

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2010 – Present

Full Professor

Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) (full time)

October 2016 – Present

Visiting Professor

Department of Economics, University of Leuven (Belgium) (part time)

January 1993 – September 2010

Research Assistant

Assistant Professor

Associate Professor

Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Positions held

Since 2004

Research Fellow at LICOS, Centre for Economies in Transition, KU Leuven, Belgium

2004-5

Vice President of the Council of Economic Advisors to the Prime Minister of Slovenia

2005

President of the Economic Reforms Committee to the Slovenian Government

2005-6

Minister for Growth, Government of the Republic of Slovenia

2006-8

Guest Professor at Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, Austria

Since 2011

Research Fellow at VIVES, University of Leuven, Belgium

Since 2016

Visiting Professor at University of Leuven, Belgium

Visiting positions

2005

European Commission, Brussels, DG EcFin, Visiting Researcher

2006-2008

Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration (Austria), Visiting Professor

2011-2012

University of Leuven, Visiting Research Fellow

Since 2016

Department of Economics, University of Leuven (Belgium), Visiting Professor

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2004** **Post-doc Research in Economics**
LICOS, University of Leuven (Belgium)
- 1998** **PhD in Economics**
Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 1995** **MA in Economics**
Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 1992** **BA in Economics**
Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Slovenian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Slovenian	Mother language				
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Croatian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
Serbian	C2	C2	C2	C1	C1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills Team spirit; Ability to adapt in multicultural environments; Good communication skills.

Computer skills Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools (Word™, Excel™ and PowerPoint™), STATA, SPSS, Matlab, Mathematica, EViews;
Basic knowledge of graphic design applications (Adobe Illustrator™, PhotoShop);

Organisational / managerial skills Leadership; Project experience; Project team management; Coordination of budgets and projects at EU level.

Policy expertise 2004-2005: Vice-President of the Council of Economic Advisors to the Prime Minister of Slovenia.
2005: President of a Board of Reforms - an advisory body to the Slovenian government - preparing a package of structural reforms to promote growth and employment.
2005-2006: Minister for Growth in the Slovenian government responsible for coordination and implementation of structural reforms in Slovenia.
2008 - Present: Special economic advisor to the Slovenian government and its agencies and to National Assembly on various economic policy issues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Leadership

2001-2005: *Slovenian Macroeconomic Forum (SMF)* – Founder and member
 2004-2005: *Board of Reforms* (an advisory body to the Slovenian government) – Founder and President
 2004-Present: *Forum for Research in International Trade (FREIT)*, Co-founder and Associate Director
 2013-Present: *Slovenian Corporate Integrity* – Coordinator of the project, the Academy and seminars
 2016-2017: *Civil Board Oversight* of the project 2nd Railway Line Koper-Divača, Co-founder and Member

Outside recognition

1980: *Vega prize (mathematics)*
 1993: Faculty of Economics' Prešeren award for out-performing Student thesis
 1995-6: DAAD (Germany) Fellowship
 2001: EARIE young economist prize
 2003: GDN prize in category Trade and Foreign Direct Investment
 2004: KU Leuven (Belgium) Research Council Research Grant
 2005: European Commission, Brussels, DG EcFin, Visiting Research fellowship
 One of the most internationally cited Slovenian economists (according to [ARRS](#), [Repec](#) and [Google scholar](#))

Media presence

Since 1992: Regular columns in newspapers (Finance, Delo, Dnevnik), invited columns in newspapers (Večer) and magazines (Gospodarski vestnik, Bančni vestnik, Manager, Mladina)
 Since 1995: Regular appearance in TV (TV Slovenija, Pop TV, Kanal A, Planet) and radio informative news shows and debates
 Since 2000: Frequent keynote speaker at major Slovenian business events (Chamber of Economy events, Managers Association events, Ljubljana Stock Exchange events, Bank Association events, Unicredit business events)
 Running the most read Economics blog in Slovenia – [DAMIJAN blog](#)

CONSULTANCY & ADVISORY

Consultancy expertise

Frequent business consultancy to individual firms, government agencies and international organizations in the fields of:

