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POSITIONS

Principal Economist, Office of the Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2015 - Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, May 2015

M.A., Economics, University of California at Davis, 2007

B.A., Economics and English Literature (*Magna Cum Laude*), Western Washington University, 2006

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliated Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Washington, 2021-22

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Short term consultant, World Bank, 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Industrial Organization, Empirical Microeconomics

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Francesco Decarolis, Boston University, 2012 – 2015

Research Assistant for Daniele Paserman, Boston University, Spring 2012

Research Assistant for Marc Rysman, Boston University, Fall 2011

Economist, Compass Lexecon, San Francisco, January – June, 2009

Intern, Compass Lexecon, Washington, DC, 2005, 2006, 2008 (summers)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomic Analysis, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2011 and Fall 2010

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research Grant (£44,000), International Growth Center, 2020

Research Grant (\$47,850), Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics, 2020

Research Grant (£19,000), International Growth Center, 2018

Research Grant (£300,000), TaiwanBusiness - EBRD Technical Cooperation Fund, 2017

Rosenstein-Rodan Prize, Institute for Economic Development, 2014

Research Grant, Center for Finance, Law and Policy, 2014

Scholarship, Bank of Credit and Common School, and IED, 2013

Summer Research Grant (\$5,000), Department of Economics, Boston University, 2011

Presidential Scholar from the College of Business and Economics, Western Washington University (WWU), 2006

Outstanding Graduate from the Economics Department, WWU, 2006

Best Senior Project Proposal, with Research Grant, WWU Honors Program, 2005

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Road Capacity, Domestic Trade and Regional Outcomes,” (with Kerem Coşar, Banu Demir and Devaki Ghose), **Journal of Economic Geography**, Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

“Banking and Growth: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Analysis,” November 2021.

“Subsidizing the Private Sector for Development: Lessons from Mechanism Design,” (with Paddy Carter and Francesco Decarolis), August 2017, IED Working Paper #295, Boston University.

“Estimating a Sequential Search Model with Bayesian Learning: A Case of Online Search for Differentiated Goods,” (with Sergei Koulayev), April 2015.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Refugee Influx and City Structure: Evidence from Mobile Phone Data in Jordan,” (with Konhee Chang, Michael Gechter and Nick Tsivanidis)

“Quality within Reach: Digital Banking and Consumer Choice for Retail Deposits,” (with Elisabeth Beckmann, Ralph De Haas and Helmut Stix)

“Mobile Internet Access and Firm Performance: A Spatial RDD Using 4G Roll-Out in Russia” (with Han Wang)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS: POLICY PAPERS AND REPORTS

“Digitalisation and Firm Performance,” Transition Report 2021-22, Chapter 2 (with Jonas Hjort and Han Wang), EBRD.

“Population agglomeration and dispersion in Emerging Europe: Opportunities and challenges across a changing urban-rural landscape,” February 2021, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Atlas of the Human Planet 2020, 3.2.8.

“Economic impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns: An examination of recoveries in Jordan,” (with Luisa Cefala, Michael Gechter and Nick Tsivanidis), November 2020, International Growth Centre, Policy Brief JOR-20081.

“Transport Infrastructure and Regional Growth: Evidence from Roads and Railways Across the EBRD Regions,” May 2020, EBRD Impact 06.

“Impact of Upgrading Infrastructure,” (with Sergei Guriev), *Global Public Investor 2019*, OMFIF.

“Transition Report 2018-19, Chapter 4: Geographic Transition,” (with Klaus Desmet, David Nagy and Jamila Nigmatulina), EBRD.

“Transition Report 2017-18, Chapter 3: Infrastructure and Growth,” (with Alex Chirmiciu, Banu Demir Pakel, Flavia Cifarelli and Kerem Cosar), EBRD.

“Transition Report 2016-17, Chapter 4: Financial Inclusion,” (with Ralph De Haas and Shusen Qi), EBRD.

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

American Economic Journal: Applied, The Economic Journal, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, ieConnect Program (DIME), Indian Growth and Development Review, Urban Affairs Review, Focus on European Economic Integration (OeNB)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022: Econometric Society Meetings (North America, Winter), University of Washington
(*Upcoming*)
- 2020: IPA-CEGA-JDC COVID-19 and Forced Displacement in the Global South
- 2019: CAFRAL (RBI, Mumbai)
- 2018: AEA Meetings (Discussant, Philadelphia), ENRI Workshop, EIB; Development and Infrastructure (SIPA Columbia University – UCL Bartlett School – Aix Marseille at London); Penn State; MOPIC (Jordan); EU-EAU Integration Workshop (OeNB)
- 2017: OeNB (Austrian National Bank, Vienna); IE Connect (DIME Group of World Bank, Lisbon)
- 2016: Swiss Winter Finance Conference on Financial Intermediation (Lenzerheide); PODER Summer School (University of Namur); Aalto University (Helsinki)
- 2015: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London); Luxembourg School of Finance; FDIC; FTC; Compass Lexecon (Washington, DC), NERA (Washington, DC)
- 2014: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (Boston University), EconCon (Princeton University), Analysis Group, Charles River Associates
- 2013: IGIDR Seminar (Mumbai, Maharashtra)

COMPUTER SKILLS

MATLAB, Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS, LaTeX, C

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Liaison for Office of the Chief Economist with IT Department at EBRD, 2019-Present
- Acquisition of Department's Scientific Computing Server, 2018
- Organizer: Research Seminar Series, EBRD, 2016 – 2018
- Officer of the BU Graduate Economics Association (2011-2012)