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Personal Information

Born: October 1st, 1983, Belgrade, Serbia.
Citizenship: Serbia.

Specialties

Econometrics, international finance, monetary economics, public sector economics, and economics of transition.

Current Position

July 2013 *Senior Research Associate* at the **Governance Monitoring Association**, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Previous Experience

2008 – 2013 *Head of macroeconomic modeling and forecast* at the **ekonomija.org**, Belgrade, Serbia.

2011 – 2012 *Consultant* for development of forecasting models at the Office of Chief Economist, **Banca Intesa Beograd**, Belgrade, Serbia.

2009 – 2011 *Visiting professor* at the **Faculty of International Economics**, Megatrend University, Belgrade, Serbia.

Undergraduate courses: Public Finance and Econometrics.
Graduate course: Econometrics.

2009 – 2011 *Assistant professor* at the **Faculty of State Administration – Belgrade**, Megatrend University, Belgrade, Serbia.

Undergraduate course: Public Finance.

Graduate courses: Public finance and Budgeting and International Financial Institutions.

Master theses supervision: Branko Milosavljević, Veljko Gladović (chair), Snežana Ilić (chair).

- 2008 *Senior Economist* at the Monetary Policy and Strategy Division, Economic Analyses and Research Department, **National Bank of Serbia**, Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2007 *Research Associate* at the **Fiscal Research Center**, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2004 - 2006 **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, Georgia.
Teaching Assistant at the Department of Economics for the following courses: Financial Econometrics (PhD course), Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate course), International Finance (undergraduate course).
Research Assistant to Prof. Neven Valev, Prof. Yuriy Kitsul, and Prof. Inas Rashad.
- 2002 - 2003 **San José State University**, San Jose, California.
Teaching Assistant at the Department of Economics lab for undergraduate courses.
Research Assistant to Prof. J.M. Pogodzinski at the *California Agriculture Team* and *Processed Food Institute*.

Education

- 2004–2007 **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, Georgia
Ph.D. in Economics (October 2007)
Dissertation title: “Financial Intermediation and Economic Growth: Bank Credit Maturity and its Determinants.”
Dissertation committee: Neven T. Valev (chair), Shiferaw Gurmu, Vassil T. Mihov (Texas Christian University), Felix K. Rioja, and Sally Wallace.
- M.A. in Economics* (May 2006)
Thesis paper: “Food Price Convergence and Trade in the Balkans.”
Advisor: Neven T. Valev.
- 2002–2004 **San José State University**, San Jose, California
B.S. in Economics, cum laude (May 2004).
- 2002 **Monterey Peninsula College**, Monterey, California

Working Papers

“The Determinants of Long-Term Credit across Countries,” (with Neven Valev) revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*.

“Fear of Commitment: Weak Institutions and the Prevalence of Short-term International Capital,” (with Neven Valev and Tamara Bašić Vasiljev) under review.

“Domestic Finance, External Finance, and Growth,” (with Neven Valev).

“Funding for the Long Run: Liquidity Transformation, Cost of Banking, and Economic Growth,” (with Neven Valev).

“Political Determination of Intergovernmental Transfers: Evidence from a Transition Country,” revise and resubmit at the *European Journal of Comparative Economics*.

“Let’s Tax the Monopoly.”

Publications in English

“The Provision of Long-term Financing in the Transition Economies,” (with Neven Valev) *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Jun 2010, 38 (2): 160-172.

“Food Price Convergence and Trade in the Balkans,” *Eastern European Economics*, March-April 2007, 45(2): 6-22.

Publications in Serbian

“Dinar, Balkanico or Euro: VAR Analysis of Optimum Currency Area,” (with Vladimir Vučković) *Proceedings: 7th International Scientific Conference Dealing with the Global Economic Crisis by Companies and Economies*, November 2009: 345-356.

“Adjustment of Serbian Prices – effects of import prices and the exchange rate,” *Market, Money, Capital*, 2009, 42 (3): 67-77.

“Monetary Policy and Economic Recovery,” (with Boško Živković and Miroslav Zdravković) chapter in a book *Banks, Capital Market, Insurance and Leasing Companies*, Economist: Belgrade, 2009.

“Monetary Integration in the Region: Mission Impossible and/or Unwanted?” (with Vladimir Vučković) *Challenges of European Integration*, 2009, 6: 4-12.

“Perspectives of Monetary Cooperation in Southeast Europe: Common Currency, Fixed Exchange Rate or Status Quo,” (with Vladimir Vučković) *Market, Money, Capital*, 2009, 42 (2): 31-43.

“Maturity Structure of Cross-border Credit in Transition Countries,” (with Vladimir Vučković) *Business Policy*, 2009, 38 (5-6): 17-20.

“Efficiency of Reserve Requirements as a Monetary Policy Instrument,” (with Mirjana Palić) *Banking*, 2008, 37(7-8): 28-41.

“Long-Run Exchange Rate Sensitivity of Serbian Trade Flows,” (with Miroslav Zdravković) *NBS Working Paper Series*, no. 16, 2008. Also published in *Macroeconomic analyses and trends*.

“Interest Rate Transmission in a Dollarized Economy: the Case of Serbia,” (with Milan Aleksić, Ljiljana Đurđević, and Mirjana Palić) *NBS Working Paper Series*, no. 15, 2008.

“Pass-Through of Exchange Rate to Prices in Serbia: 2001-2007,” *NBS Working Paper Series*, no. 11, 2008.

Reports and non-refereed publications

Contributions to ekonomija.org *Forecast Reports*.

Contributions to various issues of the *Inflation Report* and *Financial Stability Report* of the National Bank of Serbia.

“Consumption Dynamics in Serbia: What Causes and What Reduces Poverty?” (with Milan Aleksić) February 2009.

“Revenue Sources of State and Local Governments,” *Fiscal Research Center Report*, No. 165, September 2007.

“Economic Impact of the Commercial Music Industry in Atlanta and the State of Georgia: New Estimates,” (with Sally Wallace) *Fiscal Research Center Report*, No. 159, July 2007.

“Forecasting Pre-K Enrollment in Georgia Counties,” (with Sally Wallace) *Fiscal Research Center Report*, No. 152, April 2007.

Scholarships, Grants, and Fellowships

Grant by the Government of Serbia to investigate consumption and poverty dynamics looking at census data (2008-2009).

Doctoral Assistantship awarded by the Department of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University (2004-2006).

Summer School of Economic Policy, G17 Institute (2003).

Scholarship awarded by GTZ GmbH (2003).

Skills

Proficiency in econometrics (including panel data models, time series / financial econometrics, forecasting, and spatial econometrics models) and general equilibrium modeling.

Extensive knowledge of Matlab, Stata, Ox, Eviews and gretl. Working knowledge of R, S, Mathematica, SAS, SPSS, and Gauss.

Other programming languages: Perl, Java, SQL, HTML, and PHP.

Referee

Emerging Markets Finance and Trade

Professional Affiliation

The Econometric Society

Languages

Serbian (native), English (fluent), and French (basic knowledge)

References

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