

Dr. Ilhom Abdulloev

Research skills:

- Research areas: Mathematical Statistics, Regional Economic Integration, Labor Economics, Experimental Economics and Econometrics.
- Statistical and econometric analysis using following statistical software GAUSS, MATLAB, STATA, and EVIEW.
- Time-series analysis and forecasting.
- Microeconomic econometrics.
- Parametric, Semi-parametric and Bayesian econometric analysis.

Professional Skills:

- Operational and program management skills of charitable organizations.
- Strategic planning.
- Organizational management.
- Application of financial inclusion tools for social impact.
- Facilitation in improving the legal and financial framework for small businesses.

Current position:

- Specialist on Research and Knowledge Connectivity at the CAREC Institute (04/2022-present).

Professional affiliations:

- Chair of the Supervisory Board of [the Microcredit and Deposit Organization Humo](#).

Current academic research affiliations:

- Research Fellow at Global Labor Organization (GLO).
- Research Fellow at European Institute of Labor (IZA).
- Corresponding member of Engineering Academy of Tajikistan.
- Collaborating Researcher at the JICA's research on remittances and investment in Tajikistan.

Previous professional positions:

- Co-founder of [IRSHAD Consulting LLC](#) (Analyst and Report Writing for ADB funded research project, 05/2020-06/2022).
- Short-term Consultant at the Asian Development Bank (2020-2021).
- Executive Director, [Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation in Tajikistan](#) (08/2016-08/2021).
- Short-term Consultant at the World Bank (2013, 2016, 2019).
- Program Director for Business Development and Arts & Culture programs, Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation in Tajikistan (09/2013-08/2016).
- Grants manager, OSIAF (08/2006-08/2009).
- Economic and Business Development Program Coordinator, OSIAF (11/2002-12/2006).
- Lecturer at the Department of International Economic Relations, Tajik State National University (03/2006-08/2009).
- Appraisal, Monitoring and Evaluation manager assistant, French Non-Governmental Organization ACTED (09/2002-11/2002).

- Deputy Head of International Department, Dushanbe City's Executive Committee (05/2000-09/2000).
- Chief Specialist of International Department, Dushanbe City's Executive Committee (08/1999-05/2000).
- Economist of 1st category of Finance Department, Dushanbe City's Executive Committee (10/1999-09/2000).
- Specialist of the 1st category of International Department, Dushanbe City's Executive Committee (06/1998-08/1999).
- Economist of the 1st category of the department of External Economic Affairs, Tajik State Statistical Agency (06/1996-02/1998).

Education:

- Ph.D. in Economics, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, USA. Dissertation: "[Impact of Migration on Professional Education, Job Satisfaction and the Informal Sector](#)" (2013), Dissertation Committee Members: Professor Ira Gang (chair), Professor John Landon-lane, Professor Hiroki Tsurumi, and Professor Alexander M. Danzer (outside member).
- Master of Letters in Management, Economics and International Relations, the University of St.Andrews, UK. Thesis: "Economic Development of Small States Under Free Trade Agreements" (2004).
- Certificate in Promotion studies in International Trade, the North-eastern University of China, China (2002).
- Diploma with Honours in International Economic Relations, Tajik State National University, Tajikistan (1999).

Awards and scholarships:

- Alfred S. Eichner Prize in Economics, Rutgers University (2013).
- Monroe Berkowitz Memorial Award, Rutgers University (2013).
- Open Society Institute Doctoral Fellowship, Rutgers University (2009-2013).
- Open Society Institute/Chevening/St.Andrews University Scholarship (2003-2004).
- UNESCO Great Wall-2000 Scholarship, North-eastern University of China (2000-2002).

Publications:

1. In coauthorship with Ira N. Gang, and Gil S. Epstein (2020) [A Downside to the Brain Gain Story](#), Economics 8(2). <https://doi.org/10.2478/eoik-2020-0017>
2. Changes in the Forsaken Schooling and Migration Relationship in Tajikistan (Chapter 10), [in Brain Drain vs Brain Circulation \(Central Asia\)](#), 2020.
3. COVID-19 Impact Assessment: Kyrgyz Republic, IFC Survey Report, August 2020.
4. COVID-19 Impact Assessment: Republic of Tajikistan, IFC Survey Report, August 2020.
5. COVID-19 Impact Assessment: Republic of Uzbekistan, IFC Survey Report, August 2020.
6. In coauthorship with Kahramon Bakozoda, Parviz Khakimov, Jamshed Kuddusov, Saodat Olimova, Malika Bahovatdinova, Gulnora Beknazarova, and Abduaziz Kasymov, Enerelt Murakami, Eiji Yamada, and Akira Murata (2020) [Migration, living conditions and skills: Panel Study - Tajikistan, 2018](#), JICA Research Institute Report.
7. In coauthorship with Ira N. Gang, and Gil S. Epstein (2020) [Migration and Forsaken Schooling in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan](#), *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, 11(1). <https://doi.org/10.2478/izajodm-2020-0004>
8. [Job Dissatisfaction and Migration: Evidence from Tajikistan](#) (2018) *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40176-018-0132-8>

