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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics**, University of Maryland, College Park August 2006
Essays on the Role of Institutions in Productivity and Reallocation Dynamics
Committee Chair: Professor John Haltiwanger
- M.A. Economics**, University of Maryland, College Park December 2003
- B.A. Economics**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia August 2000

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“The role of innovation and management practices in determining firm productivity” (with Wiebke Bartz-Zuccala and Pierre Mohnen), *Comparative Economic Studies*, December 2018, 60(4), 502–530, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41294-018-0075-3>.

“The future of CIS and CEE countries” (with Torbjörn Becker, Igor Livshits, Bas B. Bakker and Tymofiy Mylovanov), *Economics of Transition*, October 2018, 26(4), 801–826, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecot.12166>.

“Not so different from non-traders: Trade premia in Middle East and North Africa” (with David C. Francis), *Economics of Transition*, April 2017, 25(2), 185–238, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/ecot.12122>.

“Innovation policies in transition countries” (with Reinhilde Veugelers), *Economic Change and Restructuring*, August 2016, 49(2), 241–267, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10644-015-9167-5>.

“Cross country differences in job reallocation: The role of industry, firm size and regulations” (with John Haltiwanger and Stefano Scarpetta), *Labour Economics*, January 2014, 26(1), 11–25, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2013.10.001>.

“Market pressure, ownership, management quality and firm performance across Russia” (with Guido Friebel), *Open Economies Review*, September 2013, 24(2), 763–788, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11079-013-9270-z>.

“The land that lean manufacturing forgot? Management practices in transition countries” (with Nicholas Bloom and John Van Reenen), *Economics of Transition*, October 2012, 20(4), 593–635, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0351.2012.00444.x>.

Working Papers

“Managerial and financial barriers to the net-zero transition” (with Ralph De Haas, Ralf Martin and Mirabelle Muûls), EBRD Working Paper No. 254, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 15886, March 2021 (*under review*).

“When good managers face bad incentives: Management quality and fuel intensity in the presence of price distortions” (with Alexander Stepanov), April 2021. Previously circulated as “Energy subsidies, energy intensity and management practices”, EBRD Working Paper No. 224, December 2018 (*under review*).

“The long-run effects of R&D place-based policies: Evidence from Russian science cities” (with Alexander Stepanov and Paolo Zacchia), February 2021. Previous version in EBRD Working Paper No. 216, June 2018 (*conditional accept at AEJ: EP*).

“Impact of armed conflict on firm performance and perceptions of business environment” (with Carly Petracco), EBRD Working Paper No. 152, December 2012 (*revising for submission*).

“The impact of state aid for restructuring on the allocation of resources”, EBRD Working Paper No. 127, May 2011.

Book Chapter

“Innovation in the CESEE region: the role of business environment, financing and reforms”, *Structural reforms for growth and cohesion. Lessons and challenges for CESEE countries and a modern Europe* (2018) in Ewald Nowotny, Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald and Helene Schuberth (editors), Chapter 5, 47–59. Edward Elgar.

“European Transition at Twenty: Addressing Progress in Countries and Sectors” (with Erik Berglöf, Lise Bruynhooghe, Heike Harmgart, Peter Sanfey, and Jeromin Zettelmeyer), *Economies in Transition: The Long-Run View* (2011) in Gérard Roland (editor), Chapter 10, 254–292. Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Publications

“Barriers to net zero: How firms can make or break green transition” (with Ralph De Haas, Ralf Martin and Mirabelle Muûls), *LSE Business Review*, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/2021/03/31/barriers-to-net-zero-how-firms-can-make-or-break-the-green-transition/>, All About Finance, <https://blogs.worldbank.org/allaboutfinance/barriers-net-zero-how-firms-can-make-or-break-green-transition>.

“How firms can make or break green transition” (with Ralph De Haas, Ralf Martin and Mirabelle Muûls), *VoxEU*, <https://voxeu.org/article/how-firms-can-make-or-break-green-transition>.

“The state and the green economy” (with Sam Fankhauser, Beata Javorcik and Jörn Onken), *EBRD Transition Report 2020-21*, Chapter 4, 90-111.

“Coronavirus credit support: Dont let liquidity lifelines become a golden noose” (with Çağatay Bircan, Ralph De Haas and Alexander Stepanov), *VoxEU*, <https://voxeu.org/article/coronavirus-credit-support-don-t-let-liquidity-lifelines-become-golden-noose>.

