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Current:

Department of Economics, Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic, May 2018 – now: Senior Researcher

School of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa, March 2015 - now: Adjunct Associate Professor of Economics and Research Affiliate at the Southern Africa Labor & Development Research Unit

Other Research Affiliations:

IZA (Institute of Labor Economics), October 2011 - now: Research Fellow

GLO (Global Labor Organization), June 2017 - now: Research Fellow

Previous Professional Positions

Moody's Investor Service, London, August 2015 – April 2018

Vice President and Senior Analyst, Sovereign Risk Group, Africa and Emerging Europe

African Development Bank, Abidjan, Tunis, Mbabane, September 2009 – July 2015

Advisor to the Chief Economist and Vice President, Feb 2013 – July 2015

Economic Advisor, Swaziland (on leave at UNDP), May 2011 – January 2013

Principal Research Economist, Research Department, September 2009 – April 2011

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, April 2008 - May 2009:

Senior Economist and the Head of the Czech Republic and Estonia Unit, Economics Department

Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, September 2007 – March 2008: Fulbright Scholar

International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, Minsk, Vilnius, October 1996 – August 2007:

Senior Economist, Policy Development and Review Department, Jan 2005 – Aug 2007

Resident Representative in Belarus and Lithuania, Nov 2002 – Dec 2004

Economist, African, European and Middle East Departments, 1997 – 2002

Working Papers and Ongoing Research

‘Skills as a Barrier to Women’s Start Ups: A Model with Evidence from Eswatini’, Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA) Working Paper No. 768 (with T. Kangoye)

‘Capital Account Policies, IMF Programs, and Growth in Developing Regions’, IZA Discussion Paper No. 8774 (with Z. Bicaba and M. Ncube)

Selected Journal Articles and Book Chapters

‘Entrepreneurship, Skills and Institutions in Low-Income Countries’, (2017) *Economic Modelling*, Vol. 67 (C), 381 - 391 (with B. Égert)

‘Can Extreme Poverty in Africa be Eliminated by 2030?’, (2017) *Journal of African Development*, Vol.19(2), 93 – 110 (with Z. Bicaba and M. Ncube)

‘Infrastructure Deficit and Opportunities in Africa’, (2017) in *Infrastructure in Africa: Lessons for Future Development*, edited by M. Ncube and C. Lufumpa, Bristol University Policy Press (with A. Mafusire, J. Anyanwu and Q. Meng)

‘Gender and Constraints to Entrepreneurship in Africa: New Evidence from Swaziland’, (2016) *Journal of Business Venturing Insights*, Vol. 5, 1 - 8 (with T. Kangoye)

‘Skills and Youth Entrepreneurship in Africa: Analysis with Evidence from Swaziland’, (2015) *World Development*, Vol. 67(C), 11 – 26 (with M. Ncube and Z. Bicaba)

‘Public Debt Sustainability in Africa: Building Resilience and Challenges Ahead’, (2015) *Development Policy Review*, Vol. 33 (5), 555 – 580 (with M. Ncube)

‘The Real Exchange Rate and Growth in Emerging Markets: The Case of Zimbabwe’, *Review of Development Economics*, 2015, 19 (3), 564 - 576 (with M. Ncube and Z. Bicaba)

‘Youth Employment in Africa: New Evidence and Policies from Swaziland’, (2014) in *Disadvantaged Workers: Empirical Evidence and Labor Policies*, edited by M. A. Malo and D. Sciulli, AIEL Series in Labor Economics, Springer (with T. Kangoye)

‘Modeling Productive Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries’, (2013) *Small Business Economics*, Vol. 41(1), 183 – 194

‘The Global Financial Crisis and Africa: The Effects and Policy Responses’, (2013) in *Handbook of the Political Economy of Financial Crises*, edited by J. Epstein and M. Wolfson, Oxford University Press, (with L. Ndikumana)

‘Unlocking Productive Entrepreneurship in Africa’s Least Developed Countries’, (2010) *African Development Review*, Vol. 22 (3), 440 – 451

‘Africa: Africa’s Counter-cyclical Response to the Crisis’, (2010) *Journal of Globalization and Development*, Vol. 1, Art. 16 (with L. Kasekende and L. Ndikumana)

Other Selected Publications and Reports

‘Low for Longer Commodity Prices to Keep Pressure on African Commodity Exporters’, *Into Africa, Capital Markets in Africa*, June 2016

‘Ensuring Public Debt Sustainability in Africa: Prospects and Policies’, *The European Center for Development Policy Management Great Insights Magazine*, 22/09/2014 (with M. Ncube)

‘Closing Africa’s Infrastructure Gap: Innovative Financing and Risks’, (2011) in *Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2011* (with E. Mutambatsere, C. Ambert, D. Etienne)

‘Competitiveness, Trade and FDI in Africa’, (2011) in *Africa Competitiveness Report 2011*, World Econ. Forum, World Bank & African Development Bank (with J. Blanke; U. Dadush; T. Gurcanlar and G. Iarossi)

Book Reviews

Emigration, Brain Drain and Development: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa, Arno Tanner, *Journal of African Development*, Spring 2008;

Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries: A Comparative Perspective, P. Bardhan and D. Mookherjee (eds.), *Comparative Economic Studies*, March 2008

Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations (since 2013)

2018: International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress (Tampere); Conference on Pathways to Gender Equality (American University, Washington, DC); Allied Social Science Association Meetings, AFEA session (Philadelphia)

2017: Allied Social Science Association Meetings, AFEA session (Chicago)

2015: IZA/Kauffman Foundation Workshop on Entrepreneurship (Washington, DC); CSAE Conference on Africa's Development (Oxford); Allied Social Science Association Meetings (Boston)

2014: African Economic Conference (Addis Ababa); 9th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (Lima); Allied Social Science Association Meetings, AFEA session (Philadelphia)

2013: UNU-WIDER Conference on Inclusive Growth in Africa (Helsinki); Allied Social Science Association Meetings (San Diego)

Research Grants and Awards

UNDP Africa grant for research on Youth Entrepreneurship in Swaziland (2012)

Wits University grant for research on Youth Employment in Swaziland (2012)

Fulbright Scholar, Addis Ababa University (2007/08)

Institute for the Study of World Politics Dissertation Fellowship (1995/96)

National Science Foundation Dissertation Enhancement Grant (for research abroad, 1995)

Association for Women in Science Educational Foundation Citation of Merit Award (1995)

University of Minnesota Graduate School Fellowship (1990/91)

Teaching Experience (courses taught and M.Sc. theses supervised)

Courses taught: University of Eswatini, Entrepreneurship (B.A., Aug 2012-Jan 2013); University of Addis Ababa, Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (M.Sc., Sep 2007 – Mar 2008); Vilnius University, Economic Growth (B.A., Feb – May 2004); Belarusian State University, Macroeconomics (Feb 2003 – May 2003); University of Minnesota, Money & Banking, Russian Economy, Comparative Econ Systems (1991- 1995)

M.Sc. theses supervised at the Addis Ababa University (Sep 2007 – July 2008)

- Emerta Asaminew, 'Analysis of Growth, Poverty and Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa', July 2008
- Abebe Azene, 'The Current Account – Budget Deficits Link in Sub-Saharan Africa Countries: Panel VAR Modelling Approach', June 2008

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota (1996)

M.A. (Ing.) in Finance, University of Economics, Prague (1988)

Languages: Fluent in English, Russian and Czech (native), basic German