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Fields of interest

Fiscal system and income redistribution

Present position

Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

Academic education

2010 Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana - PhD
2006 Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb - M.A.
2002 Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb - B.A.

Professional education

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

Languages

Croatian – native speaker
English

Research projects

- 2010 Measuring Local Governments' Transparency and Accountability: The Croatian Open Local Budget Index
- 2009 Decomposing redistributive effect and reranking to reveal contributions of taxes and benefits
- 2008 The financing of tertiary level education costs of courses and tuition at Croatian tertiary level institutions
- 2007 Analysis of the effects of a change in the threshold for VAT registration
- 2007 Does work pay in Croatia?
- 2006 Analysis of the effects of abolishing the zero rate of VAT
- 2005 The Redistributive Effects of Personal Income Tax in Croatia
- 2005 Tax Expenditures in Croatia
- 2005- Open Budget Survey
- 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
- 2002 A Decade of Transition: A Reexamination of Performance and Public Policy Bases on Total Economic Activity

Conferences - presentations

- 2010 „Izvori podataka za mikrosimulacije poreza i socijalnih naknada“ (round table on microsimulation of taxes and benefits), Zagreb
- 2008 „The Fourteenth Dubrovnik Economic Conference“, Dubrovnik
- 2008 Conference „Welfare State Performance and Design“, Zagreb
- 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 „3rd Mises Seminar“, Sestri Levante,
- 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

Research

Journal articles

1. Urban, Ivica. Income Redistribution in Croatia: The Role of Individual Taxes and Social Transfers. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 32 (3), 2008, 387-403
[in Croatian: Preraspodjela dohotka u Hrvatskoj: uloga izravnih poreza i socijalnih transfera, *Financijska teorija i praksa*, 32 (3), 2008, 391-408]
2. Feige, Edgar L.; Urban, Ivica. Defining and Measuring Underground (Unobserved, Non-Observed, Unrecorded) Economies in Transition Countries. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 36 (2), 2008, 287-306
3. Urban, Ivica; Lambert, Peter J. Redistribution, horizontal inequity and reranking: how to measure them properly. *Public Finance Review*, 36 (5), 2008, 563-587
4. Čok, Mitja; Urban, Ivica. Distribution of income and taxes in Slovenia and Croatia. *Post-Communist Economies*, 19 (3), 2007, 299-316.
5. Urban, Ivica. Progressivity of personal income tax in Croatia: Decomposition of tax base and rate effects. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 30 (3), 2006, 207-231.
[in Croatian: Progresivnost poreza na dohodak u Hrvatskoj: dekompozicija učinaka osnovice i poreznih stopa. *Financijska teorija i praksa*, 30 (3), 2006, 205-230.]
6. Bratić, Vjekoslav; Urban, Ivica. Tax Expenditures in Croatia. *Financial Theory and Practice*, 30 (2), 2006, 129-195.
[in Croatian: Porezni izdaci u Hrvatskoj. *Financijska teorija i praksa*, 30 (2), 2006, 129-194.]

Working papers

1. Urban, Ivica. Duclos-Jalbert-Araar decomposition of redistributive effect: implementation issues. *MPRA Paper 28068*, University Library of Munich, Germany.
2. Urban, Ivica. Decompositions of redistributive effect: practitioners' support. *Manuscript*, 2010,
<http://www.ijf.hr/eng/employees/ivica/Papers/Kakwani-DJA-101202.pdf>
3. Urban, Ivica. Decomposing redistributive and reranking effects to reveal contributions of taxes and benefits. *Manuscript*, 2010,
<http://www.ijf.hr/eng/employees/ivica/Papers/Decompositions-PDF.pdf>
4. Urban, Ivica. Indices of redistributive effect and reranking: reinterpretation. *ECINEQ Working Paper* 2009-147.

