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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University, 2008
Advisors: Janet Currie (chair), Brendan O’Flaherty, Nachum Sicherman
M. Phil. Economics, Columbia University, 2005
M.A. Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2002
C.P.A. Accounting, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2001
B. A. Economics & Accounting, Magna Cum Laude, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999

Professional Employment

2021-present Professor of Economics, ISET, Tbilisi State University
2022-present Adjunct Professor, Columbia University
2021-2022 Visiting Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
2015-2021 Associate Professor (tenured), ISET, Tbilisi State University
2014-present Head of Graduate Studies, ISET, Tbilisi State University
2015-2021 Adjunct Associate Professor, Columbia University
2012-2014 Associate Academic Director, ISET, Tbilisi State University
2009-2014 Assistant Professor, International School of Economics (ISET), Tbilisi State University
2008-2014 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University
2008-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, Union College
2008-2008 Adjunct Assistant Professor, New York University
2001-2002 Researcher, Ministry of Labor and Welfare

Teaching and Research Interests

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Econometrics, Time Series Econometrics, Microeconomics.

Research

1. Journal Articles

“Labor market flexibility and exchange rate regimes,” *European Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming. (With V. Kuokstis and S.A. Spurga.)

“Civil rights experiments versus enrichment experiments in wage gap analysis,” *Applied Economics Letters*, forthcoming.

“Labor Market Discrimination and the Macroeconomy.” *Economics of Transition & Institutional Change*, 2020, 28(3): 515-533. (With R. Gurashvili)

“vgets: A command to estimate general-to-specific VARs, Granger causality, steady-state effects, and cumulative impulse responses.” *Stata Journal*, 2020, 20(2): 426-434.

“Intralesional Injection of the Calcium Channel Blocker Verapamil in Peyronie's Disease: A critical review.” *Archives of Italian Urology and Andrology*, 2020, 92(3). (With Murad Asali)

“A Tale of Two Tracks.” *Education Economics*, 2019, 27(3): 323-337.

“Compulsory Military Service and Future Earnings: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2019, 30(4): 402-420.

“Employment Discrimination in a Former Soviet Union Republic: Evidence from a Field Experiment.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2018, 46(4): 1294-1309. (With N. Pignatti and S. Skhirtladze.)

“Military Service and Future Earnings: Evidence from an Informed Difference-in-Differences (IDID) Approach.” *Economics Bulletin*, 2018, 38(3): 1583-1589.

“The Cycle of Violence in the Second Intifada: Causality in Nonlinear Vector Autoregressive Models.” *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2017, 32(6): 1197-1205. (With A. Abu-Qarn and M. Beenstock.)

“The Effects of (Different Types of) Immigrants on Labor Market Outcomes of (Different Groups of) Natives,” *International Journal of Manpower*, 2017, 38(3): 338-353.

“Local Human Capital Formation and Optimal FDI,” *Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, 2016, 25(5): 691-705. (With A.C. Campoamor and A. Shaked.)

“Recessions are *Not* Good for Your Health: the Counter-Cyclical Health Outcomes Revisited,” *European Economics Letters*, 2015, 4(1): 11-14.

“The Effect of Immigration on Unskilled Native Workers: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” *Southern Economic Journal*, 2013, 80(2): 345-365.

“On the Effects of Foreign Direct Investment on Local Human Capital Formation,” *Cuadernos de economía*, 2011, 34(96): 153-161. (With A.C. Campoamor.)

“Jewish-Arab Wage Gap: What are the Causes?” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2010, 21(4): Economic Ramifications of the Israeli-Arab Conflict): 367-380.

2. Book Chapters

“Inter-Country Comparisons of Poverty Based on a Capability Approach: An Empirical Exercise,” in *Arguments for a Better World—Essays in Honor of Amartya Sen*, Ed. Kaushik Basu and Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University Press, 2008, Vol. 2, Chapter 1, pp. 7-30. (With S. Reddy and S. Visaria.)

3. Other Contributions

Refined bootstrapped standard errors formula, *Econometric Analysis*, William H. Greene, Ed. 8: 652. Errata: <http://pages.stern.nyu.edu/~wgreene/Text/Errata/ERRATA8.htm>

4. Working Papers and Work in Progress

“Violence and Cooperation in Geopolitical Conflicts: Evidence from the Second Intifada.” Working Paper. (With A. Abu-Qarn and M. Beenstock.)

“New Performance Index: An application to COVID-19 era.” *ISET Working Paper Series* (WP 03-21).

“Gender and ethnic wage differentials inhibit growth: A shred of evidence.” *ISET Working Paper Series* (WP 02-21)

“Luck and its effect on performance: Evidence from the classroom.” Working paper.

“Retrograde intrarenal surgery for nephroureterolithiasis vs nephrolithiasis with stones 15 mm and more.” Working paper. (With M. Asali)

“The Use of the Goldfinger Dissector (GD) and en bloc stapling of renal hilum during Laparoscopic Nephrectomy.” Working paper. (With M. Asali)

“Was the allocation of public investment ideologically motivated? Evidence from the Francoist dictatorship in Spain (1939-1975).” Work in progress. (With A.C. Campoamor, R. Ciacci, E.M. Ruiz, E. Rodriguez-Crespo.)

