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Fields of interest / Područje interesa

income redistribution; taxes and social benefits; microsimulation

/ preraspodjela dohotka; porezi i socijalne naknade; mikrosimulacije

Affiliation / Radno mjesto

Researcher at Institute of Public Finance / Znanstveni suradnik u Institutu za javne financije

Academic education / Akademsko obrazovanje

- 2010 Ph.D., Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana
/ doktorirao na Ekonomskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Ljubljani
- 2006 M.Sc., Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb
/ magistrirao na Ekonomskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu
- 2002 B.A., Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb
/ diplomirao na Ekonomskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu

Professional education / Stručno obrazovanje

- 2016 Utrecht Summer School course: 'Applied Multivariate Analysis'
- 2009 Frontiers of Economic Inequality, University of Verona
- 2007 40th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection: Multi-Country Tax-Benefit Microsimulation using EUROMOD, University of Essex
- 2004 Reform of Personal Income Taxation, Center of Excellence in Finance, Ljubljana
- 2003 Financial Programming and Policies, Center of Excellence in Finance, Ljubljana
- 2003 Government Finance Statistics, Center of Excellence in Finance, Ljubljana

Research projects / Istraživački projekti

Current research / Aktualna istraživanja

- 2013- Euromod Croatia / Euromod Hrvatska (Institute for Social & Economic Research)
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Finished research / Dovršena istraživanja

- 2018 Application of Microsimulation Models in the Analysis of Taxes and Social Benefits in Croatia / Primjena mikrosimulacijskih modela u analizi poreza i socijalnih naknada u Hrvatskoj (Hrvatska zaklada za znanost) (09/2015 - 12/2018) [link-EN](#) [link-HR](#)
- 2015 Open Budget Survey / Istraživanje otvorenosti proračuna (International Budget Partnership) (2006-2015)
- 2014 Synergistic social system / Sinergijski socijalni sustav (Ministarstvo socijalne politike i mladih)
- 2014 Analysis of the effects of changes in the provisions of the Law on Value Added Tax concerning the assessment and time of payment of VAT for small businesses / Analiza učinaka izmjene odredbi Zakona o porezu na dodanu vrijednost o nastanku obveze obračuna i vremenu plaćanja PDV-a malih poduzetnika (Ministarstvo poduzetništva i obrta)

- 2014 Convergence or divergence of social policy: the comparison of EU and Croatia / Konvergencija ili divergencija socijalne politike: usporedba EU i Hrvatske (Ministarstvo znanosti, obrazovanja i sporta)
- 2011 Financing sport activities in Croatia / Financiranje sporta u Republici Hrvatskoj (Ministarstvo znanosti, obrazovanja i sporta RH)
- 2011 Croatian public pension system and income redistribution / Mirovinski sustav i preraspodjela dohotka (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung)
- 2011 The analysis of Croatian pension system / Analiza mirovinskog sustava (Obvezni mirovinski fondovi, Hrvatska udruga poslodavaca, i dr.)
- 2010 Measuring Local Governments' Transparency and Accountability: The Croatian Open Local Budget Index / Indeks otvorenosti proračuna 33 hrvatska grada (International Budget Partnership)
- 2009 Decomposing redistributive effect and reranking to reveal contributions of taxes and benefits (The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies)
- 2009 PROGRESS - Partnerstvo za socijalnu uključenost
- 2008 Croatian households' debt: current situation, problems and measures / Zaduženost građana Hrvatske: stanje, problemi i mjere (Ministarstvo rada i socijalne skrbi)
- 2008 The financing of tertiary level education costs of courses and tuition at Croatian tertiary level institutions / Financiranje visokih učilišta: troškovi studija i školarine na hrvatskim visokim učilištima (Agencija za znanost i visoko obrazovanje)
- 2007 Analysis of the effects of a change in the threshold for VAT registration / Analiza učinaka promjene visine praga za ulazak u sustav poreza na dodanu vrijednost (Ministarstvo financija – Porezna uprava)
- 2007 Does work pay in Croatia? / Isplativost rada u Hrvatskoj (Ministarstvo financija)
- 2006 Analysis of the effects of abolishing the zero rate of VAT / Analiza učinaka ukidanja nulte stope PDV-a (Ministarstvo financija – Porezna uprava)
- 2005 The Redistributive Effects of Personal Income Tax in Croatia / Redistributivni učinci poreza na dohodak u Hrvatskoj (Ministarstvo financija)
- 2005 Tax Expenditures in Croatia / Porezni izdaci u Hrvatskoj (Ministarstvo financija)
- 2003 Monetary Measures of the Growth of Underground (Unrecorded) Economies in Twenty Five Transition Countries during the Decade of Transition: Causes, Consequences and Implications for Economic Performance, Public Policy and the Effects of Governance (William Davidson Institute)
- 2002 A Decade of Transition: A Reexamination of Performance and Public Policy Bases on Total Economic Activity (William Davidson Institute)

