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EXPERTISE

Labor markets and skills, migration studies, political economy of transition, institutional change, labor market and social policy, social inclusion.

EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

2011 - present **Slovak Governance Institute (SGI), Bratislava**
Position: Senior Researcher

03/2014 – 2016 *Project:* STYLE (FP7 project about youth unemployment)
Tasks: WP leader in WP6 (migration and mismatch), WP5 (mismatch, skills and education)

07/2011 – 12/2013 *Project:* NEUJOBS (FP7 project about future of the labor markets)
Tasks: WP4 (education and skills), WP6 (labor market and innovation), WP19 (Roma policy puzzles in labor market inclusion)

01/2012 – 09/2013 *Project:* Evaluation of the Roma inclusion impact of the mainstream EU funded employment programs: Activation works' impact on Roma labor market integration
Tasks: Lead expert

05/2011 – 01/2013 *Project:* E-skills for employability of Roma and immigrant women in Slovakia – project evaluates the impact of e-skills courses on employability of disadvantaged groups in Slovakia
Tasks: Lead researcher

2014 – present **INFOSTAT, Bratislava**

01/2014 – ongoing **Position: Researcher**

Project: SEEMIG (EU funded research project about migration and data)
Tasks: WP5: coordination of foresight exercises in partner countries, writing foresight synthesis report

2008 – 2013 **Central European University (CEU), Budapest**

10/2011 – 07/2013 **Research Coordinator**

Project: Eastern Partnership Labor Mobility (EPLM) – EC funded project on labor migration matching mechanisms
Tasks: academic coordination and supervision of background studies, contribution to writing key project outputs, dissemination of results

09/2009 – 06/2011 **Research Assistant**

FP7 Project: Institutional Changes and Trajectories of Socio-Economic Models (ICATSEM)

Tasks: Conducting overview of reforms and institutional changes in different policy areas (financial markets, corporate governance, employment, welfare state, education) in Slovakia and Hungary

10/2008 – 01/2009 **Research Assistant, Center for Policy Studies**

Project: Monitoring EU Structural Funds

Tasks: Conducting semi-structured interviews with members of structural funds Monitoring Committee in Slovakia, preparing literature review and background notes, providing comments on final analysis

01/2008 – 08/2008 **Research Assistant, LSE/CEU**
FP6 Project: Varieties of Capitalism and Economic Governance in Central Europe, LSE/CEU, Dr. Robert C. Hancke
Tasks: Conducting literature review, carrying out field work, writing final report, organizing a set of workshops in Central European countries, presenting and disseminating research

TEACHING

09/2012 – ongoing **Visiting Faculty, Department of Public Policy, CEU**
Course: Microeconomics for Public Policy (co-taught with Martin Kahanec)

11/2013 **Invited Lecturer, CEPS, Brussels**
Lecturers: INGRID Winter School: ‘New skills and occupations in Europe: Challenges and possibilities’

2007 - 2008 **Teaching Assistant, CEU**
Courses: Introduction to Statistics and Intermediate statistics, Transnational Corporations and National Governments

02/2007 – 06/2007 **Visiting Faculty, Comenius University, Bratislava**
Course: Theories of International Relations

CONSULTANCIES

01/2014 – ongoing **Consultant, EPIC Slovakia**
Project: Development of unit service costs calculation in employment services in Slovakia
Tasks: Review of international practice in profiling, jobseeker categorizations and unit service costs calculations

10/2013 – 11/2013 **Consultant, ECORYS UK**
Project: Study to Prepare the Commission Report on policies for Tackling Low Achievement in Basic Skills
Tasks: Country Fiche – Slovakia

10/2011 – 06/2013 **Consultant, World Bank**
Project: Social Assistance System of the Slovak Republic
Tasks: Consulting on the design and implementation of the System of Benefit in Material Need

06/2010 **Consultant, Trend Analyses and the Business Alliance of Slovakia**
Project: Business Environment in Slovakia 2010 – Human Capital Section
Tasks: Identifying and analyzing main challenges in the labor market and skill formation in Slovakia and providing policy recommendations

11/2008 **Consultant, World Bank**
Project: Policy note on balanced approach to labor market activation
Tasks: Writing policy note about approach to labor market integration of Roma in CEE

12/2007 – 04/2008 **Consultant, World Bank**
Project: Roma Employment Patterns in the Czech Republic
Tasks: Conducting literature review, preparing detailed analysis of labor market data, writing of series of research notes, commenting on final report

ACADEMIC REVIEWING

West European Politics, Sociological Quarterly, Transfer, National Institute Economic Review, Oxford Development Studies, Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

