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Citizenship: Ukraine

**Fields of specialization**Primary: *Migration, Skills, Economics of Education, Labor Economics*Secondary: *Statistics for Economists, Public Economics, Transition Economies, Development***Education:****Ph.D.** in Economics University of Kentucky (USA)  
2006

Fields: Labor Economics, Public Economics

Dissertation: Labor Market Issues of Microsoft Certification of IT Professionals

**M.A.** in Economics Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC) MA Program at  
1999 National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Kyiv, Ukraine.**B.A.** in Economics National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Kyiv, Ukraine.  
1997**Current Employment:**2006 – present Assistant Professor of Economics, **Kyiv School of Economics (KSE)**  
(former EERC MA Program in Economics at the National University  
"Kyiv-Mohyla Academy") [www.kse.org.ua](http://www.kse.org.ua)2006 – present Senior Researcher, **Kyiv Economics Institute (KEI)**, Ukraine (founded by  
Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics at Stockholm School of  
Economics, Sweden)2008 – present Clinical Assistant Professor, **Department of Economics, University of  
Houston, USA****Previous Employment:**2003 – 2006 Instructor, **Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC)**,  
Ukraine1999 – 2003 Instructor, **University of Kentucky, USA**, Department of Economics**Visiting Positions:**2014-present Research fellow, **CELSI, Slovakia**2014 Visiting researcher, **IZA, Germany**

2013 Visiting researcher, **Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia**

2013 Visiting researcher, **New Economic School, Moscow, Russia**

#### Teaching Experience:

2006 – present **Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), Ukraine:** Econometrics (MLE, IV, time series, panel data, limited dependent variables), Forecasting, Public Economics, Economics of Migration, Transition Economics, Intermediate Macro, Input Markets, Research Methods - MA level courses

2003 – 2006 **Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC), Ukraine,** MA level courses: Intermediate Micro, Econometrics

1999 – 2003 **University of Kentucky, Department of Economics, USA, Instructor:** Intermediate Micro, Intermediate Statistics for Business

2013 Invited lecturer, **Higher School of Economics, CMSSE Summer School, St. Petersburg, Russia,** invited lecturer (Economics of Migration, Empirical Questions and Answers)

2011 Invited lecturer, **Ukrainian Parliament, Internship Program, Ukraine,** (Central budgeting transparency)

2004, 2005 Invited lecturer, **National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, Summer School, Ukraine,** (Transitional Economics, Ukrainian experience)

#### Consulting, grants and policy research:

- “Leadership in Economic Development” **USAID** program, expert, 2016-2017
- “Efficiency of resource planning and allocation in healthcare system in Ukraine, expenditure tracking survey (PETS/QSDS)”, **World Bank & UNDP**, project leader, 2016-2017
- “Social Exclusion of Youth in Europe: Cumulative Disadvantage, Coping Strategies, Effective Policies and Transfer (EXCEPT)”, **Horizon 2020**, researcher, 2015-2018
- “Feasibility study: effectiveness of public health programmes/policies in combining severe population health crisis in Ukraine”, **Medical Research council and University of Kent, Great Britain**, local team leader, 2015-2016
- “Understanding the links between the migrants’ working conditions and remittances”, **ILO**, project leader, 2015-2016
- “Socio-economic changes and social vulnerability of children in Ukraine”, **UNICEF**, project leader, 2014-2015
- “Organization of Comparison Data Collection for the LINC Performance Evaluation”, **Social Impact Inc.**, Subcontract No. Sub 1 under Social Impact AID-121-TO-13-00004, project leader, 2013
- “Private employment agencies in Ukraine and their role in assisting labour migrants” as a part of “Effective Governance of Labour Migration and its Skills Dimension” project, **ILO**, EuropeAid/128764/C/ACT/Multi, researcher, 2013
- “Assessment of the relations between education and migration in Ukraine” as a part of “Effective Governance of Labour Migration and its Skills Dimension” project, **ILO**, EuropeAid/128764/C/ACT/Multi, project leader, 2011-2013
- “Competition Regimes Around the World - A Civil Society Report”, country report for Ukraine, **CUTS**, reviewer, 2012.
- “Migration and labour mobility. Case study for Ukraine” as a part of “Costs and Benefits of Labour Mobility between the EU and the Eastern Partnership Partner Countries” project, **CASE with European Commission**, ENPI/Labour\_Mobility/2011, consultant, 2011-2012
- “Open Budget Initiative”, International Budget Partnership, USA, peer reviewer, 2008, 2010, 2012.
- “The Dynamics of Returns to Education in Ukraine”, **World Bank**, background study for the