9. In coauthorship with Ira N. Gang, and Gil S. Epstein (2015) [Ethnic Goods and Immigrant Assimilation](https://doi.org/10.4337/9781783476817), The Economics of Cultural Diversity. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781783476817>
10. In coauthorship with Ira N. Gang, and Myeong-Su Yun (2014) [Migration, Education and the Gender Gap in Labor Force Participation](#), *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol. 26, Issue 4, pp. 509-526.
11. In coauthorship with Ajwad, Mohamed Ihsan; Hut, Stefan; Audy, Robin; de Laat, Joost; Kataoka, Sachiko; Larrison, Jennica; Nikoloski, Zlatko; Torracchi, Federico (2014) [The Skills Road : Skills for Employability in Tajikistan](#). World Bank, Washington, DC.
12. In coauthorship with Ajwad, Mohamed Ihsan; Audy, Robin; Hut, Stefan; de Laat, Joost; Kheyfets, Igor; Larrison, Jennica; Nikoloski, Zlatko; Torracchi, Federico (2014) [The Skills Road : Skills for Employability in Uzbekistan](#). World Bank, Washington, DC.
13. In coauthorship with Ajwad, Mohamed Ihsan; de Laat, Joost; Hut, Stefan; Larrison, Jennica; Audy, Robin; Nikoloski, Zlatko; Torracchi, Federico (2014) [The Skills Road : Skills for Employability in the Kyrgyz Republic](#). World Bank, Washington, DC.
14. In coauthorship with Ira N. Gang, and John Landon-Lane (2011) [Migration as a Substitute for Informal Activities: Evidence from Tajikistan](#), *Research in Labor Economics* (2012) 34(0) 205-227.
15. Customs Union: to Join or Not, newspaper article ([Таможенный союз: вступать или нет? | Новости Таджикистана ASIA-Plus \(asiaplustj.info\)](#))

Analytical contribution:

- Victoria Strokova and Mohamed Ihsan Ajwad (2017) [Tajikistan Jobs Diagnostic : Strategic Framework for Jobs](#). Jobs Series;No. 1. World Bank, Washington, DC.
- Mohamed Ihsan Ajwad and Sarah Berger Gonzalez (2018) [Jobs in the Kyrgyz Republic](#). World Bank, Washington, DC.

Services to the profession:

- Referee at the Economics E-journal (www.economics-ejournal.org).
- Referee at the International Migration Review.

Academic conference presentations:

- Presentation on Forsaken Schooling in Tajikistan. JICA Researchers Seminar, Japan (09/2019).
- Presentation on Job Dissatisfaction and Migration: Evidence from Tajikistan. The 16th European Summer School in Labor Economics, Germany (05/2013).
- Presentation on Migration effects on Schooling Decisions. The Summer School on Migration and Remittances in Central Asia, Kazakhstan (08/2011).
- Presentation of Skills, Migration and Employment. The World Bank – Tajik Ministry of Economic Development and International Trade Conference on Poverty (12/2014).
- Presentation about Skills, Migration and Employment. The World Bank MIRPAL community (02/2015).

Teaching and research experience:

- Trainer on times series analysis for the staff of the National Bank of Tajikistan (05/2019).
- Associate teacher at the Department of International Economic Relations on Tourist infrastructure, Tajik State National University (03/2006 -08/2009).
- Teaching Assistant for Graduate Course on Advanced Economic Statistics (Spring 2013).
- Research Assistant for Professor Ira Gang (Spring 2012).
- Research Assistant for Professor John Landon-Lane (Fall 2011, Spring 2013).

- Laboratory Experiment Assistant for Professor Barry Sopher (Spring - Fall 2012).
- Grader for undergraduate courses: Development Economics (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring, 2013), Population Economics (Spring 2012, Spring 2013), Research Seminar on Market Discipline (Fall 2012), Microeconomic Theory (Spring, 2012).