



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Isilda Mara



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Sex Female | Date of birth 17 September 1975 | Nationality Albanian

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2013 - Present

Research Economist

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Vienna (Austria)
Country expert for Albania. Research on labour market issues, migration and social policy
Business or sector Economic Research Institute

February 2010 – 2013

Research/scientific collaborator –TEMPO NORFACE project

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
Rahlgasse 3, 1060 Vienna (Austria)
Research on International migration/ Empirical and econometric analysis
Business or sector Economic Research Institute

December 2010 – December 2011

Researcher - Erste Foundation Fellowship for Social research

University of Salzburg, Department of Political Science
Rudolfskai 42, 5020 Salzburg (Austria)
Research on international migration /return migration and human capital formation/ Empirical and econometric analysis
Business or sector University

May 2007 – December 2009

Research/scientific collaborator

European Centre for Welfare Policy and Research
Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna (Austria)
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
Business or sector Research Institute

May 2005 – April 2007

Research/scientific collaborator and teaching assistant

Department of Economics, University of Turin
Via Po 53, Turin (Italy)
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)
Business or sector University

September 1999 – August 2000

Project Assistant; Emergency Management Group and Stability Pact Unit

Council of Ministers of the Albanian Government, Tirana (Albania)
Assisting in evaluation of priority projects in the frame of Stability Pact

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

October 2001 – March 2006

Ph.D. in European Economic Studies

University of Turin, Department of Economics and Finance, Turin (Italy)

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)

September 2000 – July 2001

Master in Economics, CORIPE Fellowship awarded (1year)

CORIPE Piedmont (Consortium for Research and Continuing Education in Economics) University of Turin, Turin (Italy)

October 2001 – July 2002

Certificate, Attendance and Examination of Master in Finance

CORIPE Piedmont (Consortium for Research and Continuing Education in Economics), University of Turin (Italy), Turin (Italy)

October 1994 – July 1998

BA in Business Administration

Economics Faculty, University of Tirana, Tirana (Albania)

January 2000 – May 2000

Training: Applied Economy Policy for counties in transition

Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna (Austria)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Albanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
German	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/files/quest_doc/CEFR.pdf)

Computer skills

Stata 12, Eviews, Mplus, Ms-Office

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fellowship Awarded

- ERSTE Foundation Fellowship for social research
- Hosted by University of Salzburg
- University of Turin PhD Fellowship awarded (three years)
- CORIPE Fellowship awarded (1year)

Presentations at Scientific Conferences

- 3rd TEMPO Conference on International migration, 4-5/10/2012 , IAB, Nürnberg, Germany
- Norface Migration Conference - "Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge", 6-9/04/ 2011, University College London, London, UK
- 2st TEMPO conference on International Migration, 10-11/11/ 2011, WIIW, Vienna, Austria
- 1st TEMPO conference on International Migration, 28-29/10/ 2010, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- 1st conference of the International Microsimulation Association, 20-22/08/2007, European Centre, Vienna, Austria

Research Projects

"Falling Behind and Catching Up in Southeast Europe", 2014/2015

"Strategic Study on Labour Mobility in the Context of the South East Europe 2020 Strategy", 2014

"Temporary migration, integration and the role of policies (TEMPO)", 10/2009-01/2014,

"Auswirkungen der Arbeitsmarktöffnung am 1. Jänner 2014 auf den Wirtschafts- und Arbeitsstandort Österreich", 2013

"Recent patterns of labour mobility in the European Union" 2013-2014

Migration patterns of Serbian immigrants in Austria: causes and consequences, 01/2011-04/2013

Return Migration and its effects on skills and productivity of migrant workers (BMWFJ Austria 2009) ;

Labour Market Performance and Wage Premium: the case of Albanian Return Migrants (CERGE –EI Prague) 01-12/2012;

GDN-SEE Fourth phase, Research Area: Migration - "New face of slavery in the Balkans", 2008-2009, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies,

GDN-SEE Fifth phase, Research area: Inequality and public policy - "the effect of flat tax on inequality and informal employment: the case of Albania", 2010-2011, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

International Partners

- 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