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### PRESENT POSITIONS:

- Assistant professor (full-time), **Kyiv school of Economics (KSE)**: since 2008
- Clinical Assistant Professor, **University of Houston**, USA: since 2009
- Head of the *Experts Council* with **Ukrainian Statistics Office**: since 2018
- Member of the *Civic Council* with **Ukrainian Statistics Office**: since 2017
- Member of the *Academic Standards Council*, Economics Session, **Ministry of Education of Ukraine**: Since 2016
- External expert for academic programs, **Fulbright Office in Ukraine**: since 2008

### EDUCATION:

- 2008 – Ph.D. in Economics, University of Kentucky, USA
- 1997, 1999 BA and MA in Economics, National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”

### VISITING, TEMPORARY, AND INVITED POSITIONS:

- **2017**: Belorussian Economic and Outreach Center, Post-Graduate School, course in “Behavioral Economics and Finance”, Minsk, Belarus
- **2016**: Ukrainian Catholic University, mini-course on Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis with GeoDa and principles of choropleth mapping
- **2016 – 2018**: Raiffesien Bank Aval Professor, **Kyiv School of Economics** (endowed position)
- **2015** Invited lecturer at **Graduate School of Management**, St. Petersburg, Russia: Courses in “Behavioral Economics” and “Managerial Data Analysis”
- **2012–2015**: Senior Researcher (part-time), Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics, **National Research University - Higher School of Economics (HSE)**, Moscow
- **2012 – 2014** Norsk utenrikspolitik institut (NUPI), Norway, External Consultant on “Non-tariff barriers, food safety and international food trade”, project No. 216742 funded by the Research Council of Norway
- **2013, fall** Visiting Scholar, **University Paris Sud / ADIS**, Paris, France
- **2012, 2013** Summer School in Agglomeration Studies and Spatial Analysis, **Higher School of Economics**, St. Petersburg and Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia
- **2012** **World Bank** external consultant (“World Development Report” on “Jobs”)
- **2008-2010** Consultant for **USAID** funded project “Criteria of Investment Attractiveness of Ukrainian Regions and Industries.
- **2006** **National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**: Lecturer for Exchange Program for International Students
- **2004 – 2007** Senior Researcher with **Kyiv Economic Institute**, KSE research unit

- **2003 – 2006** Visiting Instructor in Economics, **KSE**
- **2000 – 2003** Teaching Assistant and Instructor in Economics, **University of Kentucky**

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles in Refereed Journals

1. J. David Brown, John S. Earle, Solomiya Shpak, Volodymyr Vakhitov “*Is Privatization Working in Ukraine? New Estimates from Comprehensive Manufacturing Firm Data, 1989–2013*”, *Comparative Economic Studies*, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41294-018-0070-8>
2. Kim P. Huynh, , David T. Jacho-Chávez, Oleksiy Kryvtsov, Oleksandr Shepotylo, Volodymyr Vakhitov, “*The Evolution of Firm-Level Distributions for Ukrainian Manufacturing Firms.*” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Volume 44, Issue 1, February 2016, Pages 148–162
3. Shepotylo, Oleksandr, and Volodymyr Vakhitov, “*Services liberalization and productivity of manufacturing firms Evidence from Ukraine.*” *Economics of Transition* (2015): 1-44.
4. J. David Brown, John S. Earle and Volodymyr Vakhitov, “*Wages, layoffs, and privatization: Evidence from Ukraine.*” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Volume 34, Issue 2, June 2006, 272-294.

### Book Chapters

1. Oleksandr Shepotylo, Volodymyr Vakhitov, “Effect of Liberalization of the Services Sector on Productivity of Manufacturing Firms: The Case of Ukraine”, 2012, in “Effects of Services Liberalization on Productivity, Exports and Development”, ed. David Tarr, 23-54, Moscow, Russia: Ves’ Mir (in Russian).

### Working Papers and Work in Progress

1. “Effects of Policy Shocks on Dispersion in Productivity and Wages: Evidence from Ukrainian Firm-Level Data” (with O. Shepotylo)
2. “Non-tariff measures, quality, and exporting: evidence from microdata in food processing” (2017, with O. Shepotylo, V. Movchan and M. Panga, R&R in *European Review of Agricultural Economics*)
3. Non-tariff measures, exporting, and productivity (2015, with V. Movchan, M. Panga, and O. Shepotylo, under review in “*Canadian Journal of Economics*”)
4. Effect of “negative clusters” and capital depreciation on productivity (presented at ASSA 2018)
5. Impact Of Trade Barriers On Firms’ Productivity And Export Reallocation (2017, with Y. Bukhinchenko and M. Ryzhenkov)
6. “Urbanization Economies in Ukraine: Evidence from Inter-firm Spillovers” (Presented at NARSC meeting in Denver, 2010)
7. “Marshal Scale Economies in Ukraine: Effect of Ownership.” (with C. Bollinger) (Presented at NARSC meeting in Brooklyn, NY, 2008)
8. “Spatial Attenuation of Agglomeration Effects in Manufacturing: Evidence from Ukrainian Microdata.” (2008)
9. “Spatially Adjusted Measures of Agglomeration Economies and Geographic Concentration.” (Presented in Minsk, 2009)

10. "Regional restructuring in Ukraine." (with D. Nyzalov; Presented at NARSC meeting in Toronto, 2006)

