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EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 – 2022 **University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg), *Post-doctoral Researcher***
Department of Economics and Management
- 2018-2020 **University College London (UK), *Alexander Nash Fellow***
UCL Centre for Comparative Studies of Emerging Economies (CCSEE)
School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES)
- 2017-2018 **University of Oslo (Norway), *Post-Doctoral Researcher***
Department of Political Science
DEEPI (“Disentangling the Economic Effects of Political Institutions”) project
Historical V-Dem (“Varieties of Democracy”) project

EDUCATION

- Dec. 2013 – Dec. 2017 **University of Otago (New Zealand), PhD Politics (Political Economy)**
Department of Politics
Dissertation: *Good Governance, Corruption and Growth: A Political Economy of Post-Socialist Industrial Transformation in Albania and Kosovo, 1998-2015* (Humanities Divisional List of Exceptional Doctoral Theses, 2017)
Supervisor: Philip Nel; Committee: Nathan Berg (Otago), Besnik Pula (Virginia Tech), Ben Thirkell-White (Victoria)
- Sept 2010 – Sept 2011 **London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), MSc Political Theory**
Distinction
- Oct 2006 – June 2009 **King’s College London (UK), BSc Physics & Philosophy (Joint Honours)**
First-class Honours

FIELDS

Political economy, comparative and institutional economics, growth and development, economics of culture, economic history, post-socialist transition

PUBLICATIONS

Main Publications

- (2023) ‘The Feminisation U, Cultural Norms, and the Plough’, *Journal of Population Economics*, 36(1), forthcoming (with Elodie Douarin)
- (2022) ‘Corruption and Growth: Historical Evidence, 1790-2010’, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 50(2): 321-349
- (2020) ‘Bribes, Rents and Industrial Firm Performance in Albania and Kosovo’, *Comparative Economic Studies*, 62: 263-302

- (2019) 'Does Aid Promote Electoral Integrity?', *Journal of Development Studies*, 56(6): 1067-1094 (with David Jackson)
- (2019) 'Election Cycles and Mining-sector Governance in Post-conflict Kosovo', *Post-Communist Economies*, 31(5): 623-645 (with Geoffrey Pugh, Drini Imami, Endrit Lami)
- (2018) 'Corruption in Transition Economies: Socialist, Ottoman or Structural?', *Economic Systems*, 42 (4): 533-55
- (2018) 'Political Business Cycles and Construction Licensing: Evidence from Post-Socialist Tirana, Albania (1994-2015)', *Economics of Transition*, 26(3): 523-552 (with Drini Imami, Endrit Lami and Edvin Zhllima)
- (2018) 'Election Cycles in Mining Licensing: Theory and Evidence from Albania', *Post-Communist Economies*, 30(1): 99-116 (with Drini Imami and Endrit Lami)

Short pieces

- (2022) 'Interpreting Logit Models', *Stata Journal*, 22(1): 60-76
- (2017) 'Marginal Effects in Log-Transformed Models: A Trade Application', *Stata Journal*, 17(3): 1-4 (2017)

Book chapters

- (2023) 'The Feminization U', in *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics* (ed. Klaus F. Zimmermann), Springer, forthcoming (with Elodie Douarin)
- (2021) 'Institutions, Human Capital and Economic Growth', in *Handbook of Comparative Economics* (eds. Elodie Douarin, Oleh Havrylyshyn), Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 461-492 (with Carl H. Knutsen)
- (2021) 'Albania: Economy' in *Central and South-Eastern Europe 2022*, 22nd edition (ed. Imogen Gladman), Routledge: Abingdon, pp. 46-50 (updated for the 23rd edition)
- (2019) 'Kosovo: Economy' in *Central and South-Eastern Europe 2020*, 20th edition (ed. Imogen Gladman), Routledge: Abingdon, pp. 315-319 (updated for the 21st, 22nd and 23rd editions)

Pre-PhD publications

- (2016) 'Can Institutional Reforms Reduce Corruption? Economic Theory and Patron-Client Politics in Developing Countries', *Development and Change*, 47(2): 317-345
- (2016): 'The Sociological Turn in Corruption Studies', *Progress in Development Studies*, 16(3): 261-277

