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EMPLOYMENT

since 07/2025	Senior research fellow, Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia
2022 – 2025	Postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria
2017 – 2022	Research fellow, Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia
2015 – 2017	Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, Serbia
2012 – 2014	Postdoctoral researcher on project “Employment, wage discrimination and poverty”, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
2009 – 2010	Research assistant to Prof. Andreas Madestam, Bocconi University, Italy
2008 – 2012	Teaching assistant in development economics, macroeconomics, microeconomics and monetary economics, Bocconi University, Italy

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Since 2017 international/local consultant for the World Bank, UNDP, the German Development Agency (GIZ), and UNICEF-commissioned research on labour market, education, and social inclusion programs in Serbia and the Western Balkans.

EDUCATION

2007 – 2012	Ph.D. in Economics, Bocconi University, Italy
2006 – 2007	M.Sc. in Development and Economic Policy Analysis, Manchester University, England
2000 – 2006	Magistra in Economics and Computer Science, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Human capital, labour economics, health economics

PUBLICATIONS

"Educational Hypogamy is Associated with a Smaller Child Penalty on Women's Earnings" with Nadia Steiber, Bernd Lield and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, *Social Science Research*, Volume 135, 2026.

"Operation allied force: unintended consequences of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization bombing on children’s outcomes" with Giuseppe Migali, Miloš Popović and Sunčica Vujić, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A: Statistics in Society*, 2025.

"Left behind in Covid times: the impact of the pandemic on job loss and job finding rates of vulnerable groups in Serbia" with Marko Vladisavljević, *Applied Economic Analysis*, 31 (93), 2023.

"Child penalty in Russia: Evidence from an event study" with Cristiano Perugini and Marko Vladisavljević, *Review of Economics of the Household,* 21 (1), 2023.

"With a little help from my friends: Medium-term effects of a remedial education program targeting Roma minority" with Marianna Battaglia, *Economics of Education Review* 86, 2022.

"Segregation, Fertility and Son Preference: The Case of the Roma in Serbia" with Marianna Battaglia and Bastien Chabé-Ferret, *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 87(2),

2021.
"The Effect of Residential Segregation on Formal and Informal Employment of Roma in Serbia", *Eastern European Economics*, 58(2), 2020.
"The curse of low expectations: Remedial education and perceived returns to education of Roma people" with Marianna Battaglia, *Economics of Transition*, 25(4), 2017.
"Welfare State and Social Enterprises in Transition: Evidence from Serbia", with Jelena Žarković Rakić, Ana Aleksić Mirić and Marko Vladisavljević, *Voluntas*, 28(6), 2017.
"Equal Access to Education: An Evaluation of the Roma Teaching Assistant Programme" with Marianna Battaglia, *World Development*, 76, 2015.
"Assessing Education's Contribution to Productivity Using Firm Level Evidence" with Vincent Vandenberghe, *International Journal of Manpower*, 35(8), 2014.

WORKING PAPERS

Faith and the Child Penalty: Religious Affiliation and Gendered Earnings Losses After Childbirth with Bernd Liedl, Vegard Skirbekk, Nadia Steiber and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (submitted).
"Experimental Impacts of a Virtual Parenting Program with Mothers and Fathers " with Tamara Arnold, Pedro Carneiro, Katia Herrera Sosa, Ana Maria Munoz and Julie Perng (submitted).

POLICY PAPERS

"Support for Marginalized Households in Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovakia" with Lubica Hamarov, Theresa Jones, Lara Lebedinski, Anca Monica Marin, Vera Borisova Veleva (under supervision of Lucian Pop and Jorge Luis Castaneda Nunez), 2025.
"Can a (Virtual) Parenting Program in Serbia Support Early Childhood Education and Care?" with Tamara Arnold Urzua, Alejandra Amaro Da Costa Luz, Pedro Carneiro, Katia Herrera Sosa, Ana Maria Munoz Boudet and Julie Perng, World Bank, 2022.
"Evaluation of on-the-job trainings financed by the National Employment Service" with Dejana Pavlović, Social inclusion and poverty reduction unit, 2021.
"Study on the feasibility of using public-private partnerships to expand access to preschool in Serbia" with Aleksandar Baucal, David Jefferey and Sunčica Vujić, Oxford Policy Management, 2021.
"Systemic analysis of ECEC financing in Serbia" with Saša Baucal, World Bank, 2017
"Early Childhood Development: The analysis of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey data", UNICEF Working paper, 2016.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES (attended as presenter - last 5 years)

2026	World Congress of the International Economic Association, Serbia
	European Society for Population Economics, Belgrade, Finland
2023	European Society for Population Economics, Belgrade, Serbia
	Thirteenth International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Italy
	Annual Meeting of the Italian Association of Labour Economics, Genova, Italy
	Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, Austria

OTHER

Conference organization: Organizer of Applied Economics Conference: Labour, Health, Education And Welfare, Belgrade, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2026. Annual Meeting of the European Society for Population Economics, Belgrade, 2023.
Computer skills: STATA, R, LaTEX, Beamer
Languages: Serbian (native). English, German, Italian (fluent). French (intermediate).