### **Media publications and appearance**

1. "What is the main idea behind 2017 Nobel Prize in Economics?" (2017)
2. "Universities should sell their graduates to businesses", "Delo", December 30, 2016
3. «What Ukrainian Business Should Learn about Behavioral Economics", "Delo", April 20, 2016.
4. "What would regions lose as a result of the war in the East", "Forbes Ukraine", July 2014.
5. "Difficulties of Transition Period" (on agglomeration economies), "Ivestgazeta, July 1, 2013
6. "Why competitors benefit from working side by side", Forbes Ukraine, July 2013
7. Overview of Joseph Stiglitz talk in Davos, January, 2013, Forbes Ukraine online
8. "Google helps predict crises", September 2012, Forbes Ukraine online
9. "People are not willing to cooperate with the state", on shadow economy, July 2012, Business
10. "What is the price of the window view?" (together with H. Vakhitova), June 2012, Forbes Ukraine
11. "Analysis of Israeli investments in Ukraine", February 2012, Gazeta po-ukrainsky
12. "Economic Development in Ukraine in 2001 - 2005: Uprise" (together with H. Vakhitova), December 2011, Forbes Ukraine
13. "Post-Soivet Cities Lag in Development. How can it be fixed?" (together with O. Shepotylo), June 2011, Forbes Ukraine

### **Editorial Experience**

Reviewer for "European Economic Review", "Economic Systems"

### **Fields of specialization:**

Firm-level micro data  
Economics of Agglomeration  
Productivity analysis  
Effect of restructuring on firms' performance  
Barriers to International trade  
Behavioral Economics  
Exploratory spatial data analysis

#### COURSES TAUGHT (Master and MBA level) :

1. Math for Economists
2. Econometrics (Cross-section, Specification Issues, Panel Data, Limited Dependent Variable)
3. Advanced Econometrics (Empirical Industrial organization, production functions)
4. Microeconomics
5. International Finance
6. Urban and Regional Economics
7. Open Economy Macroeconomics
8. Behavioral Economics and Finance
9. Research Workshop

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2016: Raiffeisen Bank Aval professorship at Kyiv School of Economics

2010: World Bank grant for "Economics Effects of Restructuring of the Services Sector in Ukraine"

2009: Global Development Network, Grant for "Urban Environment in Post-Socialist Countries"

2008: Economic Education and Research Consortium, Individual Research Grant R07-1551

2004: Open Society Institute, Global supplementary grant, University of Kentucky

2004: Open Society HESP grant, Central European University

1998: Citybank Scholarship, Harvard University Summer School

#### CONFERENCES AND PROJECTS

1. Co-organizer of the international conference "Data for Sustainable Growth". Kyiv, November 17 18, 2016.
2. Academic director of the student conference "Alterpower: Economic Effectiveness of New Energy Sources", Kyiv School of Economics, Kyiv, March 27, 2015

MA THESIS ADVISEES

2009	Oleksii Zagidullin	Does Distance To Border Determine Export Intensity: Evidence From Ukrainian Micro Data”
2010	Igor Buinyi ***	Organizational Form and Investment in Ukrainian Food Proceccing
2010	Inna Orlovska	International Trade Complexity and Productivity of a Firm: The Case of Ukrainian Manufacturing
2011	Yevgen Nasadyuk	What Makes a Blockbuster? Peculiarities of Ukraine
2011	Olga Soloviova ***	Do Targets Gain From M&A: Ukraine
2012	Kostyantyn Kravchuk	The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Productivity Dispersion: Evidence from Ukraine
2012	Anzhela Mazhorova	Stock Markets Comovements in Eastern European Countries: the Role of Integration
2012	Anna Strelchuk	The Effect of FDI Entry-Mode on Economic Growth: Ukraine
2012	Liudmila Tuhari	Does Corporate Lobbying Affect the Total Factor Productivity?
2013	Nina Chernenko	Determinants of Industrial Growth in Ukrainian Cities
2013	Mykhailo Iavorskyi	The Impact of Capital Structure on Firm Performance: Evidence from Ukraine
2013	Oleksa Stepaniuk	Corporate Tax Competition and Capital Allocation: OECD Evidence
2013	Zoriana Podilchuk	Impact of Liquidity Management on Profitability: Evidence from Ukraine
2014	Oleksii Ushanov	Industrial Agglomeration and Fdi. Ukrainian Districts Example.
2014	Nataliia Iavorska	Does Innovation Influence Firm Performance and Is It Worth Doing: The Case of Ukraine
2014	Viacheslav Matskov	Determinants of Firms' Bankruptcy: the Case of Ukraine
2015	Polina Kanel	Measuring the Influence of Agglomeration Effects on the U.S. Banking Industry Efficiency
2015	Seit-Bekir Suleimanov	Determinants of Entry of Firms in Ukraine
2016	Mariia Panga	Effects of Non-Tariff Measures on Productivity in the Food-Processing Industry
2017	Yevhen Bukhinchenko	Impact of Trade Barriers on Firms' Productivity and Export Reallocation
2018	Anastasiya Ivanova	Forecasting Bankruptcy Probability of Ukrainian Firms
2018	Anita Molodtsova	Determinants of Export Survival: Empirical Evidence from Ukraine
2018	Andrii Tarasenko ***	Learning by Exporting in Ukraine: Does International Trade Improve Productivity?
2018	Kostiantyn Zahorulko	Do Ukrainian Manufacturing Firms Benefit from Agglomeration?

\*\*\* - Annual Best Thesis Award