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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Fiscal decentralization; efficiency of local services; public sector transparency, government accountability and citizen participation; local finances; budget

PRESENT POSITION

Deputy Director and Senior Research Associate, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2020 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb – PhD
2015 Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana – M.A.
2011 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sarajevo – B.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2015 Researcher, Institute of Public Finance
2012 – 2015 Accountant, Transportbeton Strohmaier

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ABROAD

2024 University of Murcia, Faculty of Economics and Business, Department of Financial Economics and Accounting: Methods of measuring the efficiency of public services (October – November)
2023 Paris School of Economics Summer School: Modern Estimation Methods and Machine Learning (June)
2022 Barcelona GSE Microeconometrics Summer School: „Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation“, Barcelona (July)
2021 Utrecht University Summer School: „Survey Research: Design, Implementation and Data Processing“, Utrecht (August)
2018 NIPE Seminar, Centre for Research in Economics and Management, Economics & Management School, University of Minho, Braga (September)
2018 Barcelona GSE Microeconometrics Summer School: „Dynamic and Non-linear Panel Data Models“, Barcelona (July)
2018 Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2). The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS), Amsterdam (April)
2018 Basics of R, University Computing Centre, University of Zagreb, Zagreb (March)
2018 Illustrating Stata, TStat, Zagreb (February)
2017 Barcelona GSE Microeconometrics Summer School: „Econometrics of Cross-section Data with Applications“, Barcelona (June)
2017 The Institute of Economics' Econometrics Workshop: Difference-in-differences and causality, Institute of Economics, Zagreb (April)

LANGUAGES

English

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Management Board of the Prof. Dr. Marijan Hanžeković Foundation (since 2025)
- Co-Editor of the IPF Notes (since 2025)
- Associate editor, Public Sector Economics journal (since 2020)
- Member of the UNCAC Coalition – Association for the Implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption (since 2022)
- Member of the Council for the Reform of Local and Regional Self-Government in Croatia (2021 – 2025)
- Member of the Open Government Partnership Initiative Council, Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Government of the Republic of Croatia (2020 – 2025)
- Member of the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) (2020 – 2025)
- Member of the Hanžeković Foundation Award Committee (2023)
- Member of the Organising Committee of the Public Sector Economics Conference 2023
- Member of the Organising Committee of the Second annual summer school – Methodologies for monitoring anticorruption policies, state capture and public procurement integrity (2022)
- Member of the Organising Committee of the Policy Forum: Anti-Corruption and Good Governance in Southeast Europe: Towards Innovative Public-Private Partnership Solutions (2022)
- Member of the Programme Committee of the Public Sector Economics Conference 2021

RESEARCHER AND COLLABORATOR ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Fiscal decentralization in Croatia – current state, challenges, and potential solutions – FISDEC (since 2025)
- Efficiency of public services at local government levels – definitions, measurements and analyses – EPS (since 2024)
- Guides to the Budget for the Citizens of the City of Zagreb (since 2014)
- Implementing shared anti-corruption and good governance solutions in Southeast Europe: innovative practices and public-private partnerships (2021 – 2023)
- Does Transparency pay-off? The political and socio-economic impacts of local government budget transparency in Croatia – IMPACTBT (2020 – 2024)
- Permanent research programme of the tax system (since 2020)
- Labour relations in the Republic of Croatia and possible directions for development of the labour legislation (2020)
- Consultancy: Company childcare support (2020)
- Support the Ministry of Finance of Croatia in identifying the datasets related to the Covid-19 and earthquake emergency responses and recovery to be published to ensure greater fiscal transparency (2020)
- WeBudget – from transparency to participation (2018 – 2019)
- Money watch – civil society guarding the budget (2018 – 2019)
- Understanding, monitoring and analysing local government budget transparency: Case study of Croatia and Slovenia – OLBI Open local budget index (2015 – 2019)

CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Guest lecture „Writing and Publishing Scientific Research: Research Design, Methodological Practice, Transparency, and Open Science illustrated with the Croatian budget transparency Study”, Postgraduate doctoral programme, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka, within the course Philosophy, Methodology and Ethics in Scientific Research, online, 21 November 2025.

Presentation of the paper „Does Local Ownership Matter? Evaluating the Efficiency of Waste Management Provision in a Fragmented Local Government System”, 3rd CEE-Loc Conference – Local Government Studies in Central and Eastern Europe, Budapest, 25-26 September 2025.

Presentation „Do's and Don'ts in Academic Publishing: Lessons from the Public Sector Economics Journal”, Meet the Editor session, 15th FEBST International Conference – Economic Policies, Business Perspectives, and Sustainability Transformation, Brela, 21-23 May 2025.

Guest lecture on the scientific writing process, illustrated with the research article „The Effects of Budget Transparency on the Budget Balances and Expenditures of Croatian Local Governments”, Postgraduate doctoral programme, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka, within the course Philosophy, Methodology and Ethics in Scientific Research, online, 19 November 2024.

Presentation „Promoting Local Budget Transparency and Beyond in Croatian Local Governments”, based on the IMPACTBT project, 14th UNCAC Coalition Regional Meeting for Europe – Improving Integrity and Accountability in Local Governments, online, 1 September 2024.

101st International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development: „Roadmap to NetZero Economies and Businesses, Dubai. Presentation of the paper The Adoption of Council-Manager Government in Croatia: An Exploratory Study, 19 – 20 October 2023.

IMF Regional Workshop for South East Europe – GovTech: Fiscal Data Governance, CEF, Ljubljana. Lecture on Ways to promote online budget transparency: the example of Croatian local governments, 14 – 16 February 2023.

Public Sector Economics 2021 – Does fiscal openness pay off? The political and socio-economic effects of transparency, participation and accountability. Online presentation of the Local Governments' Budget Transparency, Revenues and Debts in Croatia, 22 October, 2021.

Local budgets and utility investments, Opatija. Title of presentation: Budget transparency in Croatian counties, cities and municipalities: November 2020 – April 2021 (keynote speech), 18 – 19 October 2021.

8th International Scientific Symposium „Economy of eastern Croatia – Vision and Growth”, Osijek. Presentation of the paper Political Accountability and „Voting-With-the-Feet”: Eastern Croatia vs. Remaining Croatian Regions, 30 May – 1 June 2019.

13th International Conference: Challenges of Europe: Growth, Competitiveness, Innovation and Well-being, Bol, Brač. Presentation of the paper: „Political accountability and emigrations: the case of Croatian local governments“, 22 – 24 May 2019.

Public Sector Economics 2018 – Fiscal Openness: Transparency, Participation and Accountability in Fiscal Policies, Zagreb. Organizing committee member and presenter of the paper: „Discussing the Determinants of Online Budget Transparency based on a Spatial Regression Analysis of Croatian Cities and Municipalities: Do Good Neighbours Make You Better?”, 26 October 2018.

Public Sector Economics 2017 – Public Investment: Catalyst for Sustainable Growth, Zagreb. Presentation of the paper: „Residents incomes in local government units as the major determinant of online local budget transparency in Croatia: panel data analysis”, 3 November 2017.