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WORK EXPERIENCE

Economist

Austrian Institute of Economic Research [2017 – Current]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Responsible for the topics monetary and fiscal policy, financial markets, financial stability, as well as forecasting and annual reports

Current research on: Fiscal Policy, Fiscal Multipliers and Inequality, Heterogeneous agents New Keynesian macro, EMU Reforms

Lecturer Vienna University of Business and Economics, WU Wien

WU Wien [2018 – Current]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Teaching: Macroeconomics and Fiscal Policy

Research Analyst

European Central Bank [2016 – 2017]

Address: Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Responsible for data and daily charts, preparation of documents for Governing Council meetings and for regular publications such as the ECB Annual Report, the Financial Stability Report and others

Research on: analysis of the OMT program and studies on fiscal policy

Student Research Assistant

European Central Bank [2015 – 2016]

Address: Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Work on global and small quarterly projection models, detailed research and analysis on data for the New Multi-Country Model of the ECB, as well as on topics in monetary policy and housing prices (extensive use of Matlab, Stata, Eviews) as well as on small New Keynesian models

Part-time Associate

Austrian National Bank [2014]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Euro Survey project – Research on the role of the Euro in Eastern Europe, researched credit demand, foreign currency holdings and euroization in Eastern Europe; data coding and programming in Stata

Part-time Scientific Associate

Department of Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien) [2013 – 2014]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Organization of events including seminars by the World Bank, the Austrian Central Bank and the Austrian Economic Society - developed strong communicational, organisation and team-work skills through communicating on a daily basis with researchers, professors and public institutions' representatives

Part-time Econometrics II Tutor

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien) [2013 – 2014]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Responsible for preparatory courses for undergraduate students and homework assignments

Trainee at the Council of Ministers

Political Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria Daniela Bobeva [2013]

Address: Sofia (Bulgaria)

Research and analysis on the topics of public finances of Bulgaria, international trade, governance of state-owned enterprises, administrative reforms and others, Participation in the preparation of national economic policies (received Recommendation), Represented the Deputy Prime Minister at meetings and communicated policy proposals

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Visiting Fulbright Researcher (Visiting Fulbright Scholar)

Harvard Economics Department, Cambridge (United States) [09/2019 – 03/2020]

Courses: Behavioral Macroeconomics (Prof. Gabaix), Public Economics (Prof. Stantcheva and Prof. Chetty), Advanced Macroeconomics (Prof. Werning and Prof. Beraja, MIT), Empirical Macroeconomics (Prof. Chodorow-Reich)

Bulgarian National Bank Scholarship

Bulgarian National Bank, Sofia (Bulgaria) [2018 – 2019]

BGSE Summer School

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer School [07/2018]

Address: Barcelona (Spain)

Courses: Numerical Methods for Fiscal and Monetary Policy Analysis with Davide Debortoli

BGSE Summer School

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer School [07/2017]

Address: Barcelona (Spain)

Courses: Empirical Time Series Methods for Macroeconomic Analysis with Luca Gambetti; Recent Developments in Forecasting with Barbara Rossi

Doctoral Programme in Economic Sciences

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien) [2017 – Current]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Specialisations: Distributional macroeconomics (HANK models), Open economy macro, Fiscal and monetary unions

MSc

University College London [2014 – 2015]

Address: London (United Kingdom)

Specializations: Advanced Macroeconomics, Applied Policy Analysis, Macroeconomic Policy, Econometrics

Master Thesis: Estimating the effects of the countercyclical capital buffer using a small open economy DSGE model (Distinction)

BSc

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien) [2010 – 2014]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

GPA – 1.70/1.00 (First Class Honours), among the top 5% students

Specializations: Macroeconomics, Advanced Econometrics, International Economics

Bachelor Thesis: Rate Of Returns To Education Of Immigrants in the US: Evidence from Census Data (Grade: Excellent)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s):

Bulgarian

German

LISTENING: C2 READING: C2 WRITING: C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2