EDUCATION

- 09/2006 – 06/2011 **PhD, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary**
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (Suma cum Laude)
- 01/2010-3/2010 **COMPAS, University of Oxford**
Visiting researcher
- 09/2005 – 06/2006 **Central European University, Budapest, Hungary**
MA in International Relations and European Studies (Distinction)
- 09/2000 – 06/2005 **University of Matej Bel in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia**
Faculty of Political Science and International Relations
Magister (Mgr.) in International Relations and Diplomacy (Suma Cum Laude)

TRAINING

- 02/2014 ECPR Methods School: Panel data analysis
- 02/2014 ECPR Methods School: Introduction to STATA
- 02/2010 Multilevel modeling workshop (EDACWOWE): ‘Multilevel approaches to the analysis of work, care and welfare’, University of Tilburg, Netherlands
- 07/2009 V. Florence Summer School on Euro-Mediterranean Migration and Development, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 08/2008 Summer Seminar: Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics, Bioethics, Neuwaldegg Institute, Vienna
- 07/2007 Cambridge Advanced Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE), University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

PUBLICATION RECORD

Peer-reviewed journal publications

- “Welfare Systems as Emigration Factor. The Case of Central and Eastern Europe,” *Journal of Common Market Studies* 51 (4), 2013: 721-739
- “Conceptualizing Low-skillness: A New Approach”. *Sociologia – Slovak Sociologic Review* 3, 2013: 247-266 (with Corina Haita and Miroslav Beblavy).
- “Success Against All Odds? Determinants of Sectoral Rise and Decline in Central Europe.” *East European Politics and Societies* 26 (3), 2012: 643 – 664.
- “Industrial Policy Making after Transition and the Role of the State in Hungary and Slovakia.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 19 (8), 2012: 1207-1228. (with Anil Duman).
- “Explaining Differences in Labour Mobility in Czech Republic and Slovakia.” *South-East Europe Review: Journal for Labor and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe* 2, 2010.
- “Innovative R&D and Optimal Investment under Uncertainty in High-Tech Industries: An Implication for Emerging Economies,” *Research Policy Journal* 38, 2009: 1388-1395. (with Justin Yifu Lin and Yingyi Tsai).

Book chapters and books

- “Did post-enlargement labor mobility help the EU to adjust during the Great Recession? The case of Slovakia”. in Kahanec, M. and K.F. Zimmermann (Eds). *EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets*. Springer, (2014). (with Martin Kahanec) (Peer-reviewed)
- “European Union Expansion and Migration.” In: *Encyclopedia of Human Migration*, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.(2013). (with Martin Kahanec). (Also IZA Policy Paper no.36/2011) (Peer-reviewed)
- “Development and labor migration in Central and Eastern Europe: Comparative study of the Czech Republic and Slovakia”, In Gortazar, C. et al. (eds), *European Migration and Asylum Policies: Coherence or Contradiction*, Bruylant (2012). (Peer-reviewed)

Revolutions and Their Socio-economic Impact: Bulgaria and Slovakia in Comparative Perspective. LAP Lambert Academic Publishing AG & Co KG, 72 pp. 2009. (Based on MA thesis.)

“Foreign Direct Investment in Slovakia – Economic Security Perspective,” In: Panorama of Global Security Environment 2006–2007, Ministry of Defense of the Slovak Republic, 2007. (with Peter Kolesar).

Working papers

- „From benefits to brooms. Case studies report on the implementation of active labour market policies for Roma at local level.” NEUJOBS Working Paper No. 19.3. December 2013. (with co-authors)
- “Active labor market policies with an impact potential on Roma employment in five countries of the EU”. NEUJOBS Working Paper No. 19.2. June 2013. (with co-authors)
- “Being and becoming low-skilled. Comprehensive approach to studying low-skillness”, NEUJOBS Working Paper no. 4.3.1, July 2012. (with Corina Haita and Miroslav Beblavy)
- “Linking labor regime and technological innovation in East-Central Europe: the case of automotive and software industries”, NEUJOBS Working Paper no. 6.2., July 2012. (with Miroslav Beblavy, Martin Myant, Jan Drahekoupil and Stefan Domonkos)
- “Qualifications or soft skills? Studying demand for low-skilled from job advertisements”, NEUJOBS Working Paper no. 4.3.3., July 2012. (with Corina Haita and Miroslav Beblavy)
- “The effects of structural factors on migration in the origin countries: the case of Central and Eastern Europe”, Oxford: IMI Working Paper no. 45 (DEMIG Working paper no. 8), 2011.
- “Theories of migration: critical review in the context of the EU East-West flows”. CARIM AS Best Participant Essays Series 2010/44, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole: EUI, 2010.