Presentations / Presentacije

- 2017 XXIX Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Public Economics, Catania
- 2017 Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation, Zagreb

- 2016 EUROMOD conference & 2016 annual project meeting, University of Essex
- 2015 6th meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Luxembourg
- 2013 EUROMOD Annual Meeting and Research Workshop, Lisboa
- 2012 2nd Microsimulation research workshop, Bucharest
- 2012 11th journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Marseille
- 2011 4th meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Catania
- 2008 The Fourteenth Dubrovnik Economic Conference, Dubrovnik
- 2007 2nd meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)“, Berlin
- 2007 Znamo li dovoljno o državnim financijama? Predstavljanje međunarodnog indeksa otvorenosti proračuna (round table on Open Budget Index and results for Croatia), Zagreb
- 2006 International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Applications, Athens
- 2005 98th Annual Conference on Taxation, Miami
- 2004 Siromaštvo i mogućnosti njegovog ublažavanja u Hrvatskoj (round table on poverty alleviation in Croatia), Zagreb

Invited lectures / Predavanja na poziv

- 2018 Prva EIZ mini radionica, Ekonomski institut Zagreb
- 2015 OFS Seminar at Statistics Norway

Conference committee membership / Članstvo u odborima za konferencije

- 2017 Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation, Zagreb (conference: organiser / konferencija: organizator)
- 2016 Reforme socijalnih naknada i poreza: austrijska i slovenska iskustva u primjeni mikrosimulacijskih modela (round table: organiser / okrugli stol: organizator)
- 2016 Application of Microsimulation Models in the Analysis of Taxes and Social Benefits in Croatia (round table: organiser / okrugli stol: organizator)
- 2016 Public Sector Economics, Zagreb (conference: program committee member / konferencija: član programskog odbora)
- 2014 Tax Reforms: Experiences and Perspectives, Zagreb (conference: program committee member / konferencija: član programskog odbora)
- 2010 Izvori podataka za mikrosimulacije poreza i socijalnih naknada, Zagreb (round table: organiser / okrugli stol: organizator)
- 2008 Welfare State Performance and Design, Zagreb (conference: organiser / konferencija: organizator)

Peer reviews in academic journals / Recenzije u akademskim časopisima

Bulletin of Economic Research, Contemporary Economic Policy, Eastern European Economics, Ekonomska istraživanja, Ekonomski pregled, Ensayos Revista de Economía, Financial Theory and Practice, Finanzarchiv / Public Finance Analysis, Informatica, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Public Finance Review, Public Sector Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Indicators Research

Teaching / Nastava

2013-2018 Teacher assistant: “Public sector economics”, at the Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics / naslovni asistent: “Ekonomika javnog sektora”, Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet, Matematički odsjek

Appointments and participation / Imenovanja i sudjelovanja

2014-2017 Member of the working group for the review of the Croatian system of social benefits / član Radne skupine za izradu Revizije sustava socijalnih naknada u RH

2016, 2018 Member of the working group for the review of the Croatian tax system / član Stručne radne skupine za reviziju poreznog sustava i izradu novih zakonodavnih rješenja u poreznom sustavu RH