“Innovation in Emerging Europe” (with Alexander Stepanov), Background note for the report *Asian Development Outlook 2020: What Drives Innovation in Asia?*, <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/575671/ado2020bp-innovation-emerging-europe.pdf>.

“Good management improves productivity, but it may worsen environmental performance” (with Alexander Stepanov), *LSE Business Review*, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/2019/12/11/good-management-improves-productivity-but-it-may-worsen-environmental-performance/>.

“Firms’ green governance” (with Ralph De Haas, Ralf Martin, Mirabelle Muûls and Camille Semelet), *EBRD Transition Report 2019-20*, Chapter 4, 80-99.

“MENA firms involved in trade: Characteristics and challenges” (with David C. Francis), the forum, *ERF Policy Portal*, <https://theforum.erf.org.eg/2018/03/12/mena-firms-involved-trade-characteristics-challenges/>.

“Green growth” (with Sam Fankhauser and Martin Günther), *EBRD Transition Report 2017-18*, Chapter 4, 72-93.

“What’s holding back the private sector in MENA?” (with Ralph de Haas), the forum, *ERF Policy Portal*, <http://theforum.erf.org.eg/2017/10/12/whats-holding-back-private-sector-mena/>.

“Competitiveness in the MENA region: Trade, innovation, and management practices” (with David C. Francis, Alexander Stepanov and Sarah Stöling), *What’s Holding Back the Private Sector in MENA? Lessons from the Enterprise Survey*, 2016, Chapter 5, 84–113.

“The many faces of innovation” (with Alexander Plekhanov), *EBRD Transition Report 2014*, Chapter 1, 10–29.

“Innovation and firm productivity” (with Pierre Mohnen and Florent Silve), *EBRD Transition Report 2014*, Chapter 2, 30–43.

“Drivers of innovation” (with Wiebke Bartz, Emil Gelebo and Pierre Mohnen), *EBRD Transition Report 2014*, Chapter 3, 44–63.

“Policies supporting innovation” (with Giulia Bovini and Reinhilde Veugelers), *EBRD Transition Report 2014*, Chapter 5, 82–103.

“Education, institutions and human capital” (with Guido Friebel and Jan Lukšič, *EBRD Transition Report 2013*, Chapter 4, 62–77.

“The management dimension” (with Alexander Plekhanov), *Diversifying Russia: Harnessing Regional Diversity*, 2012, Chapter 5, 51–55.

“Evaluating and improving the business environment” (with Franto Ricka), *EBRD Transition Report 2010*, Chapter 5, 86–94.

“Transition: Where does it stand and where should it go?” (with Lise Bruynhooghe, Heike Harmgart, Peter Sanfey, and Jeromin Zettelmeyer), *EBRD Transition Report 2009*, Chapter 5, 94–115.

“Peoples’ attitudes and experiences in the labour market,” (with Simon Commander and Ermal Hitaj), *EBRD Transition Report 2007*, Chapter 4, 64–73.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

London, UK

Associate Director, Senior Economist, The Office of the Chief Economist

Apr. 2013–present

- Managed the EBRD-EIB-WBG Enterprise Survey (Business Environment and Enterprise Performance Survey VI) from conception onwards. Co-developed the new Green Economy Module.
- Managed the EBRD-WB Business Environment and Enterprise Performance Survey (BEEPS) V and the Joint WB-EBRD-EIB Enterprise Survey (ES) MENA from conception onwards, including collaboration on their design, training local consultancies conducting the fieldwork and involvement in policy dialogue. Developed the new BEEPS Innovation Module.
- Conduct research on firm innovation, productivity, energy intensity, management practices and business environment and the link between education, human capital and institutions.
- Co-authored chapters in *EBRD Transition Report 2013*, 2014, 2017-18, 2019-20 and the joint EBRD-EIB-WBG MENA ES report.

Principal Economist, The Office of the Chief Economist, Research Pillar

Jan. 2011–Mar. 2013

Principal Economist, The Office of the Chief Economist

Apr. 2009–Dec. 2010

- Managed the BEEPS V Russia in 37 Russian regions and Management, Organization and Innovation (MOI) survey in the Russian Far East from conception to analysis.
- Country economist for Armenia (Jan.–Sep. 2010). Prepared macroeconomic scenarios, risk and vulnerability assessments, presented *EBRD Transition Report* results, and other ad-hoc work.

