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**LANGUAGES:** Russian (native), English (fluent), German (basic)

# **UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**:

M.A., Economics, New Economic School, Russia, 2003

M.S. (cum laude), Applied Mathematics, Moscow State University, Russia, 2002

# **GRADUATE STUDIES**:

Ph.D., Economics, Penn State University, August 2009

THESIS TITLE: Essays on Income Distribution and Trade Volumes

THESIS SUPERVISORS: Prof. Kala Krishna and Prof. Andrés Rodríguez-Clare

# **EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS:**

Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economic Sciences, HSE University, January 2017- present

CESifo Research Network Affiliate, November 2016 - present

Leading Research Fellow, Center of Market Studies and Spatial Economics, National Research University Higher School of Economics, January 2016- present

Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economic Sciences, National Research University Higher School of Economics, September 2015 – January 2017

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Munich, October 2009 – September 2015

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

HSE University:

INSTRUCTOR: Intermediate Micro (Spring 2016-2019), International Trade (Fall 2016-present)

BEST TEACHER AWARD: 2016, 2017

# University of Munich:

TUTORIALS: International Trade (Summer 2010, Summer 2012, Winter 2012-13, Winter 2013-14, Winter 2014-15), Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (Winter 2009-2010), Intermediate Empirical Economics (Summer 2011)

INSTRUCTOR: Topics in Trade (graduate) (Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014, Summer 2015)

#### Penn State University:

TEACHING ASSISTANT: Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis (graduate), International Finance, International Trade, Money and Banking, Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

"Optimal Income Taxation under Monopolistic Competition" (with Robertas Zubrickas), 2022, accepted for publication in *Economic Theory* 

"The 'Baccarini Law Railways' (1880-1890): Their Long-Run Sectoral Impact" (with Roberto Bonfatti, Giovanni Facchini, Gian Luca Tedeschi and Cecilia Testa), 2022, *Rivista di Storia Economica* 2, 233-261.

"Trade and the Spatial Distribution of Transport Infrastructure" (with Gabriel Felbermayr), 2022, *Journal of Urban Economics 130*, 103473.

"Exporting Costs and Multi-product Shipments" (with David Gomtsyan), 2021, accepted for publication in *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.

"On Equilibrium in Monopolistic Competition with Endogenous Labor" (with Alexey Kushnir and Robertas Zubrickas), 2021, *Economics Letters 201*, 109774.

"Trade in Tasks and the Organization of Firms" (with Dalia Marin and Jan Schymik), 2018, *European Economic Review 107*, 99-132.

"Affirmative Action: One Size Does Not Fit All" (with Kala Krishna), 2016, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 8(2), 215-52.

"Per Capita Income and the Extensive Margin of Bilateral Trade," (with Christian Hepenstrick), 2015, Canadian Journal of Economics 48(4), 1561-1599.

"Trade Openness and Cross-country Income Differences" (with Christian Hepenstrick), 2015, *Review of International Economics* 23(2), 271-302.

"Trade Costs, Conflicts, and Defense Spending" (with Michael Seitz and Roman Zakharenko), 2015, *Journal of International Economics 95(2)*, 305-318.

"Preferences and Income Effects in Monopolistic Competition Models," 2014, *Social Choice and Welfare 42(3)*, 647-669.

"Trade Liberalization and Welfare Inequality: A Demand-Based Approach," 2012, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 114(4), 1296-1317.

"Per Capita Income, Market Access Costs, and Trade Volumes," 2012, *Journal of International Economics* 86, 284-294.

"Income Distribution, Market Structure, and Individual Welfare," *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics*: Vol. 9: Iss. 1 (Contributions), Article 39.

#### **WORKING PAPERS:**

"A Theory of Monopolistic Competition with Horizontally Heterogenous Consumers" (with Sergey Kokovin, Shamil Sharapudinov, Philip Ushchev), 2020

"Pork, Infrastructure and Growth: Evidence from the Italian Railway Expansion" (with Roberto Bonfatti, Giovanni Facchini, Gian Luca Tedeschi, and Cecilia Testa), 2021

**WORK IN PROGRESS:** Vertical and Horizontal Quality (with Sergey Kichko)

#### GRANTS, HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2018-2020: The Russian Science Foundation (RSF) grant No. 18-18-00253: "Income inequality, taste heterogeneity, and spatial dispersion: the aggregate

implications of individual differences"

2018-2020: The Russian Science Foundation (RSF) grant No. 18-48-05007: "Information

Acquisition, Diffusion and Disclosure in Markets"

2018-2019: The Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) grant No. 18-010-

01002: "General equilibrium multisectoral models: intersectoral markup

divergence, welfare, and gravity"

2016: Yegor Gaidar Award for Young Economists

2012-2015: Financial support from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft through

SFB/TR 15

2010: Financial support from the European Commission under the FP7 Framework

program "Science, Innovation, Firms, and Markets in a Globalized World

(SC-FI-GLOW)"

2010: The SSES Young Economist Award

2003: Best Student Paper Award, New Economic School

2001-2003: Full Scholarship, New Economic School 1997-2002: Full Scholarship, Moscow State University

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Editorial Board: Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, November 2018-

Referee experience: Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Modelling, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, German Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Rand Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Research in Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Social Choice and Welfare, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy.

