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● WORK EXPERIENCE

10/2020 – CURRENT – Vienna, Austria

ECONOMIST – THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW)

- Country expert for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia
- Current research interests: economic inequality, poverty, fiscal policy, taxation, social policies, labour regulation, financial crises, post-crises recoveries, macroeconomic modelling.
- Previous research experience: monetary policy, credit activity, exchange rates, trade, FDI, remittances, current account sustainability, forecasting, house prices.

05/2019 – 09/2020 – Skopje, North Macedonia

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR – INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Courses:

- Global Political Economy and Macro Policies of EU
- Introduction to Financial Economics
- Contemporary Trends in Social Policies in Europe

05/2017 – 04/2019 – North Macedonia

ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE – MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

Main responsibilities and activities:

- Participation in the increase in the minimum wage in 2017;
- Participation in the preparation of the social assistance reform in 2018;
- Participation in the Economic-Social Council (the national social dialogue body);
- Preparation and implementation of the tax reform in 2018;
- Preparation of the Supplementary Budget for 2017 and the Budget for 2018;
- Participation in the issuance of the euro bond in January 2018;
- Preparation of the country's Policy Based Guarantee by the World Bank;
- Cooperation with international institutions (World Bank, IMF, OECD, European Commission).

04/2016 – 04/2017 – Skopje, North Macedonia

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR – INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Courses:

- Global Political Economy and Macro Policies of EU
- Introduction to Financial Economics
- Contemporary Trends in Social Policies in Europe

09/2015 – 03/2016 – Italy

VISITING RESEARCHER – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS, UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Research projects:

- Income inequality and economic growth;
- Income inequality and inflation.

11/2013 – 03/2015 – North Macedonia

- Developing and running models for forecasting macroeconomic variables;
- Research;
- Policy Analysis;
- Writing reports for the board and the public.

09/2007 – 08/2010 – North Macedonia

ANALYST – RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

- Research;
- Policy Analysis;
- Developing and running models for forecasting GDP and inflation;
- Writing reports for the board and the public.

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

09/2010 – 07/2014 – Italy

PHD MONEY AND FINANCE – University of Rome “Tor Vergata”

Scholarship of the Italian Government and the “Tor Vergata” University

“Three Essays in Post-Crisis Recoveries”

07/2005 – 06/2007 – United Kingdom

MSC ECONOMIC FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS – Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent

Scholarship of the Staffordshire University, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Chevening Programme) and the Open Society Foundation

“Calculating the Fundamental Equilibrium Exchange Rate of the Macedonian Denar”

10/2000 – 09/2004 – North Macedonia

BA MANAGEMENT – University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius”, Faculty of Economics Skopje

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): MACEDONIAN

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
SERBO-CROATIAN	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C2	C2
BULGARIAN	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1
GERMAN	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
ITALIAN	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
GREEK	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● PERSONAL SKILLS

Communication skills

Good communication skills, gained through my experience as university professor and advisor to the Minister of Finance. As a university professor, I was communicating with many students. As an advisor to the minister, I was communicating with many stakeholders – other government officials, public servants, business community, NGOs, media representatives.

Organisational / managerial skills

Good managerial and leadership skills, honed during my role as an advisor to the Minister of Finance, when I was responsible for managing approximately one third of the Ministry and was leading one of the biggest reforms that the Ministry undertook, the tax reform.

Presentation skills

Good presentation skills, due to my teaching as a university professor

Analytical skills

Good analytical skills, due to my work as analyst at the central bank, as well as my many research projects

● DIGITAL SKILLS

STATA | MATLAB | EViews | R | LATEX | MS Office

● HONOURS AND AWARDS

11/2013

Olga Radzyner Award – Austrian National Bank

Awarded to young economists from Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe for the paper *“Does Ease of Doing Business Matter for Investment in Eastern European Countries?”*

04/2007

Award for best young economist – National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia

For the paper *“The Fundamental Equilibrium Exchange Rate of the Macedonian Denar”*

● RESEARCH GRANTS

01/2015

Research grant for the paper *“When is there a Kuznets curve?”*

Awarded by the Global Development Network and CERGE-EI University

09/2014

Research grant for the paper *“WTO-induced (de)industrialization in Southeast Europe, with reference to the roles of public infrastructure and bank intermediation: A comparative analysis”*

Awarded by wiiw Global Development Network Southeast Europe (wiiw GDN-SEE), Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche (wiiw), Vienna, Austria

07/2012

Grant for the study "To consume or to self-employ? Evidence from remittances' use in Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, with emphasis on crisis, gender and ethnicity role"

Awarded by the Regional Research Promotion Programme (RRPP), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and University of Fribourg, Switzerland

01/2012

Grant for the study "Do Higher Doing Business Indicators Lead to Higher Investment?"

Awarded by the World Bank Group and the Kauffman Foundation, Washington DC, USA

07/2011

Research grant for the paper "Hemlock for policy: Monetary policy, exchange rates and labour unions in SEE and CIS during the crisis"

Awarded by wiiw Global Development Network Southeast Europe (wiiw GDN-SEE), Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche (wiiw), Vienna, Austria

● PUBLICATIONS

List of Publications

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● PROJECTS

List of Projects

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● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

09/2020 – Workshop organized by the Center of Excellence in Finance, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Domestic Revenue Mobilization

10/2019 – Regional conference organized by the World Bank, UNICEF and Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
Responsive social protection solutions: empowering children, families a. communities to end poverty

05/2019 – Workshop organized by the Center of Excellence in Finance, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Meeting the Challenges of Big Tax Data and Analytics

05/2019 – Conference organized by the Association of Lawyers of the Republic of Macedonia
80th Lawyers Meeting

09/2015 – Organized by the Institute of Economics Zagreb and United Nations Development, Zagreb, Croatia
Workshop on Inequality in Southeast Europe

04/2014 – WS, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and the Council on Economic Policy, Atlanta, USA
Monetary Policy and Inequality

02/2014 – Georgetown University and World Bank Group, Washington DC, USA
Doing Business Research Conference: Past, Present and Future of Business Regulation

11/2013 – National Bank of Poland, Zalesie Gorne, Poland
Workshop on recent trends in the real estate market and its analysis

06/2013 – Manila, Philippines
GDN 14th Annual Global Development Conference – Inequality, Social Protection and Inclusive Growth

● **ATTENDED TRAININGS AND COURSES**

07/2011
Sovereign Debt Risk Modelling: Theory and Empirical Evidence, Bank of Italy, Rome

Lecturer: Pietro Veronesi

08/2010
Advanced Topics in Monetary Economics II, Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland

Lecturers: Frank Schorfheide and Carl Walsh

05/2010 – 06/2010
Inflation Targeting at the Czech National Bank, Czech National Bank, Prague, Czech Republic

09/2009
Applied Bayesian Econometrics for Central Bankers

Centre for Central Banking Studies, Bank of England, London, UK
Lecturers: Haroon Mumtaz and Andrew Blake

12/2008
Financial Programming and Policies, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA

11/2008
General Equilibrium Models for Monetary Policy

Centre for Central Banking Studies, Bank of England, London, UK.
Lecturers: Francesco Zanetti and Marco Del Negro