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### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Income inequality and redistribution; tax-benefit microsimulation

### **PRESENT POSITION**

Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

### **ACADEMIC EDUCATION**

2010 Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana – Ph.D.  
2006 Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb – M.Sc.  
2002 Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb – B.A.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Since 2002 Researcher at the Institute of Public Finance

### **EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

2021 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: 'Beyond OLS: Categorical, Choice and Count Models', University of Essex  
2017 Labour Supply Modelling Based on the Theory of Discrete Choice, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb  
2016 Utrecht Summer School course: 'Applied Multivariate Analysis', Utrecht University  
2009 Frontiers of Economic Inequality, University of Verona  
2007 40<sup>th</sup> 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**

English

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member of the working group for the review of the law on child benefit (2023)  
Member of the working group for the review of the Croatian system of social benefits (2014 – 2017)

Member of the working group for the review of the Croatian tax system (2016, 2018)

Conference organiser „Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation”, Zagreb (2017)

Round table organiser „Reforme socijalnih naknada i poreza: austrijska i slovenska iskustva u primjeni mikrosimulacijskih modela”, Zagreb (2016)

Round table organiser „Application of Microsimulation Models in the Analysis of Taxes and Social Benefits in Croatia”, Zagreb (2016)

Conference program committee member „Public Sector Economics”, Zagreb (2016)

Conference program committee member „Tax Reforms: Experiences and Perspectives”, Zagreb (2014)

Round table organiser „Izvori podataka za mikrosimulacije poreza i socijalnih naknada”, Zagreb (2010)

Conference organiser „Welfare State Performance and Design”, Zagreb (2008)

Peer reviews in academic journals: Bulletin of Economic Research, Contemporary Economic Policy, Eastern European Economics, Ekonomska istraživanja, Ekonomski pregled, Ensayos, Revista de Economía, Financial Theory and Practice, Finanzarchiv / Public Finance Analysis, Informatica, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Public Finance Review, Public Sector Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Indicators Research

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

Mapping the shadow economy: A systematic review of shadow economy measurement methods and policy measures in Europe, with a focus on the Baltic states, Georgia, Moldova, Cyprus, and Malta (2024 – 2025)

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

Simulations of the effects of reform proposals on the social insurance contributions and personal income tax revenues using a microsimulation model (2023)

EUROMOD Croatia (2021 – 2024)

Permanent research of the tax system program (since 2020)

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

Methodology for the tax wedge calculation and tax wedge report in the period 2014-18 (2019 – 2020)

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

Open Budget Survey (2006 – 2015)

Synergistic social system (2014 – 2015)

Analysis of the effects of changes in the provisions of the Law on Value Added Tax concerning the assessment and time of payment of VAT for small businesses (2014)

The Study on cost and benefits of vocational rehabilitation for persons with disabilities in Croatia (2002)

Financing sport activities in Croatia (2011)

How to make work pay in Croatia (2011)

Croatian public pension system and income redistribution (2011)

Pension system analysis (2011)

Measuring Local Governments' Transparency and Accountability: The Croatian Open Local Budget Index (2011)

Decomposing redistributive effect and reranking to reveal contributions of taxes and benefits (2009)

Croatian households' debt: current situation, problems and measures (2008)

Analysis of the effects of a change in the threshold for VAT (2007)

Does work pay in Croatia? (2007)

Analysis of the effects of abolishing the zero rate of VAT (2006)

Redistributive Effects of Personal Income Tax in Croatia (2005)

Tax Expenditures in Croatia (2005)

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 (2003)

A Decade of Transition: A Reexamination of Performance and Public Policy Bases on Total Economic Activity (2002)

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

2021 9th meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), London (online)

2018 Prva EIZ mini radionica, Institute of Economics, Zagreb

2017 XXIX Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Public Economics, Catania

2017 Social Protection Policies and Microsimulation, Zagreb

2016 EUROMOD conference & 2016 annual project meeting, University of Essex

2015 OFS Seminar at Statistics Norway

2015 6th meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Luxembourg

2013 EUROMOD Annual Meeting and Research Workshop, Lisboa

2012 2nd Microsimulation research workshop, Bucharest

2012 11th journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Marseille

2011 4th meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Catania

2008 The Fourteenth Dubrovnik Economic Conference, Dubrovnik

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 International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Applications, Athens

2005 98th Annual Conference on Taxation, Miami

2004 Siromaštvo i mogućnosti njegovog ublažavanja u Hrvatskoj, Zagreb