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Nationality: Russian

Date of Birth: 9 August 1965

Languages: Russian (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), German (Minimal).

### Current Position:

Lead Economist , Acting global team leader or SSNs , Social Protection and Labor Global Practice.

### Education:

- Ph.D. Moscow State University, 1991, Economics
- M.A. Moscow State University, 1987, Political Economy
- B. A. Moscow State University, 1985, Political Economy

### Work Experience:

- 2010-on-going Lead Economist, SSN team leader, SPL GP
- 2007-2010 Senior Economist—Lead Economist MNSD / MENA Poverty Coordinator, member of the Poverty Board of the World Bank
- 1998-2007 Economist—Senior Economist (ECSPE)/ Europe and Central Asia Poverty Coordinator
- 1996-8 World Bank Young Professional (Assignment: South Asia, SA2CI, ECA: ESCPE)
- 1992-6 World Bank EDI, Moscow Office, Program Officer / Consultant
- 1990-3 Faculty of Economics, Moscow State University, Professor.

### **Skills profile/ research interests:**

Labor Economics, poverty and inequality, social protection, safety nets, integrative skills, evaluation.

### **Country Experience:**

Russia (including sub-national experience), Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Armenia, FYR Macedonia, Djibouti, India, Slovakia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Poland, Kyrgyz Republic, China, Philippines.

### **Publications:**

Co-author of published research papers/studies:

1. *Social Protection and Poverty Reduction: Global Patterns and Some Targets.* (with Ariel Fiszbein and Ravi Kanbur) published in *World Development* , Vol. 20, 2014. Also Published as *World Bank Policy Research Paper 6469*, 2013.
2. *How Can Safety Nets Contribute to Economic Growth?* (with Harold Alderman) published in *World Bank Economic Review* June 2013 and as *World Bank Policy Research Paper 6437*, 2013.
3. *Poverty and Inequality in Russia* (with Michael Lokshin), Chapter 32 of *The Oxford Handbook of the Russian Economy*. Edited by Michael Alexeev and Shlomo Weber. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

4. ***Income Support for the Poorest: A Review of Experience in Eastern Europe and Central Asia*** (with Emil Tesliuc, Lucian Pop, Margaret Grosh). *HDN Directions in Development* 2014.
5. ***Was Growth in Egypt Between 2005 and 2008 Pro-Poor? From Static to Dynamic Poverty Profile*** (with Heba El-Laithy, Hala Abou-Ali, Sherine Al-Shawarby, and Daniela Marotta)–World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 5589, 2011.
6. ***Increasing Inequality in Transition Economies: Is There More to Come?*** (with Pradeep Mitra) World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4007, 2006 published also in conference volume Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics 2007, Regional: Beyond Transition (edited by F. Bourguignon and B. Pleskovic), The World Bank 2007.
7. ***Growth, Poverty and Inequality. Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union*** (with A. Alam, M. Murthi, E. Murrugarra, N. Dudwick, E. Hamilton, E. Tiongson) ECA Regional Study. The World Bank 2005.
8. ***Who Bears the Cost of Russia's Military Draft*** (with Michael Lokshin) World Bank Policy Research Paper 3547, 2005 and *Economics of Transition*, 2008, vol. 16, Issue 3.
9. ***Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2004: Enterprise Restructuring, Labor Market Transitions and Poverty*** (with Erwin Tiongson) –World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4479, 2008.
10. ***Evaluating the Impact of Infrastructure Rehabilitation Projects on Household Welfare in Rural Georgia*** (with M. Lokshin) World Bank Policy Research Paper 3155, 2003; *the revised version is published in the World Bank Economic Review, Vol. 19, 2005 No 2* as “*Has The Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation In Georgia Helped The Poor?*”
11. ***Labor Market States, Mobility and Entrepreneurship in Transition Economies*** (with Mark Dutz, Celine Kauffmann, Serineh Najarian, and Peter Sanfey)// EBRD Working Paper 66, 2002.
12. ***Household Coping Strategies and Social Exclusion in Post-Crisis Russia*** (with M. Lokshin) *Review of Development Economics* Vol. 8 Issue 1 February 2004, and published as World Bank Policy Research Paper 2556, 2001.
13. ***Armenia: Restructuring to Sustain Universal General Education*** (with Gill Perkins), World Bank Technical Paper, No. 498, 2001
14. ***Channels of Redistribution: Inequality and Poverty in the Russian Transition*** (with Simon Commander and Andrei Tolstoptiatenko)// *Economics of Transition*, vol. 7, no.2, 1999.
15. ***How Russian Firms Make Their Wage and Employment Decisions*** (with S. Commander and Sumana Dhar)// in “Enterprise Restructuring and Economic Policy in Russia” (ed. by S. Commander, Q. Fan and M. Schaffer), EDI Development Series, World Bank, 1996.
16. ***Characteristics of Russian Unemployment*** (with S. Commander)// in “Poverty in Russia. Public Policy and Private Responses” (ed. by J. Klugman) EDI Development Series, World Bank, 1997.
17. ***Russian Unemployment: its Magnitude, Characteristics and Regional Dimensions*** (with S. Commander)// *ibid.*, 1997 also published as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 1426;
18. ***Russia*** (with S. Commander and John McHale)//in “Unemployment, restructuring and the Labor Market in East Europe and Russia,” (ed. by S. Commander and F. Coricelli) EDI Development Studies, 1995;
19. ***The Behavior of Russian Firms in 1992: Evidence from a Survey*** (with S. Commander et al.)/ The World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 1166, 1993.
20. ***Unemployment and Labor Market Dynamics in Russia*** ( with S. Commander et al.)/ The World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 1167, 1993.
21. ***Wage and Employment Decision in the Russian Economy*** / The World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 1205, 1993.

