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## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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09/2021 – CURRENT – Vienna, Austria

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

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- Conducting research on the economic development and convergence of the Visegrád economies, their integration into global value chains, as well as the role of foreign direct investment in development

09/2019 – 08/2021 – Slovakia

**HEAD STATE ADVISOR FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT – INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGY AND ANALYSIS, GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

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- Through policy research and statistical analyses, supported the Slovak government's economic and social policy strategy and encouraging evidence-based reforms in the country.
- Primarily responsible for analyses in the areas of productivity, infrastructure development and European Structural and Investment Funds.

09/2019 – 08/2021

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD – NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY BOARD OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

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- One of the three leading authors of the Annual Report on Productivity and Competitiveness of the Slovak Republic. The report, presented to the Slovak Cabinet and the European Commission, identifies key macroeconomic imbalances and threats to competitiveness and puts forward policy recommendations to mitigate the risks of Slovakia being caught in the middle-income trap.
- Collaborated with OECD and the European Commission on the project "Evaluation of the position and performance of the National Productivity Board".

08/2019 – 09/2019 – United Kingdom

**SECRETARIAT MEMBER – JESUS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

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37<sup>th</sup> Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime

- Assisted with organizational and logistical aspects of the Symposium

07/2018 – 09/2018 – Slovakia

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROJECTS CONSULTANT – SLOVAK INVESTMENT AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

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- Graduate traineeship based on dissertation research completed at the University of Edinburgh
- Advised foreign firms interested in investing in Slovakia, including delivering presentations and addressing their inquiries about the business environment and legislation
- Gathered data and provided methodological guidance on the Comparative Survey on Investment Costs 2018 for the Japanese External Trade Organization

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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09/2018 – 07/2019 – United Kingdom

**MPhil in Development Studies, with Distinction (Summa Cum Laude)** – University of Cambridge

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- Funded through the award of scholarships from the Cambridge Trusts and the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic
- Graduated top of the class with Distinction and recognition from Wolfson College
- Specialization in development economics under the supervision of Dr. Ha-Joon Chang

09/2014 – 07/2018 – United Kingdom

**MA (Hons) in International Business, First Class Honours (Summa Cum Laude)** – University of Edinburgh

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- Graduated as the highest-ranking student within the Business School cohort of over 300 students
- Dissertation: Constructed a panel model explaining regional disparities in FDI stocks across the eight autonomous regions of Slovakia, highlighting the importance of human capital and infrastructure development. Supervised by Dr. Ling Liu and Dr. Alan Brown

08/2016 – 05/2017 – Singapore

**International Exchange Year Abroad** – Nanyang Technological University

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## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Mother tongue(s):** SLOVAK

**Other language(s):**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>JAPANESE</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>GERMAN</b>	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
<b>CZECH</b>	B1	A2	B1	B1	A2

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

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

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MS Excel | STATA | R

## ● HONOURS AND AWARDS

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2020

**Jennings Prize – Wolfson College, University of Cambridge**

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Awarded for outstanding academic performance in the MPhil degree

2018

**Cambridge European Scholarship – Cambridge Commonwealth, European & International Trust**

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Awarded to highest-scored postgraduate applicants at the University of Cambridge

2018

**Martin Filko Scholarship – Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic**

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Awarded to most promising Slovak postgraduate students abroad

2018

**W. V. Stevens Prize – University of Edinburgh Business School**

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Awarded for the best overall performance among the undergraduate class of 2018 (awarded to two students out of over 300 graduating students)

2016

**Certificate of Merit – University of Edinburgh Business School**

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Awarded for the best overall performance in Principles of Finance (over 150 students enrolled)

2016

**Certificate of Merit – University of Edinburgh Business School**

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Awarded for the best overall performance in Accountancy 2B (over 125 students enrolled)

2016

**Edinburgh Award – University of Edinburgh**

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Awarded for time committed to volunteer work

2015

**School of Economics Prize – University of Edinburgh School of Economics**

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Awarded for the best overall performance in Economic Principles and Applications (of over 500 students enrolled, the only student who received the grade A1)

2015

**Alexander Darling Prize – University of Edinburgh Business School**

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Awarded for the best overall performance in Foundations of Business (over 300 students enrolled)

## ● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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04/2021 – Lille (France)

**2021 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Lille Économie Management, Université de Lille**

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12/2020 – Bratislava (Slovakia)

**Slovak Economic Association's 2020 Workshop, University of Economics in Bratislava**

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09/2020 – Bratislava (Slovakia)

**Expert Methodological Committee Peer-Review Workshop, Government Office of the Slovak Republic**

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## ● **PUBLICATIONS**

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**Complete list of publications**

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