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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA

- August 2004 Ph.D. in Economics and Agricultural Economics (joint degree Economics and Agricultural Economics) Dissertation: "Truth vs. Beauty": Essays on Standards, Trade, and Agreements
- August 2002 M.A. in Economics , International Trade and Finance

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, December 1998 M.S. in Agricultural Economics

Slovak Agricultural University, Nitra, Slovakia June 1997 Ing.,

WORK EXPERIENCE

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 06/2012 – present
Economist, Global Information and Early Warning System, Trade and Markets Division Rome, Italy

- Undertaking economic analyses of the macroeconomic situation, agricultural production, agricultural food and trade policies, market trends, and food security and vulnerability-related trends, both at the national and household levels in North Africa and Near East.
- Developing special alerts and reports for issuance to the international community on specific and imminent food security issues that may require international assistance.
- Interacting at working level with government liaison officers and media as needed.
- Preparing, assisting, advising, and participating in the formulation and implementation of technical assistance and development projects supporting national food security strategies and provide technical backstopping.
- Briefing FAO Representatives and their staff on methods of monitoring food security at the national level, and collaborating closely with them in improving the flow of information to the GIEWS.

European Commission 02/2008 – 05/2012
Economic and Policy Analyst, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Agricultural Trade Policy Analysis Unit Brussels, Belgium

- Coordinated and contributed to analysis of agricultural commodity markets, including monthly price monitoring newsletter, short and medium term outlook and long term projections.

Contributed to Commission-wide program on commodities, including price volatility and factors affecting agricultural commodity price volatility, role of financial markets and “speculation” and various other issues and initiatives (e.g., G-20). Familiar with data sources, trade and commodity statistics.

- Monitored and evaluated agricultural trade and policy developments outside the EU
- Monitored and contributed to trade and development debate, impact of commodity markets and food prices on developing countries, policy coherence. Monitored and analysed contributions and publications by FAO, World Bank, IFPRI.
- Monitored economic and policy developments in China.
- Analysed various forms of non-tariff measures.
- Followed research projects on China, price volatility and various forms of non-tariff measures, liaised with international organisations and research consortia.
- Participated in the OECD work on commodities, trade, agriculture and development. ☐
Supervised an intern

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Junior Analyst, Trade and Agriculture Directorate

12/2004 – 12/2007
Paris, France

- Researched and drafted a scoping paper and a report on the trade and trade policy implications of differing policy responses to societal concerns presented at the Joint Working Party on Agriculture and Trade.
- Served as a Mexican desk officer for the Monitoring and Evaluation Report and contributed to its drafting.
- Contributed to the program of work on non-tariff measures, including organising an expert meeting.
- Co-organised and contributed to an expert meeting on economic assessment of non-tariff measures.
- Provided peer review on work produced within the home directorates and on country studies produced elsewhere in the Organisation

LANGUAGES

Slovak (native), English, Russian, French, Italian, Czech, Hungarian, Arabic

REVIEWER

- Development Policy Review
- Agribusiness: An International Journal
- European Review of Agricultural Economics
- Congress of European Agricultural Economists
- International Association of Agricultural Economists Conference
- EU policy for agriculture, food and rural areas (book)