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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Budget; public sector budget transparency, government accountability and citizen participation, efficiency of local government units; local government units; labour market

PRESENT POSITION

Research associate, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2023 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb – PhD
2014 Faculty of Science – Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb – mag. math.
2012 Faculty of Science – Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb – univ. bacc. educ. math.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2024 Research associate, Institute of Public Finance
Since 2023 External associate (Course Principles of Economics, Department of Economic Theory), Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb
2018 – 2023 Researcher, Institute of Public Finance
2017 – 2018 Manager, Tim Hortons, Canada
2014 – 2016 Math teacher, Elementary School Tomaša Goričanca Mala Subotica
2015 Math teacher, Elementary School Kotoriba
2014 – 2015 Math teacher, Technical School Čakovec

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ABROAD

2023 Difference-in-Differences with Panel Data (Lecturer: Jeffrey M. Wooldridge, PhD), Microeconometrics Summer School. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain, 10 – 14 July 2023
2022 Dynamic and Non-linear Panel Data Models (Lecturer: Sergi Jiménez-Martín, PhD), Microeconometrics Summer School. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain, 4 – 8 July 2022
2020 Machine Learning with R – introduction (Lecturer: Brett Lantz, PhD), Summer School. University of St. Gallen, Global School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland, 1 – 5 June 2020

- 2019 Panel Data Linear Analysis (Lecturer: Badi Baltagi, PhD), Microeconometrics Summer School. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain, 1 – 5 July 2019
- 2019 Econometrics of Cross-section Data with Applications (Lecturer: Jaume Garcia-Villar, PhD), Microeconometrics Summer School. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain, 1 – 5 July 2019
- 2017 – 2018 Canadian Securities Course - Canadian Securities Institute part of Moody's Analytics Learning Solutions, Calgary, Canada

LANGUAGES

English

RESEARCHER AND COLLABORATOR ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Efficiency of public services at local government levels – definitions, measurements and analyses – EPS (since 2024)
- Does Transparency pay-off? The political and socio-economic impacts of local government budget transparency in Croatia – IMPACTBT (2020 – 2024)
- Understanding, monitoring and analysing local government budget transparency: Case study of Croatia and Slovenia – OLBI Open local budget index (2015 – 2019)

CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation of the research results Budget transparency in Croatian Counties, Cities and Municipalities: November 2022 - April 2023 (with Bronić, M., Ott, K., Petrušić, M. i Stanić, B.), Institute of Public Finance, Kuća Europe, Zagreb, 5 July 2023
- Presentation Budget transparency and budget credibility: the case of local government units in Pannonian Croatia (with Mačkić, V. and Bronić, M.) on “12th International Scientific Symposium: Region, Entrepreneurship, Development”, Osijek, 15 – 16 June 2023
- Presentation The impact of budget transparency on budget credibility in Croatian cities (with Guillamón, M. D. and Ríos, A. M.) on 14th International conference “Challenges of Europe” Design for the next generation, Bol, Brač, 17 – 19 May 2023
- Presentation Measuring budget transparency at the Croatian local level and fiscal coordination and decentralization on international seminar Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) – Public Participation on Local Level Fiscal Decentralization - International Practice and Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, 14 – 15 December 2022
- Presentation of the Croatian Science Foundation project: Does transparency pay-off? The political and socio-economic impacts of local government budget transparency in Croatia (IMPACTBT) at the international conference "Open data challenges in times of crisis and growth" at the project Twinning Open Data Operational, Zagreb, 28 November – 2 December 2022
- Presentation The effects of Budget Transparency on Budgetary Balance and Expenditures of Croatian Local Governments (with Ott, K. and Stanić, B.) on conference „11th Odyssey Conference on Economics and Business”, Šibenik, 16 – 20 June 2020
- Presentation Women's political representation and budget transparency in cities and municipalities of eastern Croatia (with Stanić, B. and Bronić, M.) on conference „9th International Scientific Symposium “Region, Entrepreneurship, Development”, Osijek, 4 - 5 June 2020
- Presentation Budget Outcomes and Political Accountability: The case of Eastern Croatia region (with Ott, K. and Mačkić, V.) on conference „8th International Scientific Symposium: The Economy of eastern Croatia – vision and growth”, Osijek, 30 – 31 May 2019