- Country Economic Memorandum, with T. Coupe, STCA #7758200, consultant, 2010
- “Social Assistance System Modernization Project Impact Evaluation”, **Ministry of Labor, Ukraine with World Bank**, with D. Nizalov, O. Nizalova, O. Bilyk, grant RFP #4807-42, consultant, 2008-2010
- “Remittances for the Republic of Moldova: a way to survive or a chance to succeed?” with Mislitskaya, shortlisted (top 3%) for the **GDN 2009 Medals for Research on Development Competition**
- “Migration and skills”, **GFK Ukraine with European Training Foundation**, consultant, 2007

#### Non-refereed Publications and Book Chapters:

- “Private employment agencies in Ukraine”, ILO DWT and CO CEE, ISBN 978-92-2-128208-2, 2014 [http://www.ilo.org/budapest/what-we-do/publications/WCMS\\_244716/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/budapest/what-we-do/publications/WCMS_244716/lang--en/index.htm)
- “The relations between education and migration in Ukraine”, ILO DWT and CO CEE, ISBN 978-92-2-828181-1, 2013 (with T.Coupe) [http://www.ilo.org/budapest/what-we-do/publications/WCMS\\_244711/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/budapest/what-we-do/publications/WCMS_244711/lang--en/index.htm)
- “Costs and Benefits of Labour Mobility between the EU and the Eastern Partnership Partner Country report: Ukraine”, CASE, Warsaw, 2013 (with T.Coupe) <http://www.case-research.eu/sites/default/files/Ukraine%20country%20study%20-%20final.pdf>
- “Innovation, Adoption, Ownership, and Productivity: Evidence from Ukraine” / in *Economic and Social Consequences of Restructuring in Russia and Ukraine*, ed. by Tilman Brück and Hartmut Lehmann, Palgrave Macmillan (with D.Brown, J.Earle and V. Zheka), ISBN 978-0-333-73353-0, 2012

#### Reports:

- “A study of the operation and distinctive features of tobacco goods marketing in temporary constructions (kiosks) in the Kyiv City”, 2017, “**Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**”, “**Life**” & **Center for Democracy and Rule of Law** (with P. Iavorskyi and B. Nedilchenko)
- “Socio-economic changes and social vulnerability of children in Ukraine”, 2015, **UNICEF** (with I.Sologub)
- “Social Assistance System Modernization Project Impact Evaluation: Final Report”, 2010, **Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Ukraine** and World Bank, RFP #4807-42 (with D. Nizalov and O.Nizalova)
- “Social Assistance System Modernization Project Impact Evaluation: Interim Report”, 2009, **Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Ukraine** and World Bank, RFP #4807-42 (with D. Nizalov and O. Nizalova)

#### Work in Progress:

- “Social Assistance System Modernization and Participation of the Poor”, with O. Nizalova and D.Nizalov
- “Does NEG tell something about occupational choice?”, with V. Ivanova and Ph. Ushchev
- “Has skills mismatch among Ukrainian migrants reduced in 2010-2012?”
- “Remittance dependency and realized uncertainty: do they explain household spending patterns during the crisis”
- "Social Assistance System Modernization: Background Paper", with O. Nizalova and D. Nizalov

#### Working papers:

- Tom Coupe & Hanna Vakhitova, 2011. "Recent Dynamics of Returns to Education in Transition Countries," Discussion Papers 39, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Ganna Vakhitova & Christopher R. Bollinger, 2011. "Labor Market Return to Computer Skills:

Using Microsoft Certification to Measure Computer Skills," Discussion Papers 46, Kyiv School of Economics.