# **Service to the profession:**

Reviewer for the Research Foundation – Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO), Assessor for the Australian Research Council, Assessor for the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong

# Service to the university:

*University of Munich:* Munich International Economics Seminar (organizer, 2011-2015), International Economics Brown Bag Seminar (organizer, 2009-2015)

HSE University: Internal Hiring Committee (member, September 2015-April 2017, September 2019 - present), FES International Research Seminar (organizer, 2016-2019), HSE WP BRP Series: Economics (managing editor, October 2016-present), FES Scientific Committee (member, April 2017- December 2020), FES Academic Council (member, April 2017 – present), Head of the Department of Theoretical Economics (March 2019 – present)

#### **CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND RESEARCH VISITS:**

2022: **Conferences:** The Fourth International Workshop "Market Studies and Spatial Economics" (Brussels)

2021: **Invited Presentations:** University of Sassari **Conferences:** The Third International Workshop "Market Studies and Spatial Economics" (Moscow), CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy (Munich),

The Third Baltic Economic Conference (Tartu), EEA-ESEM Congress

(Copenhagen)

2020: **Invited Presentations:** University of Nottingham

**Conferences:** 12th World Congress of the Econometric Society (Milan)

- 2019: **Invited Presentations:** The Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies
  - **Conferences:** The First International Workshop "Market Studies and Spatial Economics" (Moscow), CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy (Munich), International Conference "Industrial Organization and Spatial Economics" (Saint-Petersburg), European Trade Study Group (Bern)
- 2018: **Conferences:** EEA-ESEM Congress (Cologne), DEGIT XXIII (Moscow), European Trade Study Group (Warsaw)
- 2017: **Conferences:** 1<sup>st</sup> Catalan Economic Society Conference (Barcelona), 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Research in Economics (Perm, Russia) **Research Visits**: Pennsylvania State University (invited by Kala Krishna)
- 2016: **Invited Presentations:** University of Groningen **Conferences:** 17<sup>th</sup> April International Academic Conference on Economics and Social Development (Moscow), EEA-ESEM Congress (Geneva), 9<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference (Vienna)
  - **Research Visits:** Ifo Institute in Munich (invited by Gabriel Felbermayr)
- 2015: **Invited Presentations:** Lancaster University, University of Vienna, Central European University, UC de Louvain, Higher School of Economics, IMT Lucca, Bank of Lithuania, International Workshop "International Trade and Regional Economics" (Saint-Petersburg),
  - **Conferences:** Annual Meeting of Society for Economic Dynamics (Warsaw), 36<sup>th</sup> NES Research Conference (Moscow), 8<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference (Vienna)
- 2014: **Invited Presentations:** International Workshop "Imperfect Competition and Spatial Economics: Theoretical and Empirical Aspects" (Saint-Petersburg), Mercator School of Management at the University of Duisburg-Essen, ETH Zurich, Bayreuth University, Université Libre de Bruxelles **Conferences:** Congress of the European Economic Association (Toulouse), Congress of German Economic Association (Hamburg), European Trade Study Group (Munich), 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SFB/TR 15 (Berlin), 7<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference (Vienna)
- 2013: **Invited Presentations**: DIW Applied Micro Seminar, University of Ljubljana, "Offshoring and International Production" conference (Tubingen), University of St. Gallen
  - **Conferences:** EGIT Workshop (Berlin), CESifo–Delphi Conference (Munich), Congress of the European Economic Association (Gothenburg), 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SFB/TR 15 (Munich)
  - Research Visits: Pennsylvania State University (invited by Kala Krishna)
- 2012: **Invited Presentations**: University of Tübingen, University of Nottingham **Conferences**: European Trade Study Group (Leuven), 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SFB/TR 15 (Berlin)
- 2011: **Invited Presentations**: Goethe University Frankfurt **Conferences**: Gottingen Trade Workshop, 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SFB/TR 15 (Munich)
- 2010: **Invited Presentations**: Higher School of Economics

**Conferences**: Congress of German Economic Association (Kiel), 25th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Glasgow), Econometric Society 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress (Shanghai), the SSES Annual Meeting (Fribourg), 2nd SCIFI-GLOW Research Workshop (Budapest)

2009: **Invited Presentations**: University of Texas-Austin, New Economic School, University of Munich

**Conferences**: Midwest Economic Theory and International Economics Meetings (State College), Midwest Economic Theory and International Economics Meetings (Iowa City), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Boston)

- 2008: **Conferences**: Midwest Economic Theory and International Economics Meetings (Urbana-Champaign), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Pittsburgh), CEA 42nd Annual Meetings (Vancouver)
- 2007: **Conferences**: Midwest Economic Theory and International Economics Meetings (Minneapolis), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Durham)