Reports and policy documents

- “Implementation of activation works in Slovakia. Evaluation and Recommendations for Policy Change. Final Report.” Bratislava. Slovak Governance Institute. 2013. (with Andrej Salner and Michaela Farenzenova)
- “Labour Migration from EaP Countries to the EU - Assessment of Costs and Benefits and Proposals for Better Labour Market Matching“. EuropeAid/130215/C/SER/Multi Project Report, 2013 (with Martin Kahanec, Klaus F. Zimmermann, Contanza Biavaschi).
- „Migration from the Eastern Partnership Countries to the European Union - Options for a Better Future. EuropeAid/130215/C/SER/Multi Final Report, 2013 (with Luca Barbone, Martin Kahanec, Klaus F. Zimmermann).
- „Activating benefit in material need recipients in the Slovak Republic“. CELSI Research Report no.3, May 2013 (with Nicola Duell).
- “E-zručnosti pre zamestnateľnosť žien. Záverečná správa z implementácie výskumného a terénneho projektu.” Bratislava: Slovak Governance Institute, 2012. (in Slovak, with Mária Bulková and Monika Borovanová).
- “Assessment Report of the National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic on Increasing Academic Mobility”. Prepared for the Slovak Academic and Information Agency (SAIA). November 2010. (In Slovak).
- “Report on the State of Business Environment in Slovakia 2010; Sections: Human capital: Employment and Labor Force; Human capital: Education System”. (In Slovak: Správa o stave podnikateľského prostredia 2010: Časť: Ľudský kapitál: Zamestnanosť a pracovná sila; Ľudský kapitál: Školstvo.) Business Alliance of Slovakia and Trend Analyses. August 2010.
- “Varieties of Capitalism and Economic Governance in Central Europe”. New Modes of Governance/STACEE, EC Framework 6 Report. August 2008. (with Bob Hancké).
- “The Automotive Industry in Slovakia: Recent Developments and Impact on Growth,” Commission for Growth and Development. World Bank, 2008. (with Malgorzata Jakubiak, Peter Kolesár and Ivailo Izvorski).
- “Enhancing the Employment Chances of Roma.” Knowledge Brief. World Bank. Europe and Central Asia. March 2009. Volume 2. (with Christian Bodewig).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED (SELECTED)

11/2013	Concept and practice of activation in social inclusion of Roma, Bratislava, UNDP and Institute for work and family, invited lecture
10/2013	ICMPD: Prague Process Targeted Initiative Contact Points' Meeting, invited lecture
10/2013	CEDEFOP: Methodological Debate: Online Data and Skills Analysis, invited lecture
2013-02/2014	Bertlesmann Stiftung Advisory Committee member: Harnessing European Labor Mobility, invited member of Advisory Committee
06/2013	1 st International Conference in Public Policy, Grenoble, France
05/2013	International Migration Institute, Oxford University, invited lecture
04/2013	BASEES Conference, University of Cambridge
10/2012	5th IZA/CEUR Workshop on EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets: Migration, Crisis and Adjustment in an Enlarged E(M)U II
09/2012	UACES, Passau, Germany
06/2012	Bratislava Economic Meeting, Slovakia
03/2012	Conference of Europeanist, Boston, USA
09/2011	European Science Foundation Strategic Workshop, International Migration Institute, Oxford University: New approaches for researching the determinants of migration processes
06/2011	St. Hilda's College, University of Oxford: DEMIG Seminar
04/2011	UCL, London: Norface Migration Conference
09/2010	Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid: Scribani International Conference 2010
03/2010	University of Warwick, UK: Industrial Relations Research Unit Seminar
06/2008	Harvard University, Boston: Society for Comparative Research Graduate Retreat
07/2008	LSE, London: Managing Migration: The Neglected Face of Globalisation

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2012	Nominated for the ECPR Blondel Best Dissertation Prize
2011	Best dissertation award, 2 nd place
2010	Best summer school participant essay: CARIM Summer School in Migration and Development, RSCAS, EUI
2006 - 2009	Full scholarship from CEU for doctoral studies
2005 - 2006	Partial scholarship from CEU for MA studies
2005	Rector's prize to the best student graduating from Matej Bel University, Slovakia
2004	SAIA intergovernmental scholarship for semester exchange at Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

GRANTS

2013	EU grant: STYLE FP7 consortium, SGI budget: €139,620
2012	OSI Grant: Evaluation of activation works, budget: €17,000 (with A.Salner)
2012	OSI Think Tank Fund grant, intern costs: \$7 000,00 (with C.Kostal and A.Salner)
2011	Government Office, co-financing for E-skills project: €3,978 (with M.Bulkova and C.Kostal)
2010	CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant: €4,000
2008-2009	Funding for Political Economy Research Group: annually €4,680
2006 - 2011	Multiple scholarships and travel grants to participate at conferences, workshops and summer schools

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native	Slovak
Fluent	English, Czech
Good	Spanish, Russian, German

OTHER SKILLS

Statistical skills	SPSS, STATA
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