- Maryia Akulava & Ganna Vakhitova, 2010. "The Impact of FDI on Firm's Performance across Sectors: Evidence from Ukraine," Discussion Papers 26, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Ganna Vakhitova & Tetyana Pavlenko, 2010. "Innovation and Productivity: a Firm Level Study of Ukrainian Manufacturing Sector," Discussion Papers 27, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Ganna Vakhitova & Irina Mislitskaya, 2009. "Remittances for the Republic of Moldova: a way to survive or a chance to succeed?" Working Paper, Kyiv School of Economics.

### **Presentations:**

- "New knowledge about labour migration", a panel discussion at final conference "Effective Governance of Labour Migration and its Skills Dimension", panelist, Ukraine, June 2014
- "Increasing rates for housing and utility services and social protection of population in Ukraine", Kyiv Point of View, panelist, Kyiv, Ukraine, April 2014
- "The role of human capital for sustainable economic development of Ukraine", Kyiv Point of View, panelist, Ukraine, June 2014
- "The relationship between education and migration in Ukraine", presented at IZA research seminar, Germany, March 2014
- "The political unrest in Ukraine: implications for migration situation" invited speaker at CELSI Frontiers Seminar, Slovakia, March 2014
- "Using debates in teaching Economics", KSE Scientific Workshop, Ukraine Dec. 2013
- "Recent development in migration and migration policy: evidence from Ukraine", invited speaker at 6th IZA/ASE Workshop on EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets in Bucharest, Romania, Nov. 2013
- "Private employment agencies in Ukraine and their role in assisting labour migrants", presented to the national stakeholders at the validation seminar in the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine / ILO, Ukraine, Sept. 2013
- "Has skills mismatch among Ukrainian migrants reduced in 2010-2012?", presented at IMISCOE, Malmo, Sweden, Aug. 2013
- "Social Assistance System Modernization and Participation of the Poor", with O. Nizalova and D. Nizalov, presented at GDN conference, June 2013, Manila, Philippines
- "Relations between education and migration in Ukraine", presented to the national stakeholders at the validation seminar in the Ministry of Education and Science, Youth and Sport of Ukraine, Ukraine, Nov. 2012
- "European partnership and labour mobility. Country Report: Ukraine", presented at ENPI Workshop in Krakow, Poland, May 2012
- "Does it pay to study? The dynamics of return to education in Ukraine", presented at WIEM, Warsaw, Poland, July 2012
- "Central budget transparency: World experience and modern Ukraine", presented at KSE/BEROC seminar for the media, Ukraine, May 2011
- "Remittances for the Republic of Moldova: a way to survive or a chance to succeed?" with I.Mislitskaya, presented at the GDN 2009 Medal Competition, Prague, Jan.2010; SITE workshop, Suzdal, Russia, Aug. 2009
- "Innovation and productivity: a firm level study of Ukrainian manufacturing sector" with T.Pavlenko, presented at SITE, May 2010; International Conference on Innovation Competitiveness and Growth, Institute of economics, Zagreb, Croatia, Nov. 2008
- "Innovation, adoption, ownership, and productivity: evidence from Ukraine" with D.Brown, J.Earle and V. Zheka, presented at the conference "Advancing the Study of Innovation and Globalization in Organizations (ASIGO)", IAB, Germany, May, 2009; ESCIRRU workshop in Berlin, Germany, Feb. 2008

- "What do we know about firm-paid general training? The case of Microsoft certification" presented at International Conference on Economics of Education, Firm Behavior and Training Policies, University of Zurich, Switzerland, June 2008
- "Free economic zones at glance: analyzing FEZs in Ukraine as a policy instrument", with M. Vyshnia, presented at EERC, Ukraine, Oct. 2006
- "Certification of IT professionals: are returns really that high?" presented at SWEA, USA, March 2004

