

Personal

Date and place of birth	June 4, 1978 in Liberec, Czech Republic, Europe
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Education

University of Vienna Vienna, Austria	2005-2008 PhD in Economics Thesis on: <i>Essays on Exchange Rate Regime-Related Risks in CEE Countries</i> Advisors: Prof. Jesús Crespo-Cuaresma, Prof. Robert Kunst Grade: High Distinction
University of California (UCLA) Los Angeles, USA	2004-2005 PhD-visiting scholar, Econ Department, 2 nd year coursework
University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany	2003-2004 PhD, 1 st year coursework; Center for Doctoral Studies in Economics and Management
Universal English College Sydney, Australia	10/2002-12/2002 <i>English for Academic Purposes (EAP)</i>
University of Leipzig Leipzig, Germany	1999-2002 Masters Degree in Economics (Diplom) Majors: Money and Currency, International Economic Relations, Marketing Grade: 1.3 (equivalent to High Distinction)
University of Bonn Bonn, Germany	1997-1999 Undergraduate studies in Economics (Vordiplom) Grade: 1.4 (equivalent to High Distinction)
Bilingual high school Liberec, Czech Republic	1992-1997 German and Czech graduation diploma Grade: 1.3 (equivalent to High Distinction)
	Since 2001 Various economic and econometric courses and workshops at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Kiel Institute for the World Economy in Kiel, Joint Vienna Institute, Institute for Advanced Studies and Oesterreichische Nationalbank in Vienna, Dresdner Bank Frankfurt and Foundation for Economic Education in New York, USA.

Work experience

Oesterreichische Nationalbank Vienna, Austria	since 12/2005 Foreign Research Division Country and financial market monitoring of the CEE countries, research on (early warning indicators for) financial crises, exchange rates, inflation, macroeconomic forecasting
Deutsche Bank Frankfurt, Germany	10/2005-11/2005 Risk Management Department; Internship Credit scoring by means of discrete choice models, preparation of data
Bolsa de Comercio Cordoba, Argentina	7/2003-9/2003 Centro de Investigaciones Economicas; Research Visit Cost-benefit analysis of a potential monetary union in MERCOSUR
Institute for Economic Research Halle, Germany	4/2001-3/2002 Central- and Eastern Europe Department Diploma Thesis on: <i>Unilateral Euroisation as an Alternative Strategy for Central and Eastern European Countries</i> (in German) Grade: 1.0 (best grade possible)
Skoda Auto, VW Group Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic	9/2000-10/2000 and 9/1999-10/1999 Department for Controlling / Client Services; Internship

Teaching experience

University of Applied Sciences Eisenstadt, Austria	Summer term 2007 Undergraduate course on economic and political transition in the Czech Republic
University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany	Summer term 2004 Assistant lecturer in undergraduate microeconomics courses
University of Leipzig Leipzig, Germany	1/2000-3/2001 and summer term 2002 Assistant lecturer in undergraduate microeconomics courses, proofreading of textbooks and papers by Prof. Wiese
Univers Language School Liberec, Czech Republic	8/1996 – 8/1997 and 4/2002-6/2002 Founder, English and German Teacher

Other qualifications

Language skills

Czech (Slovak) (native), German (Graduation Diploma, native-like proficiency), English (fluent, EAP-Diploma Sydney; TOEFL 283), Spanish (fluent), Russian (good)

Software skills

Microsoft Office, Eviews, SAS, Matlab, SPSS, STAMP, Scientific Workplace, LaTeX (working knowledge)

Scholarships and grants

Scholarship from the **German Research Foundation (DFG)** (9/2003-12/2003 and 10/2004-9/2005)

Grant by **McKinsey&Company** for the academic year 04/05 at the UCLA (10/2004)

Scholarship from the **EU** project *The Economic Geography of Europe: Measurement, Testing and Policy Simulations* (EGEMTPS) (1/2004-9/2004)

Grant by the **Foundation for Economic Education** for the Seminar on *The State of Civil Society*, New York, USA (8/2002)

Scholarship from the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** (1997-2002)

Social commitment

Volunteer at Camino Seguro (www.safepassage.org), a project providing education for children at the Guatemala City garbage dump (fall 2006); continuous fundraising campaign ever since (current amount: 10 000 USD)

Voluntary tutoring of underprivileged Afro- and Latin-American children in East Los Angeles (winter and spring quarter 2005 at UCLA)

Voluntary counsellor at the summer camp of Caritas Bonn (Summer 1999)

Sponsorship of Plan Deutschland, Licht für die Welt, Misereor

References

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Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

Inflation and its Drivers in the Czech Republic: Implications for Euro Adoption. Forthcoming in Focus on European Economic Integration 2/09. Oesterreichische Nationalbank, 2009.

Determinants of Currency Crises: A Conflict of Generations? (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma). Focus on European Economic Integration 1/08. Oesterreichische Nationalbank, 2008.

On the Determinants of Currency Crises: The Role of Model Uncertainty (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma). Focus on European Economic Integration 2/07. Oesterreichische Nationalbank, 2007; forthcoming in the Journal of Macroeconomics

An “Almost-Too-Late” Early Warning Indicator for Currency Crises (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma). BOFIT DP, Bank of Finland, 2007; after revision re-submitted to the Journal of Comparative Economics

Predicting Currency Crises Using the Term Structure of Relative Interest Rates: Case Studies of the Czech Republic and Russia (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma). Focus on European Economic Integration 1/07, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, 2007

Serbia: Country Profile and Recent Economic Developments (with K. Michal) in Focus on European Economic Integration 2/06, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, 2006

Non-peer-reviewed articles

Is There a Case For Argentina to Push For a Currency Union in MERCOSUR? A Cost-Benefit Analysis and Resulting Conclusions for the Economic Policy, Centro de Investigaciones Economicas, Bolsa de Comercio, Cordoba, Argentina, 2004

Unilaterale Euroisierung als eine alternative Wechselkursstrategie in den mittel- und osteuropäischen Ländern, IWH-Sonderheft, Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Halle, Germany, Oktober 2002 (in German)

Work in progress, working papers and unpublished articles

Talking About My Generation: Currency Crises and Their Determinants (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma).

(How) Will the Euro Affect Inflation in the Czech Republic? A Contribution to the Current Debate, