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EDUCATION

- 2003 – 2008** Milan, Italy
Ph.D. in Economics, Bocconi University
Fields: International Economics and Public Economics
Thesis: Exporting and Productivity: Theory and Evidence from Ukraine
- September 2005 – January 2006** Washington, D.C., USA
Visiting scholar at Georgetown University, Department of Economics
Research topic: Trade policy and Firm Performance in Developing and Transition Economies
- 2001 – 2003** Cambridge, MA, USA
Master in Public Administration/International Development
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Joint Japan and World Bank scholarship recipient
- 1998 – 2000** Kiev, Ukraine
Master in Economics
EERC Master Program in Economics at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”
• defended Master’s thesis “Nature of Barter: Case of Ukraine” with grade *excellent*
- 1991 – 1996** Kiev, Ukraine
Specialist diploma in Foreign Languages with honor (Chinese and English)
Kiev State Linguistic University
• defended thesis on “Past Tense Particles in Chinese and Ukrainian.
Comparative Analysis” with grade *excellent*
- WORK EXPERIENCE**
- Jan 2011 – May 2011** Kiev, Ukraine
Public Policy Analysis Course for interns at the Ukrainian parliament
Coordinator and primary lecturer
- August 2008 – present** Kiev, Ukraine
Kyiv School of Economics / Kyiv Economics Institute
Assistant professor / Senior Economist
- February 2005 – July 2008** Milan, Italy
Bocconi University
Teaching assistant: Political Economics II (Ph.D.), Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
Personnel Economics (Undergraduate +2)
Course assistant: Personnel Economics (Undergraduate +2), Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
Economics of European Integration (Undergraduate +2)
- September 2006 – December 2007** Milan, Italy
Fondazione ENI Enrico Mattei, MICRO-DYN
Researcher

- April 2005 – June 2005** Milan, Italy
 Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research, Bocconi University
 Research assistant to Prof. Guido Tabellini
- September 2002 – May 2003** Cambridge, MA,
 USA
 Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
 Teaching assistant (Jan – May 2003), Macroeconomic policy
 Course assistant (Sept - Dec 2002), Macroeconomics
- June – August 2002** Pristina, Kosovo
 United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,
 Central Fiscal Authority, Macroeconomic Unit
Summer intern
- Creation of foreign trade database
 - Trade facilitation project jointly with Kosovo Business Support (KBS), USAID funded project
 - Foreign trade administration (taxation, procedures, etc.)
- January – July 2001** Kiev, Ukraine
 Center for Social and Economic Analysis (CASE)
Economist
- Responsible for sections “Foreign trade” and “Balance of Payment” in Ukrainian Economic Outlook
 - Economic monitoring (joint with Ministry of Economy)
 - Macroeconomic modeling
- July 2000 – December 2000** Kiev, Ukraine
 Harvard University Ukrainian Project (former Ukraine Macroeconomic Reform Project)
Consultant
Areas of work: demonetization (barter, arrears), tax system, foreign trade
Responsibilities:
- performed statistical analysis; collected and analyzed data
 - conducted quarterly monitoring of basic macroeconomic indicators
 - wrote analytic notes on selected economic issues
 - assisted in formulation and evaluation of policy decisions
 - participated in the development of program of the Ukrainian government “Reforms for Welfare”
 - maintained HIID database (Central European Countries)
- September 1998 – June 2000** Kiev, Ukraine
 Ukraine Macroeconomic Reform Project, Harvard Institute for International Development
Intern-consultant
 Main projects: *barter, privatization*
- collected and analyzed data
 - wrote analytical notes on issues related to demonetization
 - maintained HIID database (foreign trade, barter, CPI, PPI, etc.)
 - participated in joint projects with government
- September 1996 – August 1998** Kiev, Ukraine
 Ukraine Macroeconomic Reform Project, Harvard Institute for International Development
Translator/interpreter
- translated/interpreted from/to Ukrainian, Russian, English, Polish

WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- “Exporting, Productivity and Government Interventions: Is There a Link?”, KSE-KEI Discussion paper No 28.
- “Exploring International Trade from Below: A Survey of Firm Heterogeneity and Productivity Dynamics”, Micro-Dyn Working paper No 01/07.
- “Transactions in Transition: To Barter or Not To Barter?” (with Janusz Szyrmer) in *Ukraine: Monetizing a Transition Economy*, edited by Janusz M. Szyrmer, Kiev: Alterpres, 2001

PROJECTS

- Political Economy of Labor Reform in Transition Countries (IZA), October 2008 – present
- Macroeconomic Evaluation of Ukraine (BICEPS), September 2008 – January 2009

APPEARANCE IN MASS MEDIA

- “Ukraine needs Europe to avoid Belarus fate” (in Ukrainian), Gazeta po-ukrainski, July 3 2011
- TV Interview on currency crisis in Belarus, First Business Channel, May 31 2011
- “Free Trade Agreement with EU: Are We There Yet?” (comments in Ukrainian/Russian), Den, №197-198, October 29 2010
- “Capital Inflows: Blessing or Curse?” (in Ukrainian, joint with O. Shepotylo), Ekonomichna Pravda, dated June 14 2010

HONORS, FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS

- 2008: Prize for the Best Paper on Trade and EU policy, European Trade Study Group, donated by Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) and the research center LICOS
- 2008: Annual Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, Bocconi University
- 2001-2003: Joint Japan and World Bank scholarship

LANGUAGES

Native: Ukrainian, Russian

Fluent: English, Polish, Italian

Good: Spanish

Fair: Chinese

TECHNICAL SKILLS

MS Office, STATA, EViews, MATLAB

REFERENCES

Available upon request