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Current Position

Senior Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics and Finance, Brunel University, since 2006.

Other Affiliations

Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London; Research Fellow, CESifo, Munich; Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Development and Institutions (CEDI), Brunel University; Research Fellow, William Davidson Institute (WDI) at the University of Michigan Business School.

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Center for Economic Research, Tilburg University, 1999;
Master of Arts (M.A.) in Economics, University of Missouri–Columbia, 1994;
Engineer (BSc) in Economics, University of Economics, Bratislava, 1993.

Research Interests

Political Economy, Development/Transition, Institutional Economics, Migration, Family Economics, Economics of Languages.

Dissertation

“The Political Economy of Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe,” defended on June 28th, 1999 at Tilburg University, advisors: Harald Uhlig and Gérard Roland.

Past Positions

Lecturer, Department of Economics and Finance, Brunel University, 2004 – 2006;
Marie Curie Fellow, European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics (ECARES), Université Libre de Bruxelles, 2002 – 2004;
Lecturer, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, 2001 – 2002;
Visiting Researcher (part-time), European Comparative Analysis Unit, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, The Hague, 2000 – 2001.
Senior Fellow, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), University of Bonn, 1999 – 2001.
PhD Student, Center for Economic Research, Tilburg University, 1995 – 1999.

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References

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Articles in Refereed Journals

“Mind the Break! Accounting for Changing Patterns of Growth during Post-communist Transition,” with Ariane Tichit, *Economic Systems* 33, 138-154, 2009.

“Voting on the Choice of Core Languages in the European Union,” with Victor Ginsburgh and Shlomo Weber, *European Journal of Political Economy*, March 2009, 56-62.

“Money Can’t Buy Me Growth: Making Change Happen in Post-communist Countries?,” *Seoul Journal of Economics* 21 (3), 427-452, 2008.

“Mind the Gap! Social Capital, East and West,” with Klarita Gërxhani, *Journal of Comparative Economics* 36, June 2008, 264-286.

“The Willingness to Migrate in the CEECs: Evidence from the Czech Republic,” with Peter Huber, *Empirica* 34 (4), September 2007, 351-369.

“Languages in the European Union: The Quest for Equality and its Cost,” with Victor Ginsburgh, *European Economic Review* 51 (6), August 2007, 1351-1369.

“Fire the Manager to Improve Performance? Managerial Turnover and Incentives after Privatization in the Czech Republic,” with Jana P. Fidrmuc, *Economics of Transition* 15 (3), July 2007, 505-533.

“Can You Teach Old Dogs New Tricks? On Complementarity of Human Capital and Incentives,” with Jana P. Fidrmuc, *Journal of International Money and Finance* 25, April 2006, 445-458.

“Who Favors Enlargement? Determinants of Support for EU Membership in the Candidate Countries’ Referenda,” with Orla Doyle, *European Journal of Political Economy* 22, June 2006, 520-543.

“Introduction to symposium on Job destruction, job creation, and voting in post-communist societies,” with John E. Jackson, *European Journal of Political Economy*, June 2006, 345-348.

“Labor Mobility during Transition: Evidence from the Czech Republic,” *Zeitschrift für Arbeitsmarktforschung (Journal of Labor Market Research)* 37 (4), special issue on “Europeanization of the Labor Markets in an Enlarged European Union,” 2004, 437-450.

- “Le français, deuxième langue de l’Union Européenne?” with Victor Ginsburgh and Shlomo Weber, *Economie Publique* 15, 2004, 43-63.
- “Migration and Regional Adjustment to Asymmetric Shocks in Transition Economies,” *Journal of Comparative Economics* 32 (2), June 2004, 230-247.
- “Optimum Choice of the Exchange-rate Regime for the Accession-candidate Countries,” with Mathilde Maurel, *Journal of Comparative Economics* 32 (2), June 2004, 197-201.
- “Disintegration and Trade,” with Jarko Fidrmuc, *Review of International Economics* 11 (5), September 2003, 811-829.
- “Economic Reform, Democracy and Growth during Post-communist Transition,” *European Journal of Political Economy* 19 (3), September 2003, 583-604.
- “Democracy in Transition Economies: Grease or Sand in the Wheels of Growth?” *EIB Papers* 6 (2), 2001, 24-40.
- “Economics of Voting in Post-Communist Countries,” *Electoral Studies* 19 (2/3), Special issue: Economics and Elections, June/September 2000, 199-217.
- “Political Support for Reforms: Economics of Voting in Transition Countries,” *European Economic Review* 44 (8), August 2000, 1491-1513.
- “Les Ajustements aux Chocs par Les Migrations Inter-regionales: Le Cas des Républiques Tchèque et Slovaque,” *Revue d’études comparatives Est-Ouest* 31 (4), December 2000, 5-26.
- “Stability of Monetary Unions: Lessons from the Break Up of Czechoslovakia,” with Julius Horvath and Jarko Fidrmuc, *Journal of Comparative Economics* 27 (4), December 1999, 753-781.
- “Unemployment and the Dynamics of Political Support for Economic Reforms,” *Journal of Policy Reforms* 3 (2), 1999, 139-156.