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 'Women directors and cost efficiency' (with Skerdilajda Zana, Anastasia Litina)
- 'Opportunistic Privatization' (with Vladan Ivanović, Drini Imami)
- 'Income and corruption (1790-2010)'

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- Econometrics II (Stata), 2.D2 (MSc), University of Luxembourg, spring 2022
- Maths II (Linear Algebra), BASEG-S2-03 (BSc), University of Luxembourg, spring 2021
- Quantitative Methods, SEES0083 (MA), University College London, autumn 2018
- The Political Economy of Corruption, POLS330 (BA), University of Otago, summer 2016

Teaching assistant

- Advanced Quantitative Methods, SEES0095 (MA), spring 2019 and spring 2020 (Prof. Svetlana Makarova)

Dissertations supervised, University College London

- BA Economics and Business with East European Studies: Joshua Levy, Thomas Daffern, Ilia Iliagiev (2020)
- BA History, Politics and Economics: Erik Nordgren, Bartu Zeybek (2020)

INVITED TALKS

Global Labor Organization Global Conference (online), 1 December 2022, “The Feminisation U, Cultural Norms, and the Plough”

Departmental seminar, Department of Economics, University of Sussex, UK, 13 October 2021, “The Feminisation U, Cultural Norms, and the Plough”

Anglo-Albanian Association (AAA), London, UK, 9 June 2021, “The Albanian Economy 30 Years after Transition: Achievements, Challenges and Ways Forward”

Departmental seminar, Department of Economics, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, Austria, 16 December 2020, “The Feminisation U, Cultural Norms, and the Plough”,

Guest lecture as part of “Emerging Market Economies: Economics of Transition” (SEES0019), University College London, autumn 2018 and 2019, “Causes of Corruption in Transition Economies: Normal Countries?”

Guest lecture as part of “Economics of Property Rights” (SEES0113), University College London, spring 2019, 2020, “Does Corruption Affect Economic Growth?”,

Workshop on “A Decade of Kosovo's Independence: Developments and Lessons for Other Countries”, University of Winchester, UK, 19 February 2019, invited lecture on “Kosovo's Economy”

Departmental seminar, Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies, University of Glasgow, UK, 23 January 2019, “Bribes, Rents and Industrial Firm Performance in Albania and Kosovo”,

24th Dubrovnik Economic Conference (Young Economists' Seminar, by invitation), Dubrovnik, Croatia, 3-5 June 2018, “Corruption in Transition Economies: Ottoman, Socialist or Structural”,

Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Conference, Tirana, Albania, 20 December 2017, “Mining and Economic Development in Albania: Regulatory and Policy Issues”

Guest lecture, Aston University, UK, April 2016, “Anti-Corruption and Patron-Client Politics in Developing Countries”,

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Journals:

Journal of Population Economics, Economic Systems, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Institutional Economics, International Review of Applied Economics, Stata Journal, Comparative Economic Studies, Eurasian Geography and Economics, South-East Europe and Black Sea Studies

Books:

Routledge Economics Series

Outside Evaluator for:

EU Horizon 2020, Marie Skłodowska Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship; National Science Foundation (US)

SERVICE

- University College London (UK), South East European Studies seminar series, *Convenor* (2018-2020)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Grand Challenges “Dynamics of Globalization” Research Grant, University College London (UCL), “*Globalisation and Inter-ethnic Trust in Post-Socialist Macedonia: A Preliminary Investigation*” – November 2018-June 2019 – GBP 2,199 (PI, with Elodie Douarin)
- Regional Research Promotion Programme, University of Fribourg, CH (funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), “*Mapping Clientelism and its Causes: Rents, Rent-Seeking and Democracy in Kosovo and Albania*”, KS_205 – June 2014-March 2016 – CHF 100,660 (Co-I, with Drini Imami and Endrit Lami)
- Regional Research Promotion Programme, University of Fribourg, CH, as per above, paid project extension – June 2016-November 2016 – CHF 44,960 (Co-I, with Drini Imami and Endrit Lami)

- USAID-BEEP – “*Academic Conference, Publications and Research on ‘Economic Development and Political Transition in Kosovo’*”, RIT Kosovo, FOG #06 SSPF– June 2012-April 2013 – US\$ 56,010 (Co-I, with Venera Demukaj)
- Balkan Trust for Democracy (German Marshall Fund) – “*Funding for Conference on ‘Economic Development and Political Transition in Kosovo’*”, RIT Kosovo, Grant #2545 – August 2012-April 2013 – US\$ 15,000 (Co-I, with Venera Demukaj)

