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CONTACT

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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public sector economics; microsimulation of taxes and social benefits; economic analysis of family policies; poverty; income inequality

PRESENT POSITION

Research associate, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2020 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb – PhD
2012 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb – master's degree
2011 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb – bachelor's degree

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2016 Researcher, Institute of Public Finance
2013 – 2016 Senior Demand Planner (2013-2014 Demand Planner), Coca-Cola HBC
2013 Account Manager, NTH group

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ABROAD

2024/2025 Research stay at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg (November 2024 – November 2025)
2024 Barcelona Four Seasons School of Demography - Probabilities and Odds Ratios in Logistic Regression, Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED – Centre for Demographic Studies), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain (October)
2023 ISEG Summer school: Tax Policy Economics and Empirical methods for policy evaluation, Lisbon School of Economics and Management, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal (July)
2023 Research stay at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), Den Haag, Netherlands (February – March)
2023 Workshops within the SHARE project in Croatia – research on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, Zagreb
2022 Basics of Python, University Computing Centre, University of Zagreb, Zagreb (May)
2021 Virtual Summer Workshop on Inequality and Poverty Measurement, LIS, University of Luxembourg and Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), (July)
2021 Online EUROMOD summer school 'Advanced uses', Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex and Centre for Social Policy Herman Deleeck (CSB), University of Antwerp (May)

2020 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: Applying Regression, University of Essex, Colchester, UK (July)

2019 Reference Management Tools, University Computing Centre, University of Zagreb, Zagreb (February)

2018 Research stay at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, Colchester, UK (September - November)

2018 The Institute of Economics' Econometrics Workshop: Econometric evaluation of public policies, Institute of Economics, Zagreb (April)

2018 Illustrating Stata, TStat, Zagreb (February)

2017 Ljubljana Doctoral Summer School: Empirical Methods for Economic Analysis, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia (July)

2017 Labour Supply Modelling Based on the Theory of Discrete Choice, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb (May)

2017 The Institute of Economics' Econometrics Workshop: Difference-in-differences and causality, Institute of Economics, Zagreb (April)

2017 EUROMOD training course, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom (March)

2017 Basics of R, University Computing Centre, University of Zagreb, Zagreb (March)

2012 European forum Alpbach: Expectations – The future of the young, Austria (August)

LANGUAGES

English, German, French

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 Grant for a research stay within the Mobility Program for Postdoctoral researchers financed from the funds of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, implemented by the Croatian Science Foundation

2022 Bursary through the COORDINATE Transnational Access Visits (TAV) programme for researchers working in the area of child and youth wellbeing for a short research stay

2018 Grant from the "British Scholarship Trust", Ministry of Science and Education of Republic of Croatia and the Agency for Mobility and European Union Programs for a research stay at a British university

2012 Dean's award for Master's thesis

2010 – 2012 Scholarship from the City of Zagreb for excellence

2009 – 2010 Scholarship for exceptionally gifted students from the University of Zagreb

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

External associate (Adjunct Assistant Professor) at the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, course "Public Sector Economics"

External associate at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Department of Social Work, Social Policy Unit, course "Principals of Social Policy – seminar" (2023), course "Croatian Social Policy" (2025)

Member of the program and organizing committee of the international scientific conference *Public Sector Economics* (2024)

Participant in the Working Group responsible for drafting the amendments to the Law on Child Benefit

Participant in the Working Group responsible for developing guidelines for reporting on parental leave benefits

Editor of *Newsletter* (2021 – 2024)

Participant in the Commission for the development and monitoring of the implementation of the *Zagreb Strategy for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion for the period from 2021 to 2025*

Member of the organizing committee of the international scientific conference *Public Sector Economics* (2019)

Member of the organizing committee of the international scientific workshop *Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation* (2017)

Reviewer for the international scientific journals *European Societies*, *South East European Journal of Economics and Business*, *Public Sector Economics*, *Cogent Social Sciences*, *Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development*, and *Revija za socijalnu politiku (Croatian Journal of Social Policy)*

RESEARCHER AND COLLABORATOR ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

Simulations of the effects of child benefit reform proposals in Croatia using a microsimulation model (2024)

Post-pandemic resilient communities: is the informal economy a reservoir for the next generation of digitalized and green businesses in the Global South? (PRESILIENT, 2023 – 2027)

Social protection, taxation and social welfare in Croatia (2024 – 2027)

Study supporting the mid-term evaluation of the ESF+ during the programming period 2021-2027 (2023 – 2024)

Analysis of maternity and parental benefits in the period 2016 – 2021 and assessment of the new law proposals (2022 – 2023)

BFORE – Bargaining for Equality - Strengthening collective bargaining systems to ensure fair wages and address income inequality in Europe (2021 – 2023)

Implementing shared anti-corruption and good governance solutions in Southeast Europe: innovative practices and public-private partnerships (2021 – 2023)

Impact of taxes and benefits on income distribution and economic efficiency – ITBIDEE (2020 – 2024)

Permanent research programme of the tax system (since 2021)

Labour Relations in the Republic of Croatia and Possible Directions for Development of the Labour Legislation (2020)

Consultancy: Company Childcare support (2020)

EUROMOD Croatia (2017 – 2020)

Application of Microsimulation Models in the Analysis of Taxes and Social Benefits in Croatia – AMMATSB (2015 – 2018)

Pension system adequacy and deductibles within personal income tax in Croatia (PenAdeq)

CONFERENCES

Presentation “Public policies supporting families with children across welfare regimes: An empirical assessment of six European countries”, COORDINATE Conference on Data Sharing and Secondary Analysis in Child and Youth Wellbeing Research, Zagreb, December 9-10, 2024

Presentation “Households with children by breadwinner type: incomes, poverty and child caretaking”, 101st International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development 'Roadmap to NetZero Economies and Businesses', Dubai, UAE, October 19 – 20, 2023

Keynote speech “Assessment of in-kind benefits with microsimulation models”, Meeting of the Community of Practice on Counterfactual Impact Evaluation of ESF interventions (CoP-CIE-ESF), Dubrovnik, May 25, 2023

Participated with paper "Couples, gender and inequality: the case of Croatia", 9th International Scientific Symposium "Region, Entrepreneurship, Development", Osijek, Croatia, June 4 – 6, 2020

Presentation "Sustav potpora za djecu u Hrvatskoj – stanje i perspektive" (with I. Urban) at the panel Novčane naknade za djecu: možemo li ih učiniti učinkovitijima i pravednijima?, Matica Hrvatska, Zagreb, December 5, 2019

Presentation "The distributional impact of local social benefits in Croatia" (co-authors: Urban, I., Leventi, C. and Bezeredi, S.) at the Vienna EUROMOD Workshop, Vienna, Austria, September 17 – 18, 2018

Presentation "Effectiveness of Child and Parental Benefits in Croatia", at the Pre-Conference Ph.D. Workshop of the 9th International Conference An Enterprise Odyssey: Managing Change to Achieve Quality Development, Zagreb, May 23, 2018

Presentation "Maternity support policies: a cluster analysis of 22 European Union countries" at the 2nd international scientific conference ISCCRO '18 New Advances in Statistical Methods Applications for a Better World, Opatija, May 10 – 11, 2018

Presentation "Child benefits in the Alps-Adriatic region" (co-author I. Urban), on international scientific workshop Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation, Zagreb, June 12-13, 2017