


PERSONAL INFORMATION



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WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2012–Present

Senior Research Associate

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
Rahlgasse 3, 1060 Vienna (Austria)
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- Contribution to wiiw research and consultancy activities
- Contribution to wiiw current analyses and forecasts
- Country expert on Bulgaria

Business or sector Economic Research Institute

2010–08/2012

Director, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva (Switzerland)

- Directing, planning and supervising the work of the Division in fostering an international policy dialogue and promoting of good practices in areas such as innovation and competitiveness policies; entrepreneurship and enterprise development; financing innovative development; commercialization and protection of intellectual property rights; public-private partnerships
- Overseeing and editing related policy-oriented UNECE normative documents (examples include, but are not limited to: *Synopsis of good practices and policies to address financial and entrepreneurial challenges in high-growth innovative firms*; *Synopsis of good practices and policy recommendations on the management of intellectual property in open innovation*; *Policy options for promoting innovation in the services sector*)
- Overseeing and editing related UNECE publications (examples include, but are not limited to: *Fostering Innovative Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Policy Options*; *Intellectual Property Commercialization: Policy Options and Practical Instruments*; *Innovation Performance Review of Belarus: Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan*)
- Directing, planning and supervising related policy seminars and other capacity-building events in requesting countries (examples include, but are not limited to: International Conference on Knowledge-based Development and Innovative Entrepreneurship, Baku, Azerbaijan, 24 - 25 November 2011; High level policy seminar "Promoting Innovative Entrepreneurship", Haifa, Israel, 28 March - 1 April 2011; International Conference "From Applied Research to Entrepreneurship: Promoting Innovation-driven Start-ups and Academic Spin-offs", Kiev, 9–11 November 2010; International Conference on "Policies to Address Financing and Entrepreneurial Challenges in High-growth Innovative Firms", Helsinki, Finland, 2-4 June 2010).

Business or sector International Organization

2006–2010

Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section; Economic Cooperation and Integration Division

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva (Switzerland)

- Leading, organizing and overseeing the work of the Innovative Policies Development Section related to promoting international cooperation in areas such as innovation and competitiveness

policies; entrepreneurship and enterprise development; financing innovative development; commercialization and protection of intellectual property rights

- Drafting and editing related policy-oriented UNECE normative documents (examples include, but are not limited to: *Review of policy approaches for solving problems in legal and institutional frameworks which hinder entrepreneurship and enterprise development*; *Synopsis of good practices in financial intermediation in support of innovation and knowledge-driven development*; *Synopsis of policy options for creating a supportive environment for innovative development*; *Policy recommendations on improving the regulatory environment for the financing of innovation-related activities*)
- Drafting, providing substantive input and/or editing of related UNECE publications (examples include, but are not limited to: *Developing Entrepreneurship in the UNECE Region. Country Experiences in Reducing Barriers to Enterprise Development*; *Financing Innovative Development: Comparative Review of the Experiences of UNECE Countries in Early-Stage Financing*; *Enhancing the Innovative Performance of Firms: Policy Options and Practical Instruments*; *Policy Options and Instruments for Financing Innovation: A Practical Guide to Early Stage Financing*)
- Organizing related policy seminars and other capacity-building events in requesting countries (examples include, but are not limited to: *International Conference on Ways and Means of Attracting External Finance for New Innovative Enterprises, Astana, 21-22 May 2009*; *International Conference "Promoting Innovation-based Entrepreneurial Opportunities in the UNECE region", Geneva, 28- 29 September 2009*; *Policy seminar "Enhancing the Innovative Capacity of Firms in the UNECE region: Policy Options and Practical Instruments", Geneva, February 2008*; *Applied policy seminar on Early Stage Financing and "Investment Readiness" of Innovative Enterprises, Moscow, May 2008*; *International Conference on Reducing Barriers to Entrepreneurship and Encouraging Enterprise Development: Policy Options, Geneva, 18 - 19 June 2007*).

Business or sector International Organization

2001–2006 **Chief, Emerging Markets Economies Section; Economic Analysis Division**

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva (Switzerland)

- Leading, organizing and overseeing the work of the Emerging Markets Economies Section related to the analysis of current economic performance of the emerging market economies in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Major substantive contribution the UNECE flagship publication, the *Economic Survey of Europe* in the form of analytical materials on important economic developments and policy issues in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Reviewing, correction and substantive editing of the drafts prepared by other professional economists in the section.
- Organizing related international policy seminars, in particular, the annual UNECE Spring Seminar on important policy issues in the region.

