

LUCIA KUREKOVÁ

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CURRENT POSITION (July 2011)

Research Fellow, Slovak Governance Institute: FP7 Project: "NEUJOBS"

EXPERTISE

Labor migration, economic and social policy, labor markets and employment, foreign direct investment, sectoral studies, education and skill formation systems, transition economies, ethnic minorities.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Analytical thinking, planning and organization, drafting skills, presentation skills, interpersonal skills.

EDUCATION

- 09/2006 - 03/2011 PhD in Political Science, *Suma Cum Laude*
Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary
Dissertation: From Job Search to Skill Search: Political Economy of Labor Migration in Central and Eastern Europe (*Suma Cum Laude*)
- 09/2005 - 06/2006 Master of Arts (MA) in International Relations and European Studies, *Distinction*
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- 09/2000 - 06/2005 Magister (Mgr.) in International Relations and Diplomacy, *Suma Cum Laude*
University of Matej Bel in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

Other education and training

- 01/2010 - 3/2010 Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford
Visiting researcher
- 02/2010 - 02/2010 University of Tilburg, Netherlands
Multilevel modeling workshop (EDACWOWE): 'Multilevel approaches to the analysis of work, care and welfare'
- 06/2009-07/2009 European University Institute, Florence, Italy
V. Florence Summer School on Euro-Mediterranean Migration and Development
- 08/2008 Neuwaldegg Institute, Vienna, Austria
Summer Seminar: Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics, Bioethics
- 07/2007 University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Cambridge Advanced Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE)

EXPERIENCE

Policy relevant research and consultancy

- 07/2011 - 12/2012 **Research Fellow, Slovak Governance Institute, Bratislava**
Project: NEUJOBS (FP7 project)
Tasks: Preparing methodology and researching labor market issues related to life-long learning, labor market mismatches and skill formation and higher education
- 05/2011 - present **Lead Researcher, Slovak Governance Institute**
Project: E-skills for employability of Roma and immigrant women in Slovakia

Tasks: Analyzing labor market condition of Roma and immigrant women – preparing background report; preparing recommendations of quantitative and qualitative tools for identifying respondents for e-skills course

09/2009 - 06/2011

Research Assistant, CEU

Project: Institutional Changes and Trajectories of Socio-economic Models

Tasks: Conducting overview of reforms and institutional changes in different policy areas (financial markets, corporate governance, employment, welfare state, education) in Slovakia and Hungary, preparing database, writing country reports, journal publication

11/2010

Consultant, Slovak Academic and Information Agency (SAIA)

Project: Assessment of the Slovak National Scholarship Program

Tasks: Assessing the first four years of the National Scholarship Program in terms of its impact and goal fulfillment and give recommendations about further improvement of the program

06/2010

Consultant, Trend Analyses and the Business Alliance of Slovakia

Project: Business Environment in Slovakia 2010 – Human Capital Section

Tasks: Identifying and analyzing main challenges in the labor market and skill formation in Slovakia and providing policy recommendations

11/2008

Consultant, World Bank

Project: Policy note on balanced approach to labor market activation

Tasks: Writing policy note about approach to labor market integration of Roma in CEE

10/2008 - 01/2009

Research Assistant, Center for Policy Studies, CEU

Project: Monitoring EU Structural Funds

Tasks: Conducting semi-structured interviews with members of EU structural funds Monitoring Committee in Slovakia, preparing literature review and background notes, providing comments on final analysis

01/2008 - 08/2008

Research Assistant to Dr. Robert C. Hancke, LSE/CEU

Project: Varieties of Capitalism and Economic Governance in Central Europe

Tasks: Conducting literature review, carrying out field work, writing final report, organizing a set of workshops in Central European countries, presenting and disseminating research

12/2007 - 04/2008

Consultant, World Bank

Project: Roma Employment Patterns in the Czech Republic

Tasks: Conducting literature review, preparing detailed analysis of labor market data, writing of series of research notes, commenting on final report

Public administration

06/2006 - 09/2006

State Counsellor, Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Affairs of Slovakia (full time)

EU Affairs and International-Law Relations Department

Tasks: Working on agenda related to harmonization of EU and Slovak social legislation

03/2005

Intern, Embassy of the Slovak Republic to the Russian Federation

Tasks: Conducting media overview, writing reports, attending professional conferences, writing diplomatic notes

10/2003

Intern, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Tasks: Conducting media overview, writing reports, attending professional conferences, writing diplomatic notes, writing speeches

Management, coordination, organization

12/2010-07/2011

Summer School Organizer (ESPAnet/RECWOWE summer school)

Tasks: Communicating with lecturers, preparing schedule and reading list, selecting participants, logistical coordination