Books

Political Economy of Transition and Development: Institutions, Politics and Policies.
Co-editor (with Nauro Campos), ZEI Studies in European Economics and Law, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2003.

Chapters in Books and Non-refereed Publications

- “Interest Groups, Stakeholders, and the Distribution of Benefits and Costs of Reform,” with Abdul G. Noury, in: *Understanding Market Reforms, Volume 1: Philosophy, Politics, and Stakeholders*, in: Jose Maria Fanelli and Gary McMahon (Eds.), Palgrave MacMillan, New York, 2005, 153-175.
- “Optimal Path into the EMU: Big Bang or Gradualism?” In: Karl Aiginger and Gernot Hutschenreiter (eds.): *Economic Policy Issues for the Next Decade*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, 2003, 123-140.
- “Anatomy of Voting Behavior and Attitudes during Post-Communist Transition: Czech Republic 1990-98,” with Orla Doyle, in: Nauro F. Campos and Jan Fidrmuc (eds.): *Political Economy of Transition and Development: Institutions, Politics and Policies.* ZEI Studies in European Economics and Law, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, 2003, 139-164.
- “EU Enlargement: Economic Consequences and Perspectives for the European Union,” with Susanne Mundschenk, Iulia Traistaru and Jürgen von Hagen, in

- Andrew M. Warner (ed.) *The European Competitiveness and Transition Report 2001-2002*, Oxford University Press and World Economic Forum, Oxford and Geneva, 2002.
- “Macroeconomic Developments in the Czech Republic and the EU Accession,” with Jarko Fidrmuc. *Prague Economic Papers* 9 (4), 2001, 309-324.
- “The Slovak Republic,” with Jarko Fidrmuc. In: Helena Tang, ed., *Winners and Losers of EU Integration: Policy Issues for Central and Eastern Europe*. Chapter 9, pp. 189-218. Washington D.C: The World Bank, 2000.
- “Integration, Disintegration and Trade Flows in Europe: Borders Do Matter!” With Jarko Fidrmuc. In: *East-West Trade: Ten Years After*, Chapter IV, pp. 39-56. Vienna, Austria: Institute for Advanced Studies and Bank Austria AG, July 1999.
- “Political Sustainability of Economic Reforms: Dynamics and the Role of Unemployment.” In: H. van der Wusten ed., *Conference Proceedings: Transformation Processes in Eastern Europe, Part IV, Political Transformation and the Environment*, pp. 51-73, The Hague: NWO/ESR/ReOB, June 1998.
- “Slovakia,” with Jarko Fidrmuc. In: Richard N. Cooper and János Gács, eds., *Trade Growth in Transition Economies*, Chapter 6, pp. 189-226. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 1997.
- “Slovakia,” with Jarko Fidrmuc. In: János Gács, ed., *Case Studies on Impediments to Exports in Small Transition Economies*, IIASA Working Paper WP-96-145 (Vol.II), 1996, 225-312. [Case studies to accompany the Edward Elgar Publication]

Current working papers

- “Anthropometry of Love: Height and Gender Asymmetries in Interethnic Marriages,” with Michèle Belot, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 7146, recently discussed at <http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/06/19/modeling-interracial-love/?hp>, under review.
- “Foreign Languages and Trade,” with Jarko Fidrmuc, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 7228.
- “Civil Society and Institutional Change: The Great Transition?,” with László Bruszt, Nauro Campos and Gérard Roland, manuscript.
- “Theory of Optimal Fiscal Unions,” manuscript.
- “Shocking Aspects of Chinese Reform,” with Jarko Fidrmuc and Shuo Huang, work in progress.
- “Where Have All the Migrants Gone? Reconciling Falling Migration with Increasing Regional Disparities during Transition,” with Peter Huber, manuscript, under review (revision invited): *Journal of Population Economics*.
- “Does Where You Live Affect How You Vote? An Analysis of Migrant Voting Behavior” with Orla Doyle, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 4619, under review (revision invited) *Public Choice*.
- “Testing for East-West Similarities: Determinants of Support for European Integration within the EU-25,” with Orla Doyle, manuscript.
- “Stochastic Shocks and Incentives for (Dis)Integration,” CEPR Discussion Paper No. 2104, Centre for Economic Policy Research, London, UK.

