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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Latvian Parliament

Member of the 13th Parliament (Concord), November 2018 – present

Chairman of the Sustainable Development Committee, November 2018 - present

RECENT PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Latvian Government

Minister of Economy in Laimdota Straujuma government, January 2014 – November 2014

Minister of Education and Science in Valdis Dombrovskis government, May 2013 – January 2014

Latvian Parliament

Member of the 12th Parliament (Unity), November 2014 – April 2015

Member of the 11th Parliament (Reform Party), November 2011 – May 2013

Head of the Reform party parliamentary faction, January 2013 – May 2013

Deputy head of the Reform party parliamentary faction, October 2011 – January 2013

Chairman of the economic, agricultural, environmental and regional policy committee, October 2011 – May 2013

Chairman of the subcommittee for tax policy (committee of budget and finances), December 2014 – April 2015, October 2011 – January 2013

Certus think tank

Founder and Director of Latvia's first privately-funded think tank, May 2015 – May 2018

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in economics, Clark University (Worcester, Massachusetts), 2003

Dissertation: "Essays in Public Sector Economics"

M.A. in economics, Clark University, 2001

B.A. in economics, University of Latvia (Riga, Latvia), 1999

HONORS AND AWARDS

Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander First Class. 2014

Order of the Lion of Finland, Commander First Class. 2013

Programme d'invitation des Personnalites d'avenir (French government program Personality of the Future), June 2012, Paris.

Fulbright Scholar (George Mason University), 2007

Harry-Sheftel Graduate Research Award (Clark University), 2002

Earhart Fellow (Clark University), 1999

Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

Assistant professor of economics, September 2003-November 2011

Head of the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor team in Latvia, 2005-2007

Research associate, TeliaSonera Institute at SSE-Riga, 2008-2011

Coordinator of the entrepreneurship research programme; overseeing design and implementation of unique data collection initiatives (Panel Study of Entrepreneurial Dynamics in Latvia, Survey of Innovative Businesses in Latvia), 2006 - 2011

Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies (BICEPS)

Research Fellow, January 2003 – November 2011

Local node coordinator for the RICAFE2 'Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society' (FP6) programme, (grant CIT5-CT-2006-028942), March 2006 – March 2009

National expert, European Commission Working Group on Policy-relevant Research on Entrepreneurship and SMEs, 2009-2011

Member of the Management Committee, EU Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action IS0701: Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data: Industry Dynamics, Firm Performance, and Worker Outcomes, 2010-2011

OTHER PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Member of the Board, **Soros Foundation in Latvia**, Riga, June 2011-August 2011

Visiting Researcher, **ZEW** (Center for European Economic Research), Mannheim, Germany, December 2009

Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Center for Study of Public Choice, **George Mason University**, Fairfax, Virginia, Fall 2007

Visiting Researcher, **SITE (Stockholm Institute for Transition Economies)** at Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, March-April 2004

Visiting Lecturer, **University of Latvia** (MEPA Program), fall 2003, fall 2002

Visiting Lecturer, **Riga Business School**, summer 2003 - fall 2004

Teaching Assistant, **Clark University**, 2000-2002

Research Assistant, Institute of Economic Studies at Clark University 1999

Research Assistant, EuroFaculty, University of Latvia, 1996-1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stockholm School of Economics in Riga:

Econometrics, International Economics, Political Economy, Research Methods, Thesis Supervision

Riga Graduate School of Law

Law and Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics

Riga Business School

Managerial Economics

University of Latvia

Public Finance and the European Integration

Clark University

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Teaching Assistant), Principles of Economics (TA), Intermediate Microeconomics (TA), Introduction to Statistics (TA)

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), fluent in English and Latvian

COMPLETE LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, WORKING PAPERS, CONSULTING REPORTS, INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Latvia: PSED Overview” (co-authored with Anders Paalzow and Olga Rastrigina) in Paul D. Reynolds and Richard T. Curtin (ed). 2010. *New Business Creation: An International Overview*. New York City: Springer

“Latvian-Russian Economic Relations.” (co-authored with Alf Vanags) in Nil Muižnieks (ed). 2006. *Latvian-Russian Relations: Domestic and International Dimensions*. Latvijas Universitātes akadēmiskais apgāds.

“What kept the Russian Federation Intact? Testing the Internal Exit Model of Buchanan and Faith” in Ott, Attiat F. and Cebula, Richard (eds). 2006. *Empirical Public Economics*, Cheltenham, UK and Lyme, US: Edward Elgar.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Using Personal Car Register for Measuring Economic Inequality in Countries with a Large Share of Shadow Economy: Evidence for Latvia” (co-authored with Boriss Siliverstovs and Konstantin A. Kholodilin), *The Review of Income and Wealth*, 2013.

“Is Anything Wrong with Higher Education in Latvia?”, *Baltic Journal of Economics*, 2009. Vol. 9(2)

“Can We Revive a ‘Baltic Tiger’?”, *Baltic Rim Economies*. February 2009.

“Grozījumi Konkurences Likumā un to Ietekme uz Patērētājiem” [Amendments to the Competition Law and their Effect on the Consumers]. September 2008. *Jurista Vārds*, 33(538)

RESEARCH AND CONSULTING REPORTS

“Financing Higher Education: A Model for Reform.” Discussion Paper. President’s Strategic Analysis Commission. June 2011. Riga, Latvia.

“Multilateral Interchange Fees in Latvia”. (co-authored with Alf Vanags, Christian Wey, and Irina Suleymanova). Consulting Report for the Association of Commercial Banks in Latvia, December 2010. Riga, Latvia.

