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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public sector transparency, government accountability and citizen participation, local finances, budget; efficiency of local self-government; anti-corruption; good governance

PRESENT POSITION

Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2020 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb – PhD
2015 Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana – M.A.
2011 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sarajevo – B.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2021 Research Associate, Institute of Public Finance
2016 – 2020 Research Assistant, Institute of Public Finance
2015 – 2016 Young Professional, Institute of Public Finance
2012 – 2015 Accountant, Strohmaier GmbH

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ABROAD

2023 Paris School of Economics Summer School: Modern Estimation Methods and Machine Learning (June)
2022 Barcelona GSE Microeconometrics Summer School: "Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation", Barcelona (July)
2021 Utrecht University Summer School: "Survey Research: Design, Implementation and Data Processing", Utrecht (August)
2018 NIPE Seminar, Centre for Research in Economics and Management, Economics & Management School, University of Minho, Braga (September)
2018 Barcelona GSE Microeconometrics Summer School: "Dynamic and Non-linear Panel Data Models", Barcelona (July)
2018 Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2). The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS), Amsterdam (April)
2018 Basics of R, University Computing Centre, University of Zagreb, Zagreb (March)
2018 Illustrating Stata, TStat, Zagreb (February)

2017 Barcelona GSE Microeconometrics Summer School: "Econometrics of Cross-section Data with Applications", Barcelona (June)

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

LANGUAGES

English

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of the Council for the Reform of Local and Regional Self-Government in Croatia (since March 2021)

Associate editor, Public Sector Economics journal (since January 2021)

Member of the Open Government Partnership Initiative Council, Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Government of the Republic of Croatia (since October 2020)

RESEARCHER AND COLLABORATOR ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

Efficiency of public services at local government levels – definitions, measurements and analyses – EPS (since 2024)

Guides to the Budget for the Citizens of the City of Zagreb (since 2014)

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

Does Transparency pay-off? The political and socio-economic impacts of local government budget transparency in Croatia - IMPACTBT (2020 – 2024)

Permanent research programme of the tax system (since 2020)

Labour relations in the Republic of Croatia and possible directions for development of the labour legislation (2020)

Consultancy: Company childcare support (2020)

Support the Ministry of Finance of Croatia in identifying the datasets related to the Covid-19 and earthquake emergency responses and recovery to be published to ensure greater fiscal transparency (2020)

WeBudget – from transparency to participation (2018 – 2019)

Money watch – civil society guarding the budget (2018 – 2019)

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

101st International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development: "Roadmap to NetZero Economies and Businesses, Dubai. Presentation of the paper The Adoption of Council-Manager Government in Croatia: An Exploratory Study, October 2023.

IMF Regional Workshop for South East Europe – GovTech: Fiscal Data Governance, CEF, Ljubljana. Lecture on Ways to promote online budget transparency: the example of Croatian local governments, February 2023.

Budget transparency in Croatian counties, cities and municipalities: November 2021 – April 2022 (online presentation of the results of a new research cycle), June 2022.

Public Sector Economics 2021 – Does fiscal openness pay off? The political and socio-economic effects of transparency, participation and accountability. Online presentation of the Local Governments' Budget Transparency, Revenues and Debts in Croatia, October, 2021.

Local budgets and utility investments, Opatija. Title of presentation: Budget transparency in Croatian counties, cities and municipalities: November 2020 – April 2021 (keynote speech), October 2021.

Budget transparency in Croatian counties, cities and municipalities: November 2020 – April 2021 (online presentation of the results of a new research cycle), July 2021.

13th International Conference: Challenges of Europe: Growth, Competitiveness, Innovation and Well-being, Bol, Brač. Presentation of the paper: "Political accountability and emigrations: the case of Croatian local governments", May 2019.

8th International Scientific Symposium "Economy of eastern Croatia – Vision and Growth", Osijek. Presentation of the paper Political Accountability and "Voting-With-the-Foot": Eastern Croatia vs. Remaining Croatian Regions, May 2019.

An Enterprise Odyssey: Managing Change to Achieve Quality Development - Pre-Conference Ph.D. Workshop, Zagreb; Presentation of the dissertation topic proposal: „The determinants of budget transparency in Croatian cities and municipalities“, May 2018.

Public Sector Economics 2018 – Fiscal Openness: Transparency, Participation and Accountability in Fiscal Policies, Zagreb. Organizing committee member and presenter of the paper: "Discussing the Determinants of Online Budget Transparency based on a Spatial Regression Analysis of Croatian Cities and Municipalities: Do Good Neighbours Make You Better?", October 2018.

Public Sector Economics 2017 – Public Investment: Catalyst for Sustainable Growth, Zagreb. Presentation of the paper: „Residents incomes in local government units as the major determinant of online local budget transparency in Croatia: panel data analysis“, November 2017.