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Education

- **Trinity College** Dublin, Ireland
PhD programme in Economics 2008-present
 - Thesis supervisor: Dr Gaia Narciso
 - Research interests: Labor economics, migration, social networks
- **Università Bocconi** Milan, Italy
Visiting PhD student Spring 2011
 - Research visit within the EDGE programme
- **University of Regensburg** Regensburg, Germany
M.Sc, Economics 2003-2008
 - Graduated with Honors (final grade 1.3, excellent)
 - Visiting student at the University of Lodz, Poland (2005-2006)
 - Award for the best diploma thesis of the year 2008 (Supervisor: Prof Jerger)

Affiliations

- Institute of International Integration Studies (IIIS), Dublin, Ireland. Research Student

Working Papers

- *Does Emigration Benefit the Stayers? The EU Enlargement as a Natural Experiment. Evidence from Lithuania* (Winner of the 2010 FEEM award at the 25th EEA annual congress. Available as IIIS Working Paper). *Submitted to journal.*
- *Emigration and Wages: The EU Enlargement Experiment*

Work in progress

- *Migrant Networks and the Optimal Time to Migrate (joint with Gaia Narciso and Jacco Thijssen)*

Fellowships & Awards

FEEM award for the best paper by an economist under 30 at the annual congress of the EEA 2010
 Strategic Innovation Fund (PhD scholarship) 2008-2011
 EEA graduate student award (conference participation) 2010
 Award for the best diploma thesis in 2008 (Christa Lindner foundation) 2008
 Honors degree programme (University of Regensburg) 2005-2008
 "Go East" scholarship for studies abroad (Haniel foundation) 2005
 Scholarship for studies abroad (Röchling foundation) 2005
 Erasmus scholarship 2005-2006

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2011

UCD Geary Institute (Dublin/IE), invited talk
 Mainz Workshop in Labour Economics (Mainz/GER), presenter
 National University of Ireland (Maynooth/IE), invited talk
 Stockholm School of Economics in Riga (Riga/LV), invited talk
 Norface Migration Conference, University College London (London/UK, scheduled), presenter
 Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (Milan/IT, scheduled), invited talk
 Bocconi University Graduate Student Seminar (Milan/IT, scheduled), presenter
 TCD Development Working Group, presenter

2010

Trinity College Dublin (Dublin/IE, Department Seminar), invited talk
 European Economic Association Annual Meeting (Glasgow/UK), presenter
 Irish Society of New Economists (Dublin/IE), conference organizer and presenter
 RGS Doctoral Conference (Bochum/GER), presenter and discussant
 Irish Economic Association (Belfast/UK), presenter
 TCD Graduate Student Seminar (Dublin/IE)
 TCD Development Working Group (Dublin/IE)

2009

Irish Society of New Economists (Limerick/IE), presenter
 TCD Graduate Student Seminar
 TCD Development Working Group

Teaching experience

- **Teaching assistant at Trinity College Dublin** graduate (M.Sc level)
Advanced Microeconomics *January 2009 - present*
 – Instructors: Dr Pedro Vicente, Dr Jacco Thijssen and Dr Andrew Somerville
- **Teaching assistant at the University of Regensburg** undergraduate
Microeconomics *April 2008 - July 2008*
 – Instructor: Prof Wolfgang Wiegard
- **Teaching assistant at the University of Regensburg** undergraduate
Macroeconomics *September 2006-July 2007*

- Instructor: Prof Jürgen Jerger

Professional Experience

- **Research Assistant** Dublin, Ireland
Summer 2009
 - Data work for Gaia Narciso (Trinity College Dublin) and Beata Javorcik (University of Oxford)
 - Programming of Stata codes
- **Helaba - Paris representative office** Paris, France
Sept. 2007 - Feb. 2008
 - Departments of corporate finance and real estate finance
- **German Council of Economic Experts** Wiesbaden, Germany
Summer 2006
 - Research assistant in the departments of labor markets and public finance

Other Professional Activities

- **Irish Society of New Economists (ISNE)** Dublin, Ireland
September 2010
 - *Member of the organizing committee*
 - Organization of a 2-day doctoral conference with 110 participants
- **TCD Department of Economics** Dublin, Ireland
Academic Year 2009/10
 - *PhD Class Representative*
- **Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS)** Dublin, Ireland
Academic Year 2010/11
 - Organization of an interdisciplinary weekly seminar for PhD students in Economics and Political Science

Skills

- Software
 - **Expert:** Stata, MS Office, LaTeX, MatLab
- Languages
 - **Native:** German
 - **Fluent:** English, French, Polish
 - **Intermediate:** Czech, Italian, Russian

References

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