Papers / Radovi

Articles in academic journals / Radovi u akademskim časopisima

1. Urban, Ivica; Pezer, Martina (2019). Compensation for households with children in Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. *Social Indicators Research*, 1-33. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-019-02150-8>
2. Urban, Ivica; Čok, Mitja; Verbič, Miroslav (2019). The burden of labour taxation in Croatia, Slovenia and Slovakia in the period 2011-2017. *Economic Research-Ekonomska Istraživanja*, 32(1), 1430-1456. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1331677X.2019.1638291>
3. Urban, Ivica (2019). Measuring redistributive effects of taxes and benefits: beyond the proportionality standard. *FinanzArchiv / Public Finance Analysis*, 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.1628/fa-2019-0008>
4. Urban, Ivica; Pezer, Martina (2018). Microsimulation of Child Benefits: A Review of Studies. *International Journal of Microsimulation*, 11 (3), 134-169. [link](#)
5. Urban, Ivica (2017). Guest editor's introduction: Introduction to the special issue on Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation. *Public Sector Economics*, 41 (3), 295-297. <https://doi.org/10.3326/pse.41.3.1>
6. Urban, Ivica (2016). Tax wedge on labour income in Croatia and the European Union. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 40 (2), 157-168. <https://doi.org/10.3326/fintp.40.2.1>
7. Bezeredi, Slavko; Urban, Ivica (2016). Predicting gross wages of non-employed persons in Croatia. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 40 (1), 1-61. <https://doi.org/10.3326/fintp.40.1.1>
[na hrvatskom: Predviđanje bruto plaća za osobe izvan rada u Hrvatskoj. *Odabrani prijevodi* (Institut za javne financije), 33, 2016. [link](#)]
8. Urban, Ivica (2016). Impact of taxes and benefits on inequality among groups of income units. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 62 (1), 120-144. <https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12158>
9. Urban, Ivica (2014). Contributions of taxes and benefits to vertical and horizontal effects. *Social Choice and Welfare*, 42 (3), 619-645. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00355-013-0747-x>
10. Čok, Mitja; Urban, Ivica; Verbič, Miroslav (2013). Income Redistribution through Taxes and Social Benefits: The Case of Slovenia and Croatia. *Panoeconomicus*, 60 (5), 667-686. <https://doi.org/10.2298/PAN1305667C>
11. Urban, Ivica (2013). Implementation Issues in the Duclos-Jalbert-Araar Decomposition of Redistributive Effect. *Public Finance Review*, 41 (1), 121-143. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1091142112452777>
12. Bronić, Mihaela; Ott, Katarina; Urban, Ivica (2012). Local budget transparency: the case of 33 Croatian cities. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 36 (4), 355-371. <https://doi.org/10.3326/fintp.2012.36.4.2>
[na hrvatskom: Transparentnost lokalnih proračuna na primjeru 33 hrvatska grada. *Odabrani prijevodi* (Institut za javne financije), 13, 1-16. [link](#)]
13. Lambert, Peter J.; Urban, Ivica (2010). Miodrag Tomić's 1949 article on inequalities. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 8(1), 121-122. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-009-9119-2>

14. Urban, Ivica (2008). Income Redistribution in Croatia: The Role of Individual Taxes and Social Transfers. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 32 (3), 387-403. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Preraspodjela dohotka u Hrvatskoj: uloga izravnih poreza i socijalnih transfera, *Financijska teorija i praksa*, 32 (3), 391-408. [link](#)]
15. Feige, Edgar L.; Urban, Ivica (2008). Defining and Measuring Underground (Unobserved, Non-Observed, Unrecorded) Economies in Transition Countries. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 36 (2), 287-306. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2008.02.003>
16. Urban, Ivica; Lambert, Peter J. (2008). Redistribution, horizontal inequity and reranking: how to measure them properly. *Public Finance Review*, 36 (5), 563-587. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1091142107308295>
17. Čok, Mitja; Urban, Ivica (2008). Distribution of income and taxes in Slovenia and Croatia. *Post-Communist Economies*, 19 (3), 299-316. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14631370701503406>
18. Urban, Ivica (2006). Progressivity of personal income tax in Croatia: Decomposition of tax base and rate effects. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 30 (3), 207-231. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Progresivnost poreza na dohodak u Hrvatskoj: dekompozicija učinaka osnovice i poreznih stopa. *Financijska teorija i praksa*, 30 (3), 205-230. [link](#)]
19. Bratić, Vjekoslav; Urban, Ivica (2006). Tax Expenditures in Croatia. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 30 (2), 129-195. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Porezni izdaci u Hrvatskoj. *Financijska teorija i praksa*, 30 (2), 129-194. [link](#)]

Theses / Disertacije

1. Urban, Ivica. Redistributive effects of direct taxes and social benefits in Croatia (doctoral dissertation). Ljubljana: Faculty of Economics, May 24, 2010. [link](#)
2. Urban, Ivica. Dekompozicija indeksa progresivnosti poreza na dohodak u Hrvatskoj (master thesis). Zagreb: Faculty of Economics, May 12, 2006.