Organization of Conferences

- “Intervention Economics: Impact of External Interventions on Developing Economies,” 5th Annual CEDI Conference on Development and Institutions, CEDI, Brunel University, June 4, 2010.
- “Party and Electoral Competition,” joint conference of Department of Economics and Finance and Magna Carta Institute, Brunel University, June 18-19, 2009.
- “Advanced Perspectives on Migration and Mobility,” with Oded Stark, ZEI, University of Bonn, September 30 – October 1, 2004.
- “Political Economy of Job Creation and Job Destruction,” with John Jackson, joint conference of Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) and William Davidson Institute (WDI); held at ZEI, University of Bonn, August 15-16, 2003.
- “Political Economy of Transition: Institutions, Policies and Politics,” with Nauro Campos, joint conference of Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) and Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR); held at ZEI, University of Bonn, May 14-15, 2002.

Research Grants

- Low Pay Commission, “The impact of the national minimum wage on the labour-market outcomes of young workers in a recession,” with Juan de Dion Tena Horriilo (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid), March-October 2010, £16,998.
- Brunel Fellowship (Award No. BF03/05), Autumn 2005, one term research leave.
- Individual Marie Curie Fellowship (HPMF-CT-2002-02048) for ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles: “Institutional Foundations of Economic and Political Developments in Post-communist Countries,” January 2003-January 2005, 24 months full-time research position.
- Global Development Network, Global Research Project Grant: “Understanding Reform: Interest Groups, Stakeholders, and the Distribution of Benefits and Costs of Reform,” September 2002 – May 2003, with Abdul Noury, \$4,000.
- Trinity College Dublin, Start-up Fund for New Lecturers, “Mutual Interactions between Institutional Change, Policy Choices and Economic Outcomes during Post-communist Transition,” 2001/02, €14,831.
- Trinity College Dublin, Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund 2001/02. “Evolution of Voting Behavior and Attitudes during Post-communist Transition,” €1,900.
- EU 5th Framework Programme Research Project HPSE-CT2001-00063: “Regional Labour Market Adjustment in the Accession Candidate Countries,” August 2001—August 2004, Scientific coordinator for the Bonn node, €73,774 out of total project budget of €808,695.
- Global Development Network, Global Research Project Grant: “Determinants of Growth: Growth Experience and Prospects of the Visegrad Economies,” February 2001 – March 2002, Team Leader, with Julius Horvath and Jarko Fidrmuc, \$20,750.
- ACE Phare Research Grant P98-1061-R: “Optimum Choice of Exchange-rate Regime for the Accession Countries: Cost and Benefit Analysis of EMU Membership,” September 2000—March 2002, Partner, €27,750 out of total project budget of €180,354.

Awards and Distinctions

2001 European Investment Bank Prize (Second Prize).

European Union's Phare ACE Ph.D. Scholarship, Center for Economic Research, Tilburg University, 1996-1999.

Hamilton Fellowship of the Fulbright Commission, University of Missouri – Columbia, 1993-1994.

OeAD Scholarship of the Austrian Government, University of Vienna, 1992.

Membership in Professional Organizations

European Public Choice Society (member of the Executive Board)

European Economic Association.

Editorial and Refereeing Work

Associate editor of *Economics*, e-journal published by The Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

Journals: European Economic Review; Economic Journal, American Political Science Review, American Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Comparative Economics, Economics of Transition, Comparative Economic Studies; Journal of Policy Reform, Journal of Development Economics, Review of International Organizations, IMF Staff Papers, Czech Economic Review, Europe-Asia Studies.

Research Project Proposals: Global Development Network, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Czech Science Foundation (GACR), Flemish Science Foundation (FWO), National Science Foundation (NSF).

Other Professional Activities

Electronic-help-desk member for Global Research Project on Understanding Reform (giving advice and guidance to authors of country reports), Global Development Network, August 2003 – August 2004.

Teaching Expertise

Macroeconomics, Transition Economics, Political Economy, European Integration.

Recent Supervision

2004-05: numerous BSc and MSc dissertations, four PhD student (one as second supervisor).

Languages

English (fluent), Dutch (reading very good, spoken and written basic), German (good), Russian (good), Slovak (native).