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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Ph.D. Economics**, University of Maryland, College Park, August 2006

**M.A. Economics**, University of Maryland, College Park, December 2003

**B.A. Economics**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, August 2000

### WORK EXPERIENCE

*Principal Economist*, The Office of the Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, April 2009 - present. Previously *Economist* (August 2006 - March 2009).

*Research Assistant*, Professor John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland, Summer 2002 & Summer 2003 - June 2006.

*Consultant*, World Bank (Social Protection Team), Washington D.C., Summer 2005.

*Instructor*, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, University of Maryland, Summer 2003.

*Teaching Assistant*, Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Maryland, Spring 2003.

*Teaching Assistant*, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, University of Maryland, Fall 2002.

*Teaching Assistant*, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Maryland, Fall 2001 & Spring 2002.

*Research Assistant*, Professor Mojmir Mrak, University of Ljubljana, September 2001 - July 2002.

*Teaching Assistant*, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Ljubljana, 2000 - 2001.

*Research Assistant*, Professor Nevenka Hrovatin, University of Ljubljana, October 2000 - June 2001.

*Teaching Assistant*, Statistics II, University of Ljubljana, 1999 - 2001.

*Research Assistant*, Professors Tea Petrin and Tanja Dmitrović, University of Ljubljana, February 1999 - June 1999.

### RESEARCH

“Contractual Reliance and Exporter Performance: Evidence from Slovenian Firm-level Data,” (with Gabriela Dobrescu).

“Underexporting Puzzles,” (with Gabriela Dobrescu). In preparation.

“Dynamics and Performance of Business Services Exporters,” (with Gabriela Dobrescu and Ana M. Fernandes). In preparation.

“The Effects of FDI on the Structure and Dynamics of Retail Sectors,” (with Gabriela Dobrescu and Ana M. Fernandes). In preparation.

“The Relationship Between Job Flows Across Countries: The Role of Industry, Size and Institutions,” (with John Haltiwanger and Stefano Scarpetta).

NBER Working Paper No. 13920. Previous version available as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 4070 and IZA Discussion Paper No. 2450.

Presented at the WB (May 2006), EALE Annual Meetings in Prague (September 2006), IZA/WB Conference on Employment and Development in Bonn (June 2007), ASSA Meetings in New Orleans (January 2008), The Social Protection and Labor Sector (HDNSP) of the Human Development Network BBL (March 2008).

“Labour Market Experiences and Their Impact on Attitudes,” (with Simon Commander and Ermal Hitaj). A version published in EBRD Transition Report 2007.

“The Impact of State Aid for Restructuring on the Allocation of Resources”.

Presented at the University of Maryland (2005, 2006), EBRD (January 2006), University of Reading (January 2006), Central European University (January 2006), Bates White (February 2006), AEA Meetings in Chicago (January 2007), Policy Studies Institute (February 2007).

“Impact of Changes in Wage Setting Policies on the Structure of Wages in Slovenia,” (with John Haltiwanger and Milan Vodopivec).

“Worker Flows, Job Flows and Productivity Dynamics,” (with John Haltiwanger and Milan Vodopivec).

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2001-2006.

Ad Futura Scholarship, Republic of Slovenia, 2002 - 2006.

Bank of Slovenia Scholarship for Studying Abroad, 2001-2005.

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Inducted December 2003.

The Economic Club of Washington Graduate Scholarship, 2002-2003.

Bank of Slovenia Award for Outstanding Economics Undergraduate Thesis, 2001.

University Prešeren Award (Univerzitetna Prešernova nagrada) for Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, University of Ljubljana, 2001.

Acknowledgement of the Faculty of Economics for successful undergraduate studies (GPA 9.8/10), 1997-2001.

Žiga Zois Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Republic of Slovenia, 1992-2000.

## PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Ad-hoc referee for *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Productivity Dynamics* and *World Development*.

Co-Chair of Economic Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland, 2003-2004.

## REFERENCES

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## LANGUAGES

Slovenian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), German (basic), Croatian (basic), Serbian (basic)