Book chapters and conference proceedings papers / Poglavlja u knjigama i radovi u zbornicima skupova

1. Urban, Ivica (2012). Porez na dohodak, doplatak za djecu i pomoć za uzdržavanje: vertikalni i horizontalni učinci preraspodjele dohotka, u: Bratić, Vjekoslav; Fabris, Martina (ur.). *Skrivena javna potrošnja: sadašnjost i budućnost poreznih izdataka*, Zagreb: Institut za javne financije, 33-41. [link](#)

Expert books and studies / Stručne knjige i studije

1. Šućur, Zoran; Babić, Zdenko; Urban, Ivica; Baran, Jelena (2016). *Struktura naknada, izdaci i korisnici programa socijalne zaštite u Republici Hrvatskoj*. Zagreb: Ministarstvo socijalne politike i mladih. [link](#)
2. Bejaković, Predrag; Urban, Ivica; Sopek, Petar, Škoc, Ivan (2013). *Studija isplativosti profesionalne rehabilitacije u Republici Hrvatskoj*. Zagreb: Fond za profesionalnu rehabilitaciju i zapošljavanje osoba s invaliditetom. [link](#)

- Ott, Katarina; Bajo, Anto; Pitarević Bronić, Mihaela; Bratić, Vjekoslav; Urban, Ivica (2003). Proračunski vodič za građane. Zagreb: Institut za javne financije. [link](#)

Translations / Prijevodi

- “Gaussov stav o težištu i njegova primena” (original) by Miodrag Tomić (author). Translated in English as “Gauss’ theorem concerning the center of gravity and its application” by Ivica Urban. Published in *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 8 (1), 123-132, 2009. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-009-9120-9>
- “Power and Market” (original) by Murray N. Rothbard (author). Translated in Croatian as “Moć i tržište” by Predrag Bejaković and Ivica Urban. Published by Institut za javne financije, 2007.
- “Bureaucracy” (original) by Ludwig von Mises. Translated in Croatian as “Birokracija” by Ivica Urban, Predrag Bejaković and Nevenka Čučković. Published by Institut za javne financije, 2005.

Book reviews / Prikazi knjiga

- „Activity, Incomes and Social Welfare: A Comparison Across Four New EU Member States“ by Manuela Sofia Stănulescu and Tine Stanovnik (editors). Review by Ivica Urban. Published in *Financial Theory and Practice*, 33 (4), 2009, 485-488. [link](#)
[*Financijska teorija i praksa*, 33 (4), 2009, 499-502. [link](#)]

Expert and popular papers / Stručni i popularni radovi

- Urban, Ivica; Bezeredi, Slavko; Pezer, Martina (2018). Application of microsimulation models in the analysis of taxes and social benefits in Croatia: project results. Zagreb: Institute of Public Finance. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.29505.40803>
[na hrvatskom: Primjena mikrosimulacijskih modela u analizi poreza i socijalnih naknada u Hrvatskoj: rezultati projekta. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.25830.47683>]
- Urban, I., Bezeredi, S., Pezer, M. (2018). miCROmodA report 2014-2018. Zagreb: Institute of Public Finance. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.16990.69448>
- Pezer, Martina; Urban, Ivica (2017). An Overview of Social Protection Benefits in Croatia. *Press releases*, 92. <https://doi.org/10.3326/pr.2017.92>
[na hrvatskom: Pregled naknada socijalne zaštite u Hrvatskoj, *Aktualni osvrti*, 92. <https://doi.org/10.3326/ao.2017.92>]
- Urban, Ivica (2016). Application of microsimulation models in the analysis of taxes and social benefits in Croatia. *Newsletter*, 104. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Primjena mikrosimulacijskih modela u analizi poreza i socijalnih naknada u Hrvatskoj, *Newsletter 104*. [link](#)]
- Urban, Ivica; Bezeredi Slavko (2014). The impact of changes in the Personal Income Tax Act on the average tax rate. *Press releases*, 71. [link](#)