Sole author of

22. ***Housing Privatization and Household Wealth in Transition*** - chapter in "Personal Assets from a

- Global Perspective" (ed. J. Davies, Oxford University Press, 2008); published also as WIDER Research Paper, Vol. 2007/02
23. *Quo Vadis: Regional Inequality and Poverty in Russia, 1992-2000* published as Chapter 14 in *Spatial Inequality and Development* (edited by Ravi Kanbur and Anthony J. Venables) Oxford University Press (2005); also as WIDER Discussion Paper 67, 2003.
  24. *Living Standards and Economic Vulnerability in Turkey between 1987 and 1994*. IZA Discussion Paper 253, 1999.
  25. *Inequality and Income Distribution in Georgia. Labor Markets, Inequality and Poverty in Georgia*. IZA Discussion Paper 252, 1999.
  26. *Labor Markets, Inequality and Poverty in Georgia*. IZA Discussion Paper 251, 1999.

Author or co-author of research papers submitted to the journals/ presented at the conferences:

27. Sole author: *Through the Looking-Glass: What is behind official data on inequality in Russia over 1992-2003?* Paper Presented at the 30th General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, 2008
28. Sole author: *Ingoing and Outgoing Flows in Employment//IIASA Seminar on Restructuring and Recovering of Output in Russia*, Laxembourg, June, 1994.
29. Co-author: *Was growth in Egypt between 2005 and 2008 pro-poor? From static to dynamic poverty profile* (with H. El-Laithy, H. Abou-Ali, S. Al-Shawarby, and D. Marotta) Paper presented at the Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty and “Pro-poor” Growth in the MENA Countries - CEMAFI, Université de Nice, 11–12 June 2009.
30. Co-author: *Evolution of the Predictors of Earnings During Transition* (with Cem Mete and Stefania Rodica Conbloch) Paper presented at the World Bank Economist Forum 2007 and Published in “Beyond transition” July 2006.
31. Co-author: *The Distribution of Earnings in Transition: Is Russia Really so Different?* (with J. Wadsworth and H. Lehmann)// Paper presented at the Conference on “Labor Market Adjustment and Restructuring in Transition Economies”, Sinaia, Romania, April, 1999.

Sole author or co-author of background papers for various reports:

- o *Productive Role of Social Protection Background Paper for the World Bank 2012–2022 Social Protection and Labor Strategy (with Harold Alderman), 2012.*
- o *Economic Growth, Inequality and Poverty: Social Mobility in Egypt between 2005 and 2008 (with Heba El-Laithy, Hala Abou-Ali, Sherine Al-Shawarby, and Daniela Marotta), 2009;*
- o *Morocco: background note for Poverty PESW How Well Dynamic Gauged by Poverty Maps Agrees with Peoples’ Perceptions on the Ground? Evidence from Morocco (2008);*
- o *Morocco: Poverty and Social Impact of Public Administration Reform (sections and annex to PAD, IIIrd Public Administration Reform Development Policy Loan);*
- o *Morocco: informal note Reforming the Subsidies. MNSSED, 2008;*
- o *Serbia Poverty Assessment: Dynamics of poverty and economic growth 2002-2005, 2006;*
- o *Bosnia Poverty Assessment: Poverty Profile for Bosnia and Herzegovina: 2002;*
- o *Armenia Growth Study: Labor Market, Unemployment and Growth: 2002;*
- o *Georgia: Poverty Assessment: Inequality and Income Distribution in Georgia;*
- o *Georgia: Poverty Assessment: What Will Poverty in Georgia Look Like in 2007?;*
- o *Contributing author to the Chapter 5 of EBRD Transition Report 2000: Employment, skills and transition;*
- o *Poverty and Social Assistance Study for Armenia: Measuring Poverty in Armenia, 1997;*