English

LISTENING: C2 READING: C2 WRITING: C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2

DIGITAL SKILLS

Programmin language MATLAB / Programmin language PYTHON / Stata: statistical software for data science / MS office/Latex; (Full proficiency, daily use)

PUBLICATIONS

Publications

- Pekanov, A., Schratzenstaller, M. (2020). The role of fiscal rules in relation with the green economy. European Parliament, Think Tank.
- Leoni, T., Pekanov, A. (2020). The Corona Crisis - A Stress Test for the Euro. ÖGfE Policy Brief, (17'2020).
- Pekanov, A. (2020). International Economic Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis. WIFO-Monatsberichte, 93(4), p. 275-284.
- Pekanov, A. (2020). The European Monetary Union in Transition. WIFO-Monatsberichte, 93(3), p.165-175.
- Bachtrögl, J., Köppl, A., Pekanov, A., Schratzenstaller, M., Sinabell, F. (2019). The EU Budget for the Period 2021 to 2027 - Options for Improving European Added Value. WIFO Working Papers, (592).
- Pekanov, A. (2019). Policy Brief: Past and Present of EMU Reform. Reforming the Euro Area – The Road Not (Yet) Taken. Monographien, WIFO.
- Pekanov, A., Schratzenstaller, M. (2019). Policy Brief: A Global Financial Transaction Tax. Theory, Practice and Potential Revenues. Monographien, WIFO.
- Pekanov, A., Schratzenstaller, M. (2019). A Global Financial Transaction Tax. Theory, Practice and Potential Revenues. WIFO Working Papers, (582).
- Pekanov, A., Rehm, M. (2019). The great tax debate – the world is turning. Social Europe.
- Bilek-Steindl, S., Baumgartner, J., Bierbaumer-Polly, J., Bock-Schappelwein, J., Christen, E., Eppel, R., Fritz, O., Hölzl, W., Huemer, U., Klien, M., Leoni, T., Mayrhuber, C., Pekanov, A., Penender, M., Priebauer, P., Schiman, S., Sinabell, F., (2019). Kräftiges Wachstum 2018 – Abschwächung der Industriekonjunktur auf hohem Niveau. Österreichs Wirtschaft 2018. WIFO-Monatsberichte, 92(4), pp. 231.-291.
- Pekanov, A. (2018). The Case For A Proper Macroeconomic Stabilisation Function For The EU. Social Europe.
- Pekanov, A. (2018). The New View on Fiscal Policy and its Implications for the European Monetary Union. WIFO Working Papers, (562).
- Scheiblecker, M., Glocker, C., Kaniovski, S., Pekanov, A. (2018). Der Beitrag der Finanzmarktinterventionen des Bundes über die HETA Abwicklungsgesellschaft zur Stabilisierung des österreichischen Finanzmarktes. Monographien, WIFO.
- Url, T., Pekanov, A. (2017). Kosten der betrieblichen und privaten Altersvorsorge für die öffentliche Hand. Monographien, WIFO.
- Pekanov, A., Schratzenstaller, M. (2017). Mehr Pragmatismus, weniger Dogmatismus – Der schwierige, aber nötige Weg zur Vollendung der Wirtschafts- und Währungsunion. Wien. ÖGfE Policy Brief, 15'2017.
- Pekanov, A., Dierick, F. (2016). Implementation of the countercyclical Capital buffer regime in the European Union, ESRB Commentary, (N8).
- Sitz, A., Adzhemova, A., Pekanov, A. (2013). Bulgaria: Economic Strategies and Economic Development since the Change; Economics and Society, Arbeiterkammer Wien, 39(1).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honours and awards

- Fulbright Scholar (2019)
- Scholar to the Bulgarian National Bank as a winner of the annual contest for PhD scholars (2019)
- Austrian Economic Association – Dissertation Fellowship for Junior Scientists (2018)
- Scholar to the Bulgarian National Bank as a winner of the annual contest for scholars (2015)
- Finalist in The Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association Essay Contest: "Economics with Deflation" (2015)