Economist, The Office of the Chief Economist

Aug. 2006–Mar. 2009

- Managed the EBRD-WB BEEPS IV and MOI survey from conception to analysis, including collaboration on their design. BEEPS IV covered 29 EBRD countries of operation. MOI survey covered 10 transition countries, Germany and India. Also designed and managed Post-conflict BEEPS in Georgia in 2009.
- Co-authored a chapter in *EBRD Transition Report 2007*, designed and analysed a survey of competition authorities on competition policy legislation and enforcement.
- Country economist for Slovenia (Aug. 2006–Oct. 2007) and Croatia (Aug. 2006–Mar. 2009). Prepared country strategies, country risk papers, macroeconomic scenarios, vulnerability assessments, country profiles, presented *EBRD Transition Report* results, and other ad hoc work.
- Sector economist for Telecommunications, Information & Media (Aug. 2006–Jan. 2010) and Property & Tourism in central eastern Europe and the Baltics and south eastern Europe (Aug. 2006–Aug. 2008). Conducted ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of projects’ transition impact and assessment of transition challenges.

World Bank

Washington, DC, USA

Consultant, Social Protection Team

Summer 2005

- Prepared and analysed cross-country dataset on job flows. Conducted research on the role of industry, firm size and labor market institutions in explaining cross-country job flows.

University of Maryland

College Park, MD, USA

Research Assistant, Professor John Haltiwanger

Summer 2002 & Summer 2003–June 2006

- Prepared and analysed cross-country dataset on productivity. Prepared and analysed cross-country firm-level dataset on business environment and productivity and conducted research on the impact of business environment on firm-level productivity.

Instructor, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Policy

Summer 2003

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2001, Spring & Fall 2002, Spring 2003

University of Ljubljana

Ljubljana, Slovenia

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2021: ECARES-ULB* (March), Swiss Winter Conference on Financial Intermediation (March, poster)
2020: Environmental Policy, Competitiveness and Green Growth: International and Irish Evidence (February), LSE-Imperial Workshop in Environmental Economics* (June), EAERE (June), EEA-ESEM (August), IWFSAS 2020* (September)
2019: EAERE (June), 16th IAEE European Conference* (August), EEA-ESEM (August), European Network for Research on Investment 2019 (November)
2018: ACES (January), IOS Regensburg Workshop on Management Practices in Transformation (January; keynote speaker), GEOINNO2018* (January), ISEFI-2018 (May), 2018 IOS/APB/EACES Summer Academy (June; keynote speaker)
2017: XVIII HSE April International Academic Conference* (April), Second World Congress of Comparative Economics* (June), IEA World Congress (June), CEEI 2017 (November), 2017 Barcelona Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics* (November), Empirical Management Conference (December)
2016: Lisbon Meeting on Institutions and Political Economy (February), Micro-Macro Determinants of Growth in Emerging Economies (June), 14th EACES (September), SITE Academic Conference: 25 Years of Transition (December)
2015: 8th MEIDE (February), PacDev* (March), EBRD (March, September, October), ISET (May), Universidad de Navarra (May), SSEES 100: Achievements and Challenges for the Emerging Economies of Central Europe (June), OECD (October)
2014: IEA World Congress (June), 76th East Jour Fixe (September)
2013: UCL SSEES (January), Uddevalla Symposium (June), EWEPA'13 (June), King's College London (October)
2012: 9th Midwest International Economic Development Conference (April)
2011: Conference on Diversification of the Russian Economy, EBRD, London (February)
2010: EBRD (April)
2009: UCL SSEES (February), EBRD (December)
2008: AEA* (January), The Social Protection and Labor Sector (HDNSP) of the Human Development Network BBL (March)
2007: AEA (January), Policy Studies Institute (February)
2006: University of Reading (January), Central European University (January), EBRD (January), University of Maryland, Bates White (February), World Bank (May), EALE (September)
2005: University of Maryland
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Young Economist at the 4th Lindau Meeting of the Laureates of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, 23–27 August 2011.
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.

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Referee for *Economics of Transition*, *Energy Policy*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Productivity Dynamics*, *Open Economies Review*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, and *World Development*.
Co-Chair of Economic Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland, 2003–2004.

LANGUAGES

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