- o Poverty and Social Assistance Study for Armenia: *Armenian Labor Market: Adjustments and Misalignments*, 1997;
- o India: Rural Credit PAD: *System for Monitoring and Evaluating Development Impact of Rural Credit in India*, 1996;
- o India: Rural Credit PAD: *Determinants of Rural Credit Deployment and Deposit Mobilization in India: District - Level Data Analysis*, 1997;
- o India: Poverty Assessment: *Child Labor Background note (India)*, 1996;
- o Background paper *Investment in Training in Transition to the Market* (with I. Albegova, R. Kapeliushnikov, P. Knight and T. Leonova), prepared for World Bank Russian Training Foundation Project /1994;
- o Contributing author for mimeo “Privatization in Russia: Does it Matter? Some Early Evidence on the Behavior of Privatized and Private Firms” (with S. Commander), 1994;
- o Mimeo “Prices, Wages and Employment in Russia” (with S. Commander), 1992 (background study for Russia Poverty Assessment).

Co-author of numerous articles, chapters in textbooks and monographs, published **in Russian** on labor markets, poverty, social policy and antitrust policy in transition, including Russian Translation of “For Protection and Promotion” (Grosh et al.); Textbooks: *Microeconomics* (with M. Lukin), in Russian, Moscow, Infra M, 1996; co-editor and contributing author to a monograph *State Economic Policy* (with I. Albegova and A. Kholopov) in Russian, Moscow, Delo i Servis, 1998; editor and contributing author to Russian translation of “*Unemployment, restructuring and the Labor Market in East Europe and Russia*” (S. Commander and F. Coricelli, eds), Moscow, InfraPress, 1995; editor of translation into Russian “*Sensitivity of poverty and inequality statistics to alternative definitions of household welfare. Illustration using the NOBUS survey*” ( by E. Tesliuc and L. Ovcharova), Moscow, 2007; co-editor of **G. Mankiw *Macroeconomics*** translation into Russian, Moscow, MSU Press, 1994; co-editor of translation into Russian *Best Practices in Trade Policy Reform* (V. Tomas and J. Nash, eds.), Moscow, InfraPress, 1996.

### **Research Projects and fellowships:**

- IZA (Institute for the Studies of labor, Bonn) research fellow since 1999.
- Middle East and North Africa – Joint research project on Inequality in the Middle East (World Bank with Economic Research Forum (Cairo) – 2008- on-going.
- Shared growth facility – Poverty and access to services in Upper Rural Egypt (World Bank, PRMPR), 2007.
- ECA Household survey archive, World Bank – 2005-2007.
- LSMS Surveys in Serbia and social assistance reform, co-financed by the Dutch TF and DFID (2002-03 and 2006-07).
- Poverty and environment household survey in Montenegro, 2004 and a study linking poverty energy tariff reform and environment (World Bank and Norwegian TF), 2004-06.
- Regional inequality and poverty in Russia (World Bank, DFID and WIDER), 2004-05.
- Mainstreaming gender into the poverty assessment work – Bosnia and Herzegovina study integrating qualitative and quantitative data for lifecycle conceptualization of gender and poverty (World Bank, Netherlands, University of North Carolina) – 2003-04.
- Impact evaluation for rural infrastructure projects in Georgia (World Bank, PRMPO grant), 2002-03.
- EBRD Transition Report 2000 (Joint EBRD-World Bank work on Labor Markets in Transition).
- Ifo Institute project on regional labor markets in the Russian Federation - 1996-99.
- World Bank Poverty Assessment for Russia - Survey of Unemployment and Partial Employment

in Russia conducted in cooperation with VCIOM –1994.