“Economists’ Collaborative Efforts: a comparative study.” Work in progress. (With D. Levy, I. Shechter, A. Snir.)

“The effect of universal health care on out-of-pocket contributions and health outcomes,” Work in progress (with V. Pantsulaia)

“Women in less-paid jobs: choice or segregation?” Work in progress.

“The long-run share of tenured professors: the case of social science and humanities.” Work in progress.

“The Effect of Tenure on the Productivity of Academics: Evidence from Economics.” Work in progress.

“Hedonic Theory of Tenure: The Case of Economics.” Work in progress.

“Tenured Authors, Tenured Coauthors, and Productivity.” Work in progress.

“Networks in publication.” Work in progress.

“A One-Step Test for the Presence of Multiple Cointegrating Vectors,” Working Paper, SSRN.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Honors and Awards

Praised Person of the Year, Hamsah Samaa International Cultural Society, Denmark, 2021

Person of the Year, Lady of the Earth Foundation, 2021

Dignity of the Arab Society, Mustawa-The Arab Community Center Association, 2021

Research Fellow, IZA: Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn, Germany, 2014-present.

Fellow, GLO: Global Labor Organization, 2017-present.

GSAS Summer Research Award, Columbia University, 2007

Research Grant, The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research, 2006

Wueller Award, Best Research Proposal, 2006

Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University, 2006-07

Columbia University Faculty Fellowship, 2002-08

Excellent MA Student Grant, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2001-02

Graduate Fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999-02

Outstanding Student Paper, Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research, 2000

Dean’s List, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1996-1999

Invited Seminar Presentations

University of Haifa, The College of Management Academic Studies, Monash University, Tel-Aviv University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Ben-Gurion University, The Graduate Center CUNY, Union College, Manhattan College, International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University, Alnur Association.

Conferences

VI International Scientific Conference, Challenges of Globalization in Economics and Business, Tbilisi State University, November 2021.

Armenian Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Yerevan, Armenia, June 2021 (virtual).

55th Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, June 2021 (virtual)

Midwest Political Science Association, 78th Annual Conference, April 2021 (virtual)

Western Economic Association International, Virtual international conference, March 2021.

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, USA, January 2021 (virtual).

Armenian Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Yerevan, Armenia, June 2020 (virtual).

Armenian Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Yerevan, Armenia, June 2019.

International Conference of Economics, Turkish Economic Association, Antalya, Turkey, Nov. 2018.

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, USA, January 2017

Regional Conference on Employment and Social Inclusion, Tbilisi, Georgia, October 2015.

49th Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, May 2015.

26th European Association of Labor Economists Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Sep. 2014.

International Conference of Economics, Turkish Economic Association, Izmir, Turkey, Nov. 2012.

Seventeenth Annual Meetings, Society of Labor Economists, Chicago, USA, May 2012.

International Conference on the Employment of Older Workers, Paris, France, October 2010.

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, USA, January 2008.

Refereed for

European Economic Review; Labour Economics; Economics of Education Review; IZA Journal of Labor Policy; Southern Economic Journal; Stata Journal; Applied Economics; Comparative Economic Studies; International Journal of Manpower; Eastern Economic Journal; Journal of International Trade & Economic Development; Applied Economics Letters; Defence and Peace Economics; The World Economy; Economic Analysis and Policy; Economics and Business Letters; Israeli Science Foundation; Global Development Network (CERGE-EI).

Selected University Service

Academic Director (Head of Graduate Studies), ISET, 2014-present

Member, International Faculty Committee (academic board), ISET

Member, Executive Board and Governing Board, ISET, 2018-2019

Member, Academic Committee, ISET

Excellence in Teaching and Research Committee, ISET, 2016

Associate Academic Director, ISET, 2012-2014

Coordinator, Research Seminar, ISET, 2009-2013

Coordinator, Inclusive Growth concentration, ISET, 2020-present

Coordinator, Human Resource Economics concentration, ISET, 2013-2020

Financial Aid Committee, ISET, 2013-present

Admission Committee, ISET, 2013-present

Member

American Economic Association
Econometric Society
Canadian Economics Association
Society of Labor Economists
European Association of Labor Economists
Southern Economic Association
Western Economic Association International
Georgian Economic Association

Courses taught: Labor Economics, Advanced Labor Economics, Time Series Econometrics, Advanced Time Series Econometrics, Econometrics, Advanced Econometrics, Microeconomics, Microeconomics for International and Public Affairs, Math for Economists, Statistics, Stata, Accounting and Finance.

Personal

Languages: English (fluent), Arabic (native), Hebrew (native), Georgian (basic).
Computer Skills: Stata, R, Eviews, SAS, SPSS, Matlab, Gauss, Visual Basic, Python, LaTeX, Scientific Workplace, MS Office (Excel, Word, Access, PowerPoint, FrontPage).

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