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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA (Barcelona GSE)

MSc in Economics, 2013–2014

Barcelona, Spain

CHARLES UNIVERSITY

Bachelor in Economics, 2010–2013

Prague, Czech Republic

EXPERIENCE

September 2014 – present (one year)

Trainee (Research division), European Central Bank Frankfurt, Germany

- > primarily working in the Wage Dynamics Network (WDN) project (supervised by Ana Lamo & Juan F. Jimeno)
- > processing and harmonizing micro survey data, coordinating the WDN network, working on the cross-country report, taking part in the regular WDN conferences in Frankfurt and London
- > secondarily supporting other researchers with RA work, including research assistance on two papers for the ECB conference in Sintra (*Hysteresis and the European Unemployment Problem Revisited* by Jordi Galí and *Unemployment in Europe: What does it take to bring it down?* by Tito Boeri & Juan F. Jimeno)

July 2013 — September 2013

Intern, Institute for Financial Policy

Bratislava, Slovakia

- > working as an intern in the research and policy department of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic
- > contribution to policy research examining the relationship between sick leave benefits and unemployment (panel data)
- > developing a regularly updated statistical database with the most frequently used indicators; since then the database is being published monthly on the webpage of the Ministry of Finance
- > also drafting policy notes and working on reports

October 2012 — January 2013

Research assistant for doc. Vladimír Benáček (Charles University, Prague)

- > participation in the project "Trade flows in times of economic boom and slump: Modifying the gravity model for country, time and product-specific decision-making"
- > also assisting with grant administration and other clerical duties

June 2012 — September 2012

Research assistant for PhDr. Dalibor Roháč (Legatum Institute, London)

- > providing external research support for the paper "Where you sit is where you stand: Policy preferences in the Czechoslovak transition"
- > obtaining historical regional data from the Czech Statistical Office

September 2011 — March 2012

Data cleansing, zINDEX Prague, Czech Republic

> working part-time for a non-profit organization that evaluates Czech public procurement authorities

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

Hate is in the air: The effect of the Czech and German radio on the elections in prewar Czechoslovakia (with Bruno Baránek and Kryštof Krotil) "Work in progress" download here

Scholarships & Achievements

Full Scholarship, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Merit Scholarship, Charles University

Student Scholarship, Zentiva Foundation

Achieved the highest grade in the cohort for the final research project at UPF

OTHER SKILLS Computing

- > Stata excellent, including more advanced routines
- > Matlab proficient, regularly used for time-series econometrics
- ≻ Python proficient
- ≻ Excel, Word & PowerPoint excellent, including VBA
- > z-Tree programmed 3 projects as a freelancer

Languages

- > fluent in English, Czech and Slovak (native)
- > upper intermediate in German