- World Bank Research Project ‘The Labor Market in Transitional Socialist Economies’ 1992 — 1995, survey of Russian firms on wages/benefits and contributing author to a series of papers on the Russian labor market.

**Conferences and Workshops (presenter of papers/session organizer):**

- Towards Better Data on Coverage and Impact of Social Protection: The Role of Household Survey Data. SPIAC B Interagency workshop on social protection data 2013. November 4-5, 2013. Paris, World Bank Office.
- Workshop on **Multidimensional Poverty and Pro-poor Growth in the MENA Countries - Centre d’Études en Macroéconomie et Finance Internationale** (CEMAFI), Université de Nice, 11–12 June 2009 – paper presenter and discussant.
- “Social Protection Responses to the Three Waves of Crisis: Finance, Food & Fuel” (Learning event, The World Bank) – Cairo- June 15-18, 2009 – session organizer (Subsidies Reform).
- **30th General Conference of The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth** Portoroz, Slovenia, August 24–30, 2008 – paper presenter;
- **The World Bank DEC Economist Forum**: paper presenter (Returns to education in transition in the section “Labor Market and Demographic Transition”) – April, 2007, Washington DC.
- ECA PREM-DEC-PRMPPR-WBI Training of Trainers in Poverty Analysis for the Western Balkans, January 15-19, 2007, Washington DC – Course director, presenter.
- **UN WIDER Conference** “Personal Assets Distribution from a Global Perspective” May 4-6, 2006 WIDER, Helsinki – paper presenter, discussant.
- EBRD Workshop on the Informal economy in the Transition countries, London, February, 25, 2005 - discussant.
- World Bank-UNDP-IMF 3rd PRSP Forum for the Balkans, Thessaloniki, May 27-28, 2005- session organizer.
- World Bank-UNDP-IMF 2nd PRSP Forum for the Balkans, Thessaloniki, March 29-31, 2004 - session organizer.
- SIDA Meeting on PRSP in Western Balkans – Stockholm, September, 2003 - contributor.
- Joint Vienna Institute Conference “Ten Years of Transition: New Agenda for New Demands” – Vienna, August, 2003- presenter.
- **The World Bank DEC Economist Forum**: paper presenter on Russian regional inequality (section “Macro Micro Linkages for Poverty Analysis”) – April, 2003, Washington DC.
- World Bank-Central Statistical Office of Poland: Workshop in Housing Rents Imputations and Welfare Aggregates. March, 2003, Warsaw, Poland- contributor.
- World Bank-UNDP-IMF 1st Poverty Forum for Balkans, November 2002, Baden, Austria - session organizer.
- UN WIDER workshop on Microsimulations of Tax Benefits Reforms in the Russian Federation, Helsinki, Finland August 2002 – discussant.
- **Cornell University-London School of Economics – WIDER Conference on Regional Inequality and Development**, London, June 2002 – paper presenter.
- World Bank-UNDP-IMF Poverty Forum for CIS, November 2001, Budapest – session organizer.
- World Bank-Goskomstat of Russian Federation: Reforming the Household Budget Survey and Poverty Monitoring. May, 2001, Moscow, Russia - contributor.
- **LICOS- World Bank Conference “Labor Market Adjustment and Restructuring in Transition Economies”**, Sinaia, Romania, April, 1999 – paper presenter.
- World Bank Workshop on Understanding Transition in Central Asia, Washington, June, 1997- discussant.
- **EBRD Conference** “Inequality and Poverty in Transition Economies”, London, May 1997 –

- paper presenter.
- World Bank Workshop on Labor Market in Transitional Socialist Economies, Budapest March 1995- paper presenter.
  - World Bank - Ministry of Economy of the Russian Federation Conference “Economic Policy and Enterprise Restructuring in Russia”, St.Petersburg, June 1995- presenter.
  - Ifo Workshop on Regional labor market studies in Russian Federation - Munich, September 1995- contributor.
  - OECD Technical Workshop on Regional Unemployment in Central and Eastern Europe, Vienna, November 1994 - presenter.
  - **IIASA Seminar on Restructuring and Recovering of Output in Russia**, Vienna, June 1994 – paper presenter.
  - World Bank Workshop on Labor Market in Transitional Socialist Economies, Prague, April 1993 - contributor.
  - World Bank Conference on Unemployment, Restructuring and Labor Market in East Europe and Russia, Prague, October 1993- contributor.
  - World Bank Workshop on Labor Market in Transitional Socialist Economies, Prague, July 1992.

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