



## Isilda Mara

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### ● WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2013 – 06/2023 Vienna, Austria

**ECONOMIST** THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW)

Country expert for Albania  
Research on labour market issues, migration and social policy

**Address** Rahlgasse 3, 1060, Vienna, Austria

02/2010 – 2013 Vienna, Austria

**RESEARCH/SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATOR – TEMPO NORFACE PROJECT** THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW)

Research on International migration/ Empirical and econometric analysis

12/2010 – 12/2011 Salzburg, Austria

**RESEARCHER - ERSTE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH** UNIVERSITY OF SALZBURG, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Research on international migration / return migration and human capital formation / Empirical and econometric analysis

05/2007 – 12/2009 Vienna, Austria

**RESEARCH/SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATOR** EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

Research on international migration and labour market analysis, EU welfare and social security system, integration in the labour market of people with disabilities in the EU countries. Quantitative and qualitative data analysis, research reports, project proposals

05/2005 – 04/2007 Turin, Italy

**RESEARCH/SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATOR AND TEACHING ASSISTANT** DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Research/scientific collaborator: "The Guaranteed minimum income as a crucial node in the design of social policy in Europe"; "Migration flows at risk, trafficking and exploitation of human beings", "EU welfare and social security system", "Informal economy" Teaching assistant: micro-econometrics and gender economics (with Prof. Steinar Strom and Prof. Maria Laura Di Tommaso)

09/1999 – 08/2000 Tirana, Albania

**PROJECT ASSISTANT; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP AND STABILITY PACT UNIT** COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT

Assisting in evaluation of priority projects in the frame of Stability Pact

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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10/2001 – 03/2006 Turin, Italy

**PHD (EUROPEAN ECONOMIC STUDIES)** University of Turin, Department of Economics and Finance

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Dissertation: "Study of shadow economy following macroeconomic and micro-econometric approaches" Supervisor: Prof. Steinar Strom  
Dissertation Committee: Prof. Michele Bernasconi, Prof. Franco Peracchi, Prof. Federico Revelli  
University of Turin PhD Fellowship awarded (three years)

09/2000 – 07/2001 Turin, Italy

**M.A. (ECONOMICS)** CORIPE Piedmont (Consortium for Research and Continuing Education in Economics)  
University of Turin

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CORIPE Fellowship awarded (1 year)

01/2000 – 05/2000 Vienna, Austria

**TRAINING: APPLIED ECONOMY POLICY FOR COUNTIES IN TRANSITION** Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)

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10/2001 – 07/2002 Turin, Italy

**CERTIFICATE, ATTENDANCE AND EXAMINATION OF MASTER IN FINANCE** CORIPE Piedmont (Consortium for Research and Continuing Education in Economics), University of Turi

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10/1994 – 07/1998 Tirana, Albania

**BA (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)** University of Tirana, Economics Faculty

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## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>ITALIAN</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>SPANISH</b>	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
<b>GERMAN</b>	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

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STATA | Eviews | Mplus | MS-Office

## ● PUBLICATIONS

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Complete list of publications

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## ● PROJECTS

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Complete list of projects

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## ● FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

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ERSTE Foundation Fellowship for social research, hosted by University of Salzburg PhD Fellowship, University of Turin (3 years)CORIPE Fellowship (1year)

## ● **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

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- Prof. Alessandra Venturini, University of Turin and European University Institute, Italy
- Steve Drinkwater, University of Swansea, UK
- Prof. Steinar Strom, Oslo University, Norway
- Prof. Maria Laura di Tommaso, University of Turin, Italy