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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Social Policy Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia

September 2019 – present

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

- Economics research and analysis of socio-economic data for a variety of policy-relevant outputs
- Support for policy-makers on a variety of projects, as well as communication with EU institutions

UWC Adriatic, Duino (Trieste), Italy

August 2016 – March 2019

Economics Teacher and Residence Tutor

- Taught International Baccalaureate (IB) Economics at both Higher and Standard Levels
- Served as IB Examiner for Economics HL Paper 3 and Extended Essays.
- Supervised students' social service visits to a retirement home in nearby Trieste, cultural visits to various Italian cities, as well as the school's Model UN activity.
- Pastoral, tutorial and residential responsibilities, including the supervision of a College Life course about student welfare.

The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

January 2011 – May 2011

Intern (Research Analyst) in the Global Economy and Development Program

- Built indicators and analyzed data on the quality and effectiveness of Official Development Assistance, both in general and in fragile state environments.
- Conducted econometric analyses and research on the determinants of World Bank investment and development policy lending.

The World Bank, Washington, DC

February 2010 – August 2010

Research Assistant in the Development Economics Research Group (DECRG)

- Managed large amounts of data from several waves of World Bank-sponsored household surveys in Northern Pakistan, conducted in the wake of a major earthquake, as well as surveys of medical patients and health care providers in central India.
- Performed econometric analyses to determine the impact of Pakistan's 2005 earthquake on local residents' socio-economic, educational and health outcomes.

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC

Sept. 2009 – Dec. 2009

Research Intern under Mr. Steven Schrage, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

- Researched international trade and finance topics. Analyzed policy research and news developments relevant to G-20 summit negotiations and U.S. economic competitiveness.
- Prepared charts and checked facts for "The United States and Korea – Leading Beyond the Storm: The G-20, Trade and a Roadmap for the Alliance," an expert report on the importance of the U.S.- Korea Free Trade Agreement.

NERA Economic Consulting, White Plains, NY / Los Angeles, CA

July 2008 – May 2009

Research Associate at a major international economic consulting firm

- Data management, econometric analysis and market research in the Antitrust and Intellectual Property practice with a focus on commercial litigation and mergers in the health care industry
- Projects have included mergers of health insurance and waste management companies, commercial disputes between medical supplies manufacturers, as well as a *pro bono* case involving the eligibility policies of shelters for the homeless in a major U.S. city.

Adam Smith Institute, London, UK

Summer 2007

Summer Intern at a leading policy think tank in the United Kingdom

- Published *Open Access for UK Schools*, a policy proposal advocating a reform of the British public education system to enhance competition between schools and to expand educational options for children from low-income families.

Transparency International, Bratislava, Slovakia

Summer 2006

Summer Intern at the Slovak national chapter of a global civil society NGO devoted to issues of transparency and leading the fight against corruption on both international and national levels

- Researched economic literature and wrote up reports on government-owned enterprises, public-private partnerships and public service benchmarking.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA Ph.D., June 2017
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in *Political Economy and Government*
- Comparative and international political economy; labor economics; international relations
- Dissertation: *Social Capital and Redistribution Preferences*
- Committee: Torben Iversen (chair), Jeffrey Frieden, George Borjas

Georgetown University, Washington, DC MPP, May 2011
Master of Public Policy (MPP) in *International Policy and Development*
Thesis: *Political Ideology and Individual-Level Attitudes Towards Immigration in the European Union: Evidence from the European Values Study 2008/2009*

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ A.B., *summa cum laude*, June 2008
Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) in *Economics (Mathematical Track)* with a certificate in *Finance*
Thesis: *Fundamental Tax Reform: The Growth and Utility Effects of a Revenue-Neutral Flat Tax*
Honors:
- Halbert White '72 Prize in Economics for the best economics major in the Class of 2008
- Wolf Balleisen Memorial Prize for the best senior thesis on an economics subject
- Phi Beta Kappa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

Courses taught as the primary instructor:

International Baccalaureate (IB) Economics HL and SL, UWC Adriatic, since August 2016

- Demanding secondary school economics course that covers microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics and development economics.
- Also served as Examiner for IB Economics HL Paper 3 and Extended Essays.

Principles of Microeconomics (Master's level), Instructor, Harvard University (every summer since 2013)

- An overview / refresher course in microeconomics for incoming mid-career Master's students at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Nobel Prize-Winning Contributions to Economics (undergraduate seminar), Instructor, Harvard University, Department of Economics (Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

- I designed every aspect of this popular undergraduate seminar, and have regularly updated the syllabus to include new Nobel Prize laureates.
- Received a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for student evaluation scores of at least 4.5 / 5.0 in most semesters.

Courses taught as a teaching assistant:

The Future of Globalization: Issues, Actors, and Decisions (Master's level), Teaching Assistant for Professors Lawrence Summers and Robert Lawrence, Harvard University (Fall 2015)

- Served as a teaching assistant to Prof. Lawrence Summers, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, economic advisor to President Barack Obama, as well as former President of Harvard University.

Political Economics (undergraduate seminar), Teaching Assistant for Professor Andrei Shleifer, Harvard University (Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

- Received a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for student evaluation scores of at least 4.5 / 5.0 in both semesters.

Markets and Market Failures (Master's level), Teaching Assistant for Professor George Borjas, Harvard University (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

- Received the Harvard Kennedy School Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching, based on students' recommendations and subject to faculty approval. One of only two teaching assistants at the entire Harvard Kennedy School to be honoured by this prize.

Macroeconomics (Master's level), Teaching Assistant for Professor Jeffrey Rohaly, Georgetown University (Spring 2011)

Advanced Regression and Program Evaluation Methods for Policy Analysis (Master's level), Teaching Assistant for Professor Michael A. Bailey, Georgetown University (Fall 2010)

PUBLICATIONS, WORKING PAPERS AND OTHER PROJECTS

“A Very Long Road: U.S. Labor Markets in the Past 30 Years,” with Harry J. Holzer, book chapter in *Diversity and Disparities: America Enters a New Century*, 2014, Russell Sage Foundation (New York, NY)

“An Uneven Road, Then A Cliff: U.S. Labor Markets 2000-2010,” with Harry J. Holzer, Policy Brief, published as part of the US 2010: America after the First Decade of the New Century project, Russell Sage Foundation (New York, NY), April 2011

"Results of Parliamentary Elections in the Slovak Republic: 2002-2010 - Comprehensive Data Set," *Slovak Election Data Project*, results of parliamentary elections in the Slovak Republic published in formats suitable for statistical analysis (STATA, SAS, SPSS, Excel), June 2010

Available at: http://sites.google.com/site/marekhlavac/slovak_election_data_project

SOFTWARE

“stargazer: LaTeX/HTML code and ASCII text for well-formatted regression and summary statistics tables.”

- Available from: <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer>

“oaxaca: Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition in R”

- Available from: <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/oaxaca/index.html>

“ExtremeBounds: Extreme Bounds Analysis (EBA) in R,” *Journal of Statistical Software*

- Available from: <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=ExtremeBounds>

“TableMaker: An Excel Macro for Publication-Quality Tables,” *Journal of Statistical Software*

- Available from: <https://sites.google.com/site/marekhlavac/exceltablemaker>

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Language: Fluent: Slovak (native), English, Italian - Proficient: German, Spanish - Basic: French

Computer: R (both base and tidyverse), Python, STATA, advanced Microsoft Excel (incl. VBA)