127.
Winner of the 2014 Outstanding Article Award from the Israeli Sociological Society.
- 2011 **Kristal, Tali,** Yinon Cohen and Guy Mundlak. "Fringe Benefits and Income Inequality." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 29(4):351-369.
- 2010 **Kristal, Tali.** 2010. "Good Times, Bad Times: Postwar Labor's Share of National Income in Capitalist Democracies." *American Sociological Review* 75(5):729-763.
- 2007 **Kristal, Tali** and Yinon Cohen. "Decentralization of Collective Agreements and Rising Wage Inequality in Israel." *Industrial Relations* 46(3):613-635.
- 2007 Cohen, Yinon, Yitchak Haberfeld, **Tali Kristal** and Guy Mundlak. "The State of Organized Labor in Israel." *Journal of Labor Research* 28(2):255-273.
- 2007 Cohen, Yinon, Yitchak Haberfeld and **Tali Kristal.** 2007. "Ethnic Gaps in Higher Education among Israeli-born Jews." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 30(5):896-917.
Hebrew version (2013): in Yonah, Yossi, Nissim Mizrachi, and Yariv Feniger (eds.), *A View from Below: Practices of Difference in Israeli Education*. Jerusalem: The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Hakibbutz Hameuchad. Pp. 36-58.
- 2002 **Kristal, Tali.** "Decentralization of Collective Wage Agreements in Israel: 1957-1998." *Labor, Society and Law* 9: 17-42 [Hebrew].

Book Chapters

- 2022 **Kristal, Tali** and Alina Rozenfeld-Kiner(#). "The Israeli Labor Market" in *Routledge Handbook of Modern Israel*, Editors: Guy Ben-Porat, Yariv Feniger, Dani Filc, Paula Kabalo, Julia Mirsky.
- 2018 **Kristal, Tali.** "The Neoliberal Revolution and Labor's Share of Israeli National Income", pp 311-339 in *The Privatization of Israel*, Editors: Amir Paz-Fuchs, Ronen Mandelkern, and Itzhak Galnoor. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Research Reports

- 2013 **Kristal, Tali.** How the Decline of American Unions Has Boosted Corporate Profits and Reduced Worker Compensation. SSN Key Findings.
- 2008 **Kristal, Tali,** Yinon Cohen and Guy Mundlak. Sources of Income of Israeli Wage and Salary Workers. Policy Study No. 7, Program on Economy and Society, Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem [Hebrew].
- 2006 **Kristal, Tali,** Yinon Cohen and Guy Mundlak. Rising Inequality and Trade Unions in Israel. Policy Study No. 1, Program on Economy and Society, Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem [Hebrew].

In Preparation

Ludmila Garmash(#) and Tali Kristal. "Organizations and Benefits Inequality: The Intersections between Gender, Ethnicity, and Class."

Tali Kristal, Susanne Edler(#) and Alina Rozenfeld-Kiner(#). "Computerization and the Transformation in Workplaces Employment Practices."

Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Matt Mendoza, Lasse Folke Henriksen, Naomi Kodama, Tali Kristal. "Observing Organizational Inequality Regimes: A Three Country Comparison."

Tali Kristal, Chalem Bolton, Lasse Folke Henriksen, Alina Rosenfeld-Kiner(#), Matt Mendoza, Edo Navot, Malte Reichelt, and Donald Tomaskovic-Devey. "Structural Changes in Wage and Employment: What can we Learn from Workplaces?"

Tali Kristal, Assaf Bondy(#), Eliezer Baumgarten and Hadar Miller. "Observing the Liberalization of Employment Relations through the Scripts of Collective Agreements."

Tali Kristal. "Distributional Workplace Accounts: Methods and Estimates for Income and Production Classes."

Tali Kristal, Dan Manor and Shir Weinbrand. "What is an Occupation? Ascribing Workers into Occupational Categories Using Linked Employer-Employee Longitudinal Data and Individual Survey Data."

Tali Kristal and Yinon Cohen. "How Rigid is the Income Pyramid Based on Ethnicity and Gender? "

Tom Baz and Tali Kristal. "Constructing a Longitudinal Workplace-level NLRB data, 1967-2022."

Ameed Saabneh, Tania Azzam and Tali Kristal. "Residential segregation in Israel, 1972-2022."

Ameed Saabneh and Tali Kristal. "Income Inequality and Income Segregation in Israel, 1995-2022: Trends, Relationships and Mechanisms."