09/2007- 09/2009

Student Chair, Political Economy Research Group, CEU (voluntary work)

Tasks: Managing and steering the research group; setting agenda, organizing and convening regular seminars; organizing several public events; delegating tasks; securing budget; overseeing webpage and internal and external blog development

06/2008 - 12/2008 **Main Conference Organizer**, Graduate Network Conference: Understanding Complexity: Methodology and Research Design in Social Sciences (voluntary work)
Tasks: Preparing content of the conference, carrying out logistics preparations, securing funding, communicating with professors, selecting applicants

Teaching

09/2008 – 12/2008 **Teaching Assistant**, CEU
Course: Introduction to Statistics and Intermediate statistics
Tasks: Teaching seminar, grading, providing feedback and giving consultations to students

09/2007 – 12/2007 **Teaching Assistant**, CEU
Course: Transnational Corporations and National Governments
Tasks: Teaching seminars, grading, providing feedback and giving consultations to students

02/2007 – 06/2007 **Visiting Faculty**, Comenius University, Bratislava
Course: Theories of International Relations
Tasks: Convening seminars, giving lectures, giving feedback, grading and assessment

HONORS

Awards

2011 Best dissertation award – Central European University
2010 Best summer school participant essay: Florence Summer School in Migration and Development
2005 Rector's prize to the best student graduating from Matej Bel University Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

Scholarships

2010 Doctoral Research Support Grant towards visiting fellowship at the University in Oxford
2006 - 2009 Full scholarship from CEU for doctoral studies
2005 - 2006 Partial scholarship from CEU for MA studies
2005 SAIA intergovernmental scholarship to study at Catholic University Leuven, Belgium (declined)
2004 SAIA intergovernmental scholarship for semester exchange at Charles University Prague, Czech Rep.
2003 ERASMUS scholarship for semester exchange at Catholic University Leuven, Belgium
2006 - 2011 Multiple scholarships and travel grants to participate at conferences, workshops and summer schools

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS (selected)

"European Union Expansion and Migration." Under review for: Encyclopedia of Human Migration, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. (with Martin Kahanec).

"Industrial Policy Making after Transition and the Role of the State in Hungary and Slovakia." Under review in: Journal of European Public Policy. (with Anil Duman).

"Assessment Report of the National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic on Increasing Academic Mobility". Prepared for the Slovak Academic and Information Agency (SAIA). November 2010. (In Slovak).

"Report on the State of Business Environment in Slovakia 2010; Sections: Human capital: Employment and Labor Force; Human capital: Education System". (Správa o stave podnikateľského prostredia 2010: Časť: Ľudský kapitál: Zamestnanosť a pracovná sila; Ľudský kapitál: Školstvo.) Business Alliance of Slovakia and Trend Analyses. August 2010. (In Slovak).

"Theories of migration: critical review in the context of the EU East-West flows". CARIM AS Best Participant Essays Series 2010/44, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole: EUI, 2010.

"Innovative R&D and Optimal Investment under Uncertainty in High-Tech Industries: An Implication for Emerging Economies," Research Policy Journal 38, 2009: 1388-1395. (with Justin Yifu Lin and Yingyi Tsai).

Enhancing the Employment Chances of Roma. Knowledge Brief. World Bank. Europe and Central Asia. March 2009. Volume 2. (with Christian Bodewig).

“Varieties of Capitalism and Economic Governance in Central Europe”. New Modes of Governance/STACEE, EC Framework 6 Report. August 2008. (with Bob Hancke).

“The Automotive Industry in Slovakia: Recent Developments and Impact on Growth,” Commission for Growth and Development. World Bank, 2008. (with Malgorzata Jakubiak, Peter Kolesar and Ivailo Izvorski).

“Foreign direct investment in Slovakia – the economic security perspective”, Panorama of Global Security Environment 2006–2007, Ministry of Defense of the Slovak Republic, 2007. (with Peter Kolesar).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (selected)

07/2011	CEUR and IZA conference, Budapest: Migration, Crisis and Adjustment in the Enlarged EU
04/2011	UCL, London: Norface Migration Conference
09/2010	Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid: Scribani International Conference 2010
03/ 2010	University of Warwick, UK: Industrial Relations Research Unit Seminar
02/2010	COMPAS, University of Oxford: COMPAS seminar
05/2009	EUI, Florence: Transnational Capitalism Workshop
06/2008	Harvard University, Boston: Society for Comparative Research Graduate Retreat
07/2008	LSE, London: Managing Migration: The Neglected Face of Globalisation

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native	Slovak
Proficient	English, Czech
Intermediate	Spanish, Russian, German

OTHER SKILLS

Computer Literacy	MS Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Internet, Database search
Statistical skills	SPSS, STATA