Area

Telecommunications, Transport and logistics, Corporate finance, Energy sector, Corporate integrity, Public finance, Trade liberalization, Market structure & competition, Labor markets

Major contractors

National agencies

Ministry of finance, Republic of Slovenia
 Ministry of economy, Republic of Slovenia
 National Assembly, Republic of Slovenia
 Agency for communication networks and services of the Republic of Slovenia
 State Attorney's Office, Republic of Slovenia
 Chamber of Economy

International organizations

European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
 European Commission, DG Enterprise
 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Partnerships

Grant Thornton Advisory (since 2018)

SELECTED PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

2019-2022: Horizon 2020 project: GROWINPRO — GROWth Welfare INnovation PROductivity. Coordinator: Scuola Sant'Anna (SSSA).

2018-2021: FWO-ARRS Lead Agency— Firm-level hubs and impact of granularity on the propagation of shocks and aggregate output fluctuations in a small open economy (with University of Leuven)

2017-2020: CELSA Research Fund — Firm-level hubs and impact of granularity on the propagation of shocks and aggregate output fluctuations in a small open economy (with University of Leuven).

2016-2019: EU Jean Monnet Activities — Corporate Governance and EU Integration (with University of Vienna).

2015-2016: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) — Labor Market Polarization in Advanced Countries: Impact of Global Value Chains, Technology, Import Competition from China and Labor Market Institutions.

2015-2016: European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) — Corporate NPL portfolios in CESEE countries: How corporate leverage and debt spillovers affect firm performance. Team leader

2014-2017: Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) — Determinants and effects of Slovenian firms' positioning in global value chains. Team leader

2012-2015: 7th Framework project: SIMPATIC — Social IMpact Policy Analysis of Technological Innovation Challenges. Coordinator: Bruegel (UB).

2012-2015: 7th Framework project: GRINCOH — Growth-Innovation-Competitiveness: Fostering Cohesion in Central and Eastern Europe. Coordinator: Uniwersytet Warszawski (UW).

2010-2013: 7th Framework project: Servicegap — The Impact of Service Sector Innovation and Internationalisation on Growth and Productivity. Coordinator: University of Birmingham (UB).

2010-2013: 7th Framework project: Marie Curie Actions—Networks for Initial Training (ITN) - ManETeI— Management of Emerging Technologies for Economic Impact. Coordinator: University of Leeds (UL).

2006-2010: 6th Framework project: MYCRO-DYN - The competitiveness of firms, regions and industries in the knowledge-based economy: What room for job-rich growth in Europe? Coordinator: Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW).

2006-2008: 6th Framework project: DYNREG - Dynamic Regions in a Knowledge – Driven Global Economy: Lessons and Policy Implications for the EU. Coordinator: Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).

2005-2007: 6th Framework project: U-KNOW - Understanding the relationship between Knowledge and Competitiveness in the enlarging European Union. Coordinator: Institute for Economic Research Halle (IWH).

2005-2006: Global Development Network project: The Effects of Trade Liberalization on Trade Flows and Firms' Performance in South Eastern Europe, WIIW – The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

2003-2005: 5th Framework project: COMPPRESS - Competitive pressure and its social consequences in EU member states and in associated countries; Coordinator: Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2002-2003: Global Development Network project: Case-by-case versus mass privatization in transition economies: Owner and seller effects on performance of firms in Slovenia; CERGE-EI Foundation.

PUBLICATIONS

RECENT RESEARCH PAPERS USING SLOVENIAN FIRM-LEVEL DATA

Damijan, J.P., J. Konings and A. Yergabulova, (2020). [Increasing Market Power in Slovenia: Role of Diverging Trends between Exporters and Non-exporters](#), *The World Economy*, 43 (5), 1327-1345, May 2020.

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Damijan, J.P., M. Mrak (2005), Trade Reintegration of Southeast Europe: The Role of Slovenia, *Eastern European Economics*, vol. 43 (2): 25-56.

Monographs

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