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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 – OLB I 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