AWARDS

- London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe, *LSEE-CEFTA Best Paper Competition*, 1st prize, November 2016 – €3,000, “Regional Integration, Trade and Development in the CEFTA Region: A Dynamic Poisson Approach” (with Venera Demukaj)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship, New Zealand – December 2013-November 2016
- University of Otago, Publishing Bursary, March-May 2017
- University of Otago, Division of Humanities Travel Grant, January 2016
- University of Otago, Department of Politics Research Grant, April 2014
- Ross Fellowship, Purdue University (US) – March 2013 (declined)

VISITING POSITIONS & OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

May 2019	ELGS - European Law & Governance School , (Athens, Greece) <i>Visiting Lecturer</i>
March 2017	University of San Francisco (San Francisco, US) Department of Economics <i>Visiting Researcher</i> (invited by Prof. Alessandra Cassar)
2013, 2018	University of Gothenburg (Gothenburg, Sweden) Department of Political Science, V-Dem (“Varieties of Democracy”) Project <i>Country Expert – Albania</i> (remotely)
2012-2013	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland) Centre on Conflict, Development and Peace-building <i>Consultant</i> (remotely)
2011-2013	Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Kosovo (Pristina, Kosovo) Economics Unit <i>Junior Research Fellow</i>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020 – present	University College London (UK) UCL Centre for Comparative Studies of Emerging Economies <i>Affiliate Member</i>
2018 – present	London School of Economics and Political Science (UK) LSEE Research on South East Europe, LSEE-CEFTA Academic Network <i>Associate Member</i>

POLICY & CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

2021	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation , Rome (Italy)
	- Moderator for working group on “One Market, Many Challenges”, EU-Balkan Youth Forum (22-26 November)

- 2019 **Chr. Michelsen Institute – U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre**, Bergen (Norway)
- Policy advice to Swiss Development Cooperation Agency and Swedish International Development Agency on anti-corruption interventions in Albania
- 2017 **Chr. Michelsen Institute – U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre**, Bergen (Norway)
- Policy evaluation of donor-funded electoral integrity interventions in developing countries.
- 2017 **USAID Kosovo**, TLP Immersion and Public Service Courses (PPDL), Pristina (Kosovo)
- Training of civil servants in the area of public policy and development planning (in Albanian)
- 2016 **USAID Kosovo**, Tetra Tech Property Rights Programme in Kosovo, Pristina (Kosovo)
- Policy advice on land privatization and property rights in Kosovo
- 2015 **European Union (EU) Trade Policy Project Kosovo**, Pristina (Kosovo)
- Trade analysis and policy advice to Kosovo's Ministry of Trade and Industry
- 2009 **UNDP Albania**, Youth Employment and Migration (YEM) Programme, Tirana (Albania)
- Internship

POLICY REPORTS

Ministry of Trade and Industry, Republic of Kosovo (2015): *Annual Report 1 - 15 Years of Transition in Kosovo: Implications for Trade*, EU Trade Policy Project: Pristina (co-author)

Chr. Michelsen Institute, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (2018): *Promoting Electoral Integrity through Aid: Analysis and Advice for Donors*, U4 Issue Paper 2018: 5 (with David Jackson)

Chr. Michelsen Institute, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (2020): *Identifying Feasible, High-Impact Anti-Corruption Interventions: The Case of Albania*, U4 Issue Paper 2020: 9

MEDIA COMMENTARY

Letters in the *Financial Times* (24 October 2019; 30 April 2014; 31 August 2012; 8 March 2011)

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Albanian (fluent in speaking/reading; intermediate writing skills), Brazilian Portuguese (intermediate)

REFERENCES

- Dr. Elodie Douarin, Associate Professor of Economics, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London (UK) - e.douarin@ucl.ac.uk
- Dr. Randolph Bruno, Associate Professor of Economics, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London (UK) - randolph.bruno@ucl.ac.uk
- Prof. Geoffrey Pugh, Professor of Applied Economics, Staffordshire University (UK) – g.t.pugh@staffs.ac.uk