“How Hard is the Path of Nascent Entrepreneur? Evidence from PSED”, a contribution in “Global Entrepreneurship Monitor: Latvia Country Report 2009”. (authored by Olga Rastrigina). TeliaSonera Institute. Riga, Latvia.

“Does Latvia Need an Industrial Policy?” Discussion Paper. President’s Strategic Analysis Commission. January 2010. Riga, Latvia.

“Is Anything Wrong with Latvia’s Higher Education?” Discussion Paper. President’s Strategic Analysis Commission. September 2009. Riga, Latvia.

“Assessing the extent of tax evasion in the real estate sector”. Research Report for the Latvian Public Notaries’ Association, May 2008. Riga, Latvia.

“Optimizing the system of taxes and allowances to promote employment” (Optimāla, nodarbinātību veicinoša nodokļu un pabalstu sistēma). National Program “Labor Market Research”. Welfare Ministry of Latvia. (co-authored with Oksana Zabko, Andrejs Jakobsons, Alf Vanags, Mark Chandler, and Egita Uzulena). 2007.

“Global Entrepreneurship Monitor: Latvia Country Report 2006”. (co-authored with Olga Rastrigina and Andrejs Jakobsons). TeliaSonera Institute. Riga, Latvia.

“Global Entrepreneurship Monitor: Latvia Country Report 2005”. (co-authored with Mark Chandler and Karlis Krēsliņš). TeliaSonera Institute. Riga, Latvia.

“Who are the Latvian Entrepreneurs?” 2005. *TeliaSonera Institute Discussion Paper No. 2* (co-authored with Alf Vanags and Ieva Ubele). Stockholm School of Economics in Riga.

“Parental Leave and Childcare in Sweden”, European Union Peer Review. Expert’s Report on Latvia, April 2004

“Career Breaks in Belgium”, European Union Peer Review, Expert’s Report on Latvia, February 2004

“Improving Economics Research Capacity in Latvia.” (Ekonomiskās pētniecības kapacitātes uzlabošanas iespējas). *Research Report for the Ministry of Economy of Latvia*. 2004. (co-authored with Alf Vanags, Julia Alasheyeva and Daniels Jelisejevs) Riga, Latvia.

WORKING PAPERS

“Innovations and Human Capital of Business Owners: Evidence from SIBiL”. *RICAFE2 Working Paper* 074. March 2009.

“Is there Learning from Exporting? Firm-level Evidence from Latvia”. (with Boris Ginzburg and Olga Rastrigina). *RICAFE2 Working Paper* 073. March 2009.

“Campaign Contributions and Firm Performance: The Latvian Way”. *Revise&Resubmit* (2011) in *Economica*.

“Do Political Connections Matter? Firm-level Evidence from Latvia”. *SSE-Riga/BICEPS Working Paper*. Revised April 2011. Submitted to *Public Choice*.

“The Role of Personal and Family Background in Making Entrepreneurs in Post-Socialist Environment”. (co-authored with Friederike Welter). *TeliaSonera Institute Working Paper*. 2006.

“Contract Enforcement and Enterprise Development: Theory and Evidence from the Baltic States.” 2003. (co-authored with Alf Vanags and Romans Pance). *BICEPS Working Paper*

“Incentives for Fiscal Extraction for Roving Bandits Vs. Stationary Bandits: An Empirical Analysis”, unpublished manuscript.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Higher School of Economics conference. 20 years: Political and Economic Evolution of Post-Communist Europe, Moscow, May 2011 (*The Political Economy of Latvia's Development*).

ZEW seminar, Mannheim, December 2009 (*Innovations and Human Capital of Business Owners*)

Academy of Management Meeting, Chicago, August 2009 (*Panel Study of Entrepreneurial Dynamics in Latvia*)

International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE), Berkeley, June 2009 (*Campaign contributions and firm performance*)

DIW seminar, Berlin, April 2009 (*Campaign contributions and firm performance*)

Xth International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow (Higher School of Economics, April 2009, (*Campaign contributions and firm performance*))

Tartu University, Economics Department seminar, 4 December, 2008, (*Campaign contributions and firm performance*)

Kiev School of Economics seminar, Kiev, April 2008, (*Politically Connected Firms*)

New Economic School seminar, Moscow, April 2008, (*Politically Connected Firms*)

SITE seminar, Stockholm, 8 April, 2008 (*Politically Connected Firms*)

Public Choice Society Conference, San Antonio, 6-8 March 2008 (*Politically Connected Firms*)

GDN Regional Research Competition VI East European Conference, Prague, August 2006 (*Politically Connected Firms*)

Babson Entrepreneurship Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, June 2006 (*Personal and Family Factors in the Making of Entrepreneurs*)

SITE/CEFIR/BICEPS/WISER/KEI seminar, Kiev, September 2005 (*Estimating informal economy using the car registration data*)

GDN Regional Research Competition V East European Conference, Prague, 10-12 August 2005 (*Estimating informal economy using the car registration data*)

6th Annual Conference on Current Trends in Economics, SAET, Rhodes, 2003 (*Testing the Internal Exit Model*)

GDN Regional Research Competition III East European Conference, Prague, 10-11 August 2003 (*Contract Enforcement and Enterprise Performance*)

SITE/SHEE seminar, Stockholm, 2003 (*Russian Federation: Testing the Internal Exit Model*)

SSE-Riga/BICEPS seminar, Riga, 2003, 2005, 2008

Public Choice Society and Economic Science Association Conference, San Diego, 2002 (*Incentives for Fiscal Extraction*)