5. Urban, Ivica. Kakwani decomposition of redistributive effect: origins, critics and upgrades. *ECINEQ Working Paper* 2009-148.
6. Urban, Ivica; Lambert, Peter J. Redistribution, horizontal inequity and reranking: how to measure them properly. *University of Oregon Economics Department Working Papers*, No. 2005-12.
7. Feige, Edgar L.; Urban, Ivica. Estimating the Size and Growth of Unrecorded Economic Activity in Transition Countries: A Re-evaluation of Electric Consumption Method Estimates and their Implications. *William Davidson Institute Working Papers Series*, 2003-636.

Theses

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

Other

(a) Popular (non-academic) articles

1. Some Characteristics of the "Boat Tax" in Croatia. *Newsletter*, Nr. 45, 2009. [in Croatian: Neka obilježja "poreza na barke". *Newsletter*, br. 45, 2009.]
2. Some Characteristics of the "Crisis Tax". *Press release*, Nr. 11, July 28, 2009. [in Croatian: Neka obilježja "kriznog poreza". *Aktualni osvrti*, br. 11, 28. srpnja, 2009.]
3. Open Budget Index 2008 - Small Advances Made in the Accessibility of Information about Croatian Public Finance. *Press release*, Nr. 8, Institute of Public Finance, February 1, 2009. [in Croatian: Indeks otvorenosti proračuna 2008. - mali pomaci u dostupnosti podataka o hrvatskim državnim financijama. *Aktualni osvrti*, br. 8, 1. veljače, 2009.]
4. A Critique of Proposed Changes to Croatia's Personal Income Tax. *Tax Notes International*, 51(7), August 18, 2008, p. 585.
5. The Impact of Proposed Changes in Personal Income Tax on the Living Standards of Citizens in Croatia. *Press release*, Nr. 2, June 9, 2008. [in Croatian: Učinci predloženih promjena u porezu na dohodak na životni standard građana. *Aktualni osvrti*, br. 2, 30. svibnja, 2008.]

6. A single rate of personal income tax: the impact on the distribution of the tax burden. *Newsletter*, Nr. 24, 2006.
[in Croatian: Jedna stopa unutar poreza na dohodak: utjecaj na raspodjelu poreznog tereta. *Newsletter*, 24, 2006]
7. What makes the personal income tax in Croatia progressive? *Newsletter*, Nr. 23, 2006.
[in Croatian: Što porez na dohodak u Hrvatskoj čini progresivnim? *Newsletter*, br. 23, 2006]
8. The New Income Tax Law: Its Impact on the Distribution of the Tax Burden. *Newsletter*, Nr. 18, 2005.
[in Croatian: Novi Zakon o porezu na dohodak: utjecaj na raspodjelu poreznog tereta. *Newsletter*, br. 18, 2005.]
9. Mogućnost izbora lošeg proizvoda nije mana, nego vrlina kapitalizma. *Lider*, 11.12.2009., str.36.

(b) Translations

1. Gauss' theorem concerning the center of gravity and its application / Miodrag Tomić (the original: Gaussov stav o težištu i njegova primena). *Journal of Economic Inequality*, September 2009. *Vidjeti i*: Peter J. Lambert; Ivica Urban. Miodrag Tomić's 1949 article on inequalities.
2. Moć i tržište / Murray N. Rothbard (the original: Power and Market, translated by Predrag Bejaković and Ivica Urban). Zagreb: Institut za javne financije, 2007.
3. Birokracija / Ludwig von Mises (the original: Bureaucracy, translated by Ivica Urban, Predrag Bejaković and Nevenka Čučković). Zagreb: Institut za javne financije, 2005.

(c) Book reviews

1. Activity, Incomes and Social Welfare: A Comparison Across Four New EU Member States / Manuela Sofia Stănulescu and Tine Stanovnik (eds.). *Financial Theory and Practice*, 33 (4), 2009, 485-488. [*Financijska teorija i praksa*, 33 (4), 2009, 499-502.]