- [na hrvatskom: Promjene u Zakonu o porezu na dohodak: utjecaj na prosječnu poreznu stopu. *Aktualni osvrti*, 71. [link](#)]
6. Urban, Ivica (2014). Supports for households with children. *Newsletter*, 88. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Potpore za kućanstva s djecom. *Newsletter*, 88. [link](#)]
 7. Bronić, Mihaela; Urban, Ivica (2013). Croatia's Open Budget Index 2012 score - a slight improvement in the quality and comprehensiveness of budget information. *Press releases*, 47. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Indeks otvorenosti proračuna 2012. za Hrvatsku – blago poboljšanje u kvaliteti i opsežnosti proračunskih informacija. *Aktualni osvrti*, 47. [link](#)]
 8. Bejaković, Predrag; Urban, Ivica; Bezeredi, Slavko; Matejina, Ana (2012). Kako rad u Hrvatskoj učiniti isplativim? *Radno pravo*, 9 (2), 19-28.
 9. Bejaković, Predrag; Urban, Ivica; Bezeredi, Slavko; Matejina, Ana (2012). Isplati li se raditi u Hrvatskoj? *Revija za socijalnu politiku*, 19 (1), 82-92. <https://doi.org/10.3935/rsp.v19i1.1054>
 10. Urban, Ivica (2011). Distribution of tax burden in Croatia. *Newsletter*, 58. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Raspodjela poreznog opterećenja u Hrvatskoj. *Newsletter*, 58. [link](#)]
 11. Bađun, Marijana; Urban, Ivica (2010). Croatia's score on Open Budget Index 2010. *Press releases*, 26. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Indeks otvorenosti hrvatskog proračuna 2010. *Aktualni osvrti*, 26. [link](#)]
 12. Urban, Ivica (2009). Some Characteristics of the “Boat Tax” in Croatia. *Newsletter*, 45. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Neka obilježja “poreza na barke”. *Newsletter*, 45. [link](#)]
 13. Urban, Ivica (2009). Some Characteristics of the “Crisis Tax”. *Press releases*, 11. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Neka obilježja “kriznog poreza”. *Aktualni osvrti*, 11. [link](#)]
 14. Urban, Ivica (2009). The tax burden on labour in Croatia. *Newsletter*, 47. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Porezno opterećenje rada u Hrvatskoj. *Newsletter*, 47. [link](#)]
 15. Urban, Ivica; Bađun, Marijana (2009). Open Budget Index 2008 - Small Advances Made in the Accessibility of Information about Croatian Public Finance. *Press releases*, 8. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Indeks otvorenosti proračuna 2008. - mali pomaci u dostupnosti podataka o hrvatskim državnim financijama. *Aktualni osvrti*, 8. [link](#)]
 16. Urban, Ivica (2008). A Critique of Proposed Changes to Croatia’s Personal Income Tax. *Tax Notes International*, 51(7), p. 585.
 17. Urban, Ivica (2008). The Impact of Proposed Changes in Personal Income Tax on the Living Standards of Citizens in Croatia. *Press releases*, 2. [link](#)
[na hrvatskom: Učinci predloženih promjena u porezu na dohodak na životni standard građana. *Aktualni osvrti*, 2. [link](#)]
 18. Urban, Ivica (2006). A single rate of personal income tax: the impact on the distribution of the tax burden. *Newsletter*, 24. [link](#)

[na hrvatskom: Jedna stopa unutar poreza na dohodak: utjecaj na raspodjelu poreznog tereta. *Newsletter*, 24. [link](#)]

19. Urban, Ivica (2006). What makes the personal income tax in Croatia progressive? *Newsletter*, 23. [link](#)

[na hrvatskom: Što porez na dohodak u Hrvatskoj čini progresivnim? *Newsletter*, 23. [link](#)]

20. Urban, Ivica (2005). The New Income Tax Law: Its Impact on the Distribution of the Tax Burden. *Newsletter*, 18. [link](#)

[na hrvatskom: Novi Zakon o porezu na dohodak: utjecaj na raspodjelu poreznog tereta. *Newsletter*, 18. [link](#)]

Working papers and manuscripts / Radovi u nastajanju

1. Urban, Ivica (2019). Gini decomposition by income sources: generalisation for different inequality views. Zagreb: Institute of Public Finance. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.10128.05126>
2. Pezer, Martina; Urban, Ivica; Leventi, Chrysa (2018). Local social benefits in Croatia: how much do they address the risks and needs of families with children? Zagreb: Institute of Public Finance.
3. Urban, Ivica (2017). Measuring income redistribution: beyond the proportionality standard. *EUROMOD Working Paper EM1/17*. Institute for Social and Economic Research. [link](#)
4. Urban, Ivica (2009). Indices of redistributive effect and reranking: reinterpretation. *ECINEQ Working Paper 2009-147*. [link](#)
5. Urban, Ivica (2009). Kakwani decomposition of redistributive effect: origins, critics and upgrades. *ECINEQ Working Paper 2009-148*. [link](#)