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Education

Ph.D., Economics, December 2005, Oregon State University, OR, USA

Fields: International Economics, Econometrics

Dissertation: Essays in International Economics

Advisors: Andreas Waldkirch and Carlos Martins-Filho

Diploma in Economics (B.S. equivalent), June 1998, Yerevan State University, Armenia

Fields: Labor Economics, Econometrics

Papers and Publications

“The Tax Reform in Georgia and the Size of the Shadow Economy” (with R. Filer), Economics of Transition, January 2014.

“The Remittances in Georgia: Correlates, Economic Impact, and Social Capital Formation” (with T. Gerber), Demography, February 2013.

“Migration, Household Tasks, and Gender in the Republic of Georgia” (with T. Gerber and P. Gonalons-Pons), International Migration Review (forthcoming).

“Development on the move: measuring and optimizing migration’s economic and social impacts in Georgia” (with R. Tchaidze), report prepared for the GDN/IPPR commissioned migration study “Development on the Move”, 2010.

“Impact of Russian Sanctions on the Georgian Economy” (with E. Livny and M. Ott), report prepared for the Department for International Development, UK, Georgian Office.

“A Phased Strategy for Opening Armenia’s Western Border” (with R. Beilock), presented at “The Economic and Social Impacts of Opening the Armenia-Turkish Border” conference by the Armenian International Policy Research Group, January 2007. Published: Armenian Journal of Public Policy, Proceedings, March 2007.

“Economic Potential for Regional Integration of Armenia and Northeast Turkey” (with R. Beilock), presented at “The Economic and Social Impacts of Opening the Armenia-Turkish Border” conference by the Armenian International Policy Research Group, January 2007. Published: Armenian Journal of Public Policy, Proceedings, March 2007.

Work in Progress

“Toothless reforms? The remarkable stability of female labour force participation in a top-reforming country” (with N. Pignatti and M. Chitanava).

“On the optimal family size or how our desires do not coincide with our possibilities: the case of South Caucasus” (with N. Pignatti).

“Effect of Flat Tax Reform on the Size of the Hidden Economy: Evidence from the Post-Communist Natural Experiment” (with R. Filer).

“True Inequality: Income Inequality in Georgia Adjusted for Unreported Income” (with R. Filer and N. Abashidze).

“Remittances and Social Capital Formation: the Case of Georgia” (with T. Gerber).

“The Dark Side of The Moon: Informal Employment in Georgia” (with N. Pignatti).

Grants, Awards and Fellowships

Carnegie Research Fellowship, 2012, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Swedish Professorship Award, 2007, Economics Education and Research Consortium

Doctoral Grant on Transition Economies, 2005, Davidson Data Center and Network, William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan

Emery Castle Graduate Scholarship in Economics, 2004-2005, Department of Economics, Oregon State University

Emery Castle Award in Economics, 2004, Department of Economics, Oregon State University

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 1999-2005, Department of Economics, Oregon State University

Edmund S. Muskie/Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship in Economics, 1999-2001, US Department of State

Teaching Experience

Instructor at the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University.

Courses taught (all MA/graduate level):

Probability Theory

Mathematical Statistics
Econometrics 1, 2, 3 (first year basic Econometrics)
Advanced Econometrics
Microeconomics 1 (Choice and Demand)
Research Project (research methods workshop)

Instructor at the Department of Economics at Oregon State University.

Courses taught (all BA/undergraduate level):

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECON 201)
Introduction to Microeconomics (Distance Education course)

Graduate Teaching Assistant at the Department of Economics at Oregon State University

Courses assisted (all BA/undergraduate level):

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 311)
Introduction to Econometrics (ECON 424/524)
International Trade and Policy (ECON 440)

Conference Participation

Presenter, The Dark Side of The Moon: Informal Employment in Georgia, the annual Allied Social Science Association meetings in San Diego, US, January 2013.

Presenter, The Tax Reform in Georgia and the Size of Shadow Economy, The 12th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, held in Columbus, Ohio, September 2011

Presenter, The Tax Reform in Georgia and the Size of Shadow Economy, International Conference “The Shadow Economy, Tax Evasion and Money Laundering” held in Muenster, Germany, July 2011.

Presenter, The Impact of Russian Sanctions on the Georgian Economy organized by the International School of Economics in Tbilisi and the Department for International Development, Tbilisi, Georgia, August 1, 2007.

Presenter, The Economic and Social Impacts of Opening the Armenia-Turkish Border organized by the Armenian International Policy Research Group International Conference on Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia, January 2007.

Presenter, Economic Education and Research Consortium Research Workshop, July 2005, Kyiv School of Economics at National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (NaUKMA), Kiev, Ukraine

Presenter, Third Annual Conference of the Armenian International Policy Research Group, January 2005, World Bank

