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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