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## EDUCATION

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**CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic**

*September 2017 - (expected) 2025*

PhD in Economics

(built-in MA in Economics awarded)

**Columbia University, New York, United States**

*January 2022 - June 2022*

Visiting Scholar

**Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia**

*September 2015 - June 2017*

Master of Economics

Graduated with honor

GSEM, Economics Department

**Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia**

*September 2011 - June 2015*

Bachelor of Economics

GSEM, Economics Department

## PROJECTS

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### **Abortion Laws and Mortgage Markets**

This paper studies how overturn of Roe vs Wade changed the behavior of people in the housing market in the US. In particular, we are interested in the behavior of women who are the most affected by abortion laws. We are using spatial variation on the state-level to answer the questions.

with Pestova A. (*work in progress*)

### **Winning Culture, Winning Future: The Effects of Early-Career Success on Long-Run Performance**

This paper investigates the influence of early-career environments on long-term performance. Utilizing the quasi-randomness of the NBA Draft Lottery system, we isolate the impacts of initial team success, coaching experience, and the presence of a star player during a rookies debut season.

with Trestcov I. (*work in progress*)

### **Weather Shocks and Bride Kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan**

The project studies the effect of climate shocks on the detrimental marriage practice of bride kidnapping and attitudes toward it. We use weather data and a longitudinal survey in Kyrgyzstan to answer the research question

with Trestcov I. (*work in progress*)

### **Access to Financial Resources and Environmental Migration of the Poor**

The project investigates migration and other adaptation strategies of the poor households to climate shocks depending on their access to financial resources in Indonesia.

with Hoffmann R. and Pytlikova M. (*work in progress*)

### **Private Sector and Civil Society Partnerships against Corruption in Africa**

The project is conducted under the Regional Academy on the United Nations. The goal of the project is assessing the medium, and long-term socio-economic impact of the UNODC Civil Society Team's Small Grants Scheme, which provided grants to CSOs working in the field of anti-corruption in Africa.

with Amin H. and Hayes L. (*completed*)

## **The Impact of Institutional Quality on Enterprise Location Choice in the Russian Regions**

The aim of the paper is to understand how the quality of the institutes influences the firms' decision about their location. We exploit vast heterogeneity in institutional quality of Russian regions to unravel the choice made by firms opened in Russia. *(completed, Master's thesis at the Ural Federal University)*

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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<b>2020-2022</b>	The Czech Science Foundation (GACR) Grant with Pytlikova M.
<b>2020-2022</b>	Charles University Grant Agency (GAUK) Grant
<b>2021-2025</b>	CERGE-EI Graduate Teaching Fellowship (GTF)

## **PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS**

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**The Impact of Institutional Quality on Enterprise Location Choice in the Russian Regions**  
(joint N.Davidson and O.Mariev)

International Journal of Economic Policy in Emerging Economies (2021, January)

**Access to Financial Resources and Environmental Migration of the Poor** (joint R.Hoffmann and M.Pytlikova)

CERGE-EI Working Paper Series (2022, March)

**Weather Shocks and Bride Kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan** (joint I.Trestcov)

CERGE-EI Working Paper Series (2023, September)

**Winning Culture, Winning Future: The Effects of Early-Career Success on Long-Run Performance** (joint I.Trestcov)

CERGE-EI Working Paper Series (2024, August)

## **CONFERENCES**

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**The European Economic Association (EEA) annual conference 2024** (Rotterdam, Netherlands; August)

Weather Shocks and Bride Kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan

**The European Economic Association (EEA) annual conference 2022** (Milan, Italy; August)

Access to Financial Resources and Environmental Migration of the Poor

**The European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) annual conference 2022** (Cosenza, Italy; June)

Access to Financial Resources and Environmental Migration of the Poor

**The European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) annual conference 2021**

Access to Financial Resources and Environmental Migration of the Poor

**Young Economists' Meeting 2021**

Access to Financial Resources and Environmental Migration of the Poor

**The Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN) annual conference 2020, Vienna**

Private Sector and Civil Society Partnerships against Corruption in Africa

## **SKILLS**

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<b>Software &amp; Tools</b>	STATA, MS Office, LaTeX, R, Python (Beginner)
<b>Languages</b>	Russian (Native), English (Advanced), German and Czech (Beginner)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**AEP: Academic Experience in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic** September 2025 - December 2025

*Lecturer*

- designing and teaching Labour Economics course for students partaking in the undergraduate study abroad program of Charles University and CERGE-EI

**CERGE-EI Foundation's Distance Learning Program (DLP), Prague, Czech Republic**  
April 2024 - June 2025

*Main Instructor*

- designing and teaching Behavioral Economics course for more than 100 students from universities in Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, and Ukraine. Managing and coordinating the work of 6 local instructors for the course

**Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia (online)**

February 2023 - May 2025

*Instructor*

- designing and teaching Applied Econometrics course (funded by CERGE-EI GTF)

**Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia (online)**

September 2021 - December 2025

*Instructor*

- designing and teaching Behavioral and Experimental Economics course (funded by CERGE-EI GTF)

**CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic**

September 2020 - December 2020

*Teaching Assistant*

- designing and teaching Economic Development and Institutions seminars with focus on different identification strategies and working with the data

**CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic**

January 2020 - April 2020

*Teaching Assistant*

- designing and teaching Quantitative Economic History seminars, which were focused on the work with data (FE, IV, RDD, Diff-in-Diff methods) in STATA

**CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic**

October 2019 - December 2019

*Research Assistant*

- digitizing Austrian census data for the research in the field of Quantitative Economic History

**Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia**

September 2016-December 2016

*Teaching Assistant*

- teaching Microeconomics seminars

**Analytical Center Expert-Ural, Yekaterinburg, Russia**

October 2014-December 2014

*Intern*

- compiling a database of investment projects in Ural Federal District; writing the analytical reports; organization of conferences.

## REFERENCES

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**Andreas Menzel, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor (RTT), Department of Economics  
University of Padova, Italy  
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