Business or sector International Organization

1998–2001 **Senior Economist, Transition Economies Section; Economic Analysis Division**

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva (Switzerland)

- Monitor current macroeconomic performance and macroeconomic policy in the transition economies Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.
- Substantive contribution the UNECE flagship publication, the *Economic Survey of Europe* in the form of analytical materials on important economic developments and policy issues in the transition economies of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Contribution to the organization of related international policy seminars, in particular, the annual UNECE Spring Seminar on important policy issues in the region.

Business or sector International Organization

1990–1998 **Subsequently taking positions from Deputy Director to President of the Centre for Economic and Strategic Research (CESR)**

Centre for Economic and Strategic Research
Al. von Humboldt Str., bl. 46, entr. A, Sofia (Bulgaria)

- Develop the research strategy and plans of the CESR.
- General management of CESR. Fundraising in support of CESR activities.
- Direct and supervise research conducted at CESR.
- Individual research on transition-related economic issues.
- Took part in a number of international research projects, mostly related to the restructuring of the corporate sector during the transition from plan to market (examples include, but are not limited to: *“Financial Flows and Debt Structures in Transition and Market Economies” (1995-1998)*; *“Enterprise and Bank Restructuring (1994-1997)*; *“Emerging Market Organisation and Corporate Restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe (1994-1997)*; *The Financial Reform in Central and Eastern Europe (1993-1995)*; *Corporate Restructuring, Trade Performance and Economic Policy in Central and Eastern Europe (1993-1995)*)

Business or sector NGO, think-tank

1987–1990 **Associate Professor and Head of group at the Institute of Management and Administration**

Institute of Management and Administration
Pionerski put 21, Sofia (Bulgaria)

- Teach economics and management in post-graduate training programmes organised by the Institute of Management and Administration.
- As Head of a group of macroeconomic analysis, organised and supervised macroeconomic analytical research undertaken by the Institute.

Business or sector Academic Institution (post graduate)

1985–1987 **Researcher**

Bonn University: Bonn-IIASA Project on Economic Growth and Structural Change,
22-24 Adenauerallee, Bonn (Germany)

- Analysis of economic performance of the (then) European CMEA countries.
- Develop macroeconomic models of the CMEA countries. Produce macroeconomic forecasts for the CMEA countries

Business or sector Academic Institution

1981–1984 **Assistant Professor at the Institute of Management and Administration**

Institute of Management and Administration
Pionerski put 21, Sofia (Bulgaria)

- Teach courses in economics in post-graduate training programmes organised by the Institute of Management and Administration.
- Conduct analytical economic research.

Business or sector Academic Institution (post graduate)

1975–1978 **System designer**

Central Statistical Office
Panayot Volov str. 2, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Design and implementation of statistical data processing systems

Business or sector Public Sector

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1978–1981 **PhD (Economics)**

Post graduate

studies (PhD course)

Institute of Management and Administration, Sofia (Bulgaria)
Economics

1969–1975 **MSc (Systems Engineering)** Graduate studies
Leningrad (St.Petersburg) Institute of Electrical Engineering, St.Petersburg (Russian Federation)

1964–1969 **Diploma** Secondary school
English Language School, Plovdiv (Bulgaria)
Secondary school

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Bulgarian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
German	B2	B2	B1	B1	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- Team work: Throughout my career I have worked in many teams of different nature, including teams with different cultural and professional background and have developed the relevant teamwork skills
- Communication skills: Given my professional experience as university professor, researcher and international civil servant which required frequent public presentations, writing reports and papers for publication I have developed excellent communication skills (both oral and written)

Organisational / managerial skills

- Planning and organizing: As part of my duties as supervisor and manager I have extensive experience in planning my own work and that of staff under my supervision in accordance with work priorities and deadlines; Extensive experience in organizing meetings and conferences
- Managerial skills: During the past 20 years I have occupied positions with increasing managerial responsibilities

Digital skills Microsoft Office; EViews

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Other past professional activities:

- External expert of the European Commission, Brussels
- Consultant for the OECD
- External expert of the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
- Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Sofia
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Economic Systems* journal
- Member of the European Economic Association and of the European Economic Policy Forum
- Participant in numerous international research projects