#### Interviews and publications in the local media:

- "People on the move" (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, Nov. 2013  
<http://forbes.ua/magazine/forbes/1360224-pereselenie-naroda>
- About targeted social assistance, (in Russian), interview at the program "Social Status" on *Tonis TV Channel*, Oct. 2013
- "In England to pick strawberries?", (in Ukrainian), *Chas Kyivschiny*, May, 2013.  
<http://chask.net/?p=15083>
- "It is more profitable for Ukraine to export labour than metal", (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, Nov. 2012. <http://forbes.ua/author/32218>
- "Cheat-sheet for Azarov: which reforms would young economists run in the Prime Minister's shoes?", *Kontrakty*, June, 2012. <http://kontrakty.ua/article/49532>
- "How much does your window view cost" with V. Vakhitov, (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, June 2012
- "25 years of private business in Ukraine: 2001-2005 growth" with V. Vakhitov, (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, Dec. 2011. <http://forbes.ua/author/32218>
- On pension reform in Ukraine, (in Russian), interview for *ERA TV channel*, June 2011
- "Pension reform can gain supporters", (in Russian), *Delovaya Stolitsa*, and *Podrobnosti*, June 2011, <http://podrobnosti.ua/opinion/2011/06/03/773370.html>
- "If forewarned, the retirement age can be raised" (in Russian), *Comments.UA*, April, 2011.  
<http://money.comments.ua/2011/04/06/244831/ekspert-zaranee.html>
- "The Pension reform: where the wind of change blows?" (in Russian), *Dialog.ua*, March, 2011.  
[http://dialogs.org.ua/dialog.php?id=122&op\\_id=1818#1818](http://dialogs.org.ua/dialog.php?id=122&op_id=1818#1818)
- "Where are seniors living well?" (in Russian), *Gazeta po-kievski*, Jan., 2011.  
<http://mycityua.com/news/world/2011/01/11/001653.html,print=1>
- "Throw away your diploma - the state needs only stupid low-skilled" (in Russian), *Gazeta po-kievski*, Nov. 14, 2010. [http://cripo.com.ua/?sect\\_id=4&aid=102255](http://cripo.com.ua/?sect_id=4&aid=102255)
- "Lagging behind or in the shadow" (in Russian), *Delo*, Nov., 2010. <http://www.day.kiev.ua/317783>
- "Ukraine's migration policy: Is reciprocity fair and efficient?" with V. Vakhitov, (in English), *KyivPost*, Dec., 2007. <http://www.kyivpost.com/opinion/oped/27882/>

#### Supervision of Graduate Student Research:

Master students –	Vitaliia Yaremko (2016, Best Thesis Award), Yaroslav Khomutenko (2016),
Thesis Advisor	Anna Didenko (2015), Oush Ksenia (2014), Cusmaunsa Egor, Gresilova Ina (2013); Loginova Kateryna, Riabikina Elena (2012); Pruglo Kira (2011); Dopira Mykhailo, Alina Aleksyeyenko (2010); Mislitskaia Irina (2009, Best Thesis Award), Bogutskiy Vladyslav (2009), Iurchenko Oksana, Shulgat Valeria, Sikora Irina (2009); Tetyana Pavlenko (2008, Best Thesis Award), Akulava Maria, Myroslava Protsiv, Iryna Oleksyn (2008)

#### Service to organization:

Committees: Thesis Defense committee, Curriculum committee, Research Staff Recruitment committee

Other services: KSE student conference Academic Director (2006-2012), student recruitment trips, participation in the development of courses for new KSE programs, development of Thesis formatting guidelines

**Community and public service:**

- Selected lectures in Economics in various universities in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus
- Recommendations to the Ministry of Statistics concerning statistical data use
- Interviews to various Ukrainian media
- Contributions to the Free Policy Brief Series at <http://freepolicybriefs.org/> (managed by SITE)

**Languages:**

Russian, Ukrainian – native; English – fluent; Polish – basic