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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Happiness Economics, Applied Econometrics, Development Economics, Health Economics, Emerging and Transition Economies

EDUCATION

2012 **Ph.D. in Economics** (chartered in the US and accredited in the Czech Republic)

Charles University in Prague and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education-Economics Institute (CERGE-EI)
Title of Thesis: Essays on Individual Perceptions of Economic Reforms

2012 **Ph.D. in Economics and Econometrics** (accredited in the Czech Republic)

Charles University in Prague
Title of Thesis: Essays on Individual Perceptions of Economic Reforms

2008 **M.A. in Economics** (chartered in the US)

Charles University in Prague and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education-Economics Institute (CERGE-EI)
Relevant Courses: Labor and Public Economics, Economics of Transition, Econometrics

2005 **B.A. in Economics**

Department of Economics, Ural State Gorky University, Yekaterinburg, Russian Federation
Title of Thesis: Organizational Dynamics in the Modern Russian Economy:
the Example of Small Business Sector (in Russian)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

2011-present **Postdoctoral Researcher**

Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg, Germany

2008-present **Junior Researcher**

Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

2013-present **Associate Researcher**

Higher School of Economics, Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, Moscow, Russian Federation

2006-2009 **Research Assistant**, CERGE-EI, Prague, the Czech Republic

(to Prof. Jan Kmenta, Ph.D. and Doc. Ing. Lubomir Lizal, Ph.D.)

TEACHING

2013, Fall **Visiting Lecturer** (B.A. Level)

Irkutsk State University, Irkutsk, Russian Federation

Course: Applied International Economics

2009, Fall-present **Visiting Lecturer** (M.A. and B.A. level)

Graduate School of Economics and Management, Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia

Courses: Econometrics I, Time Series Econometrics, Econometrics for International Economics, Economics of Transition, International Trade

2007-2009 **Teaching Assistant** (Ph.D. level), CERGE-EI, Prague, the Czech Republic

Courses: Time Series Econometrics, Microeconomics 0

PAPERS

"Life (Dis)satisfaction and the Intention to Migrate: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe" (with V. Otrachshenko), *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 48, 40-49, 2014.

"Can Religion Insure against Aggregate Shocks to Happiness? The Case of Transition Countries", CERGE-EI Working Paper No. 425, revise and resubmit.

"Corruption, Voting and Employment Status: Evidence from Russian Parliamentary Elections", CERGE-EI Working Paper No. 428, under review.

"Does the Euro Hurt? Evidence from Slovakia Using Happiness Data" (with V. Otrachshenko and J. Tavares), under review.

"Suffer for the Faith? The Impact of Parental Religiosity on Children's Health?", work in progress

"Impact of Maternal Capital on Childbirth Decision in Russia" (with V. Otrachshenko), work in progress.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2009-2013 **CERGE-EI Teaching Fellowship**, CERGE-EI Foundation

2010-2011 **Fellowship for Social Researchers**, ERSTE Foundation, Research Topic: "Life (Dis)satisfaction and the Decision to Migrate: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe" (with V. Otrachshenko)

2009-2010 **Returning Scholar Fellowship**, Open Society Institute (OSI)

2009 **Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development** for proposal "Happiness Adaptation to the Euro Adoption", *Semi-Finalist*, Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

2009 **Best Team Player**, Informal Award from the Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching, International School of Economics (ISET), Tbilisi, Georgia

2007 **CERGE-EI/World Bank Research Fellowship**. Research Topic: Corruption, Voting and Employment Status: Evidence from Russian Parliamentary Elections.

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

"Can Religion Insure against Aggregate Shocks to Happiness? The Case of Transition Countries"

2014 ASREC Annual Conference (Orange, CA, accepted for presentation)

2012 Bi-annual EACES Conference (Paisley); Osteuropa-Institut at Free University (Berlin); International Conference "Micro-Level Analysis of Well-Being in Central Asia", DIW Berlin (Berlin)

2009 International Conference "Happiness and Relational Goods" (Venice)

"Life (Dis)satisfaction and the Intention to Migrate: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe"

2013 SAEe 2013 (Santander); University of Regensburg (Regensburg); CERGE-EI (Prague)

2012 8th World Demographic and Ageing Forum (St. Gallen); Summer Academy on Migration in Central and Eastern Europe (Tutzing)

2011 IZA Workshop on Sources of Welfare and Well-Being (Bonn); International Conference "Market and Happiness" (Milan); Synergising Political Economy Research in Central and Eastern Europe Workshop (Budapest)

"Life Satisfaction and the Euro Adoption"

2013 Interdisciplinary Conference "Public Happiness" (Rome)

2012 11th Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) (Venice)

2011 CERGE-EI Alumni Conference "Economists Changing the World" (Prague)

2009 International Conference "From GDP to Well-Being" (Ancona)

"Corruption, Voting and Employment Status: Evidence from Russian Parliamentary Elections"

2013 Summer School on Development Economics (Alba di Canazei); EPCS Meeting (Zurich)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES); European Public Choice Society (EPCS); Happiness Economics and Interpersonal Relations (HEIRs); International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS)

REFEREEING

Economic Systems, Journal of Economic Psychology, International Migration Review

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES: Russian (Native), English (Fluent), Czech (Intermediate), German (Basic)

COMPUTER SKILLS: STATA, EViews, TSP, Scientific Workplace, LaTeX, MS Office, Adobe Acrobat Professional, CSS and HTML (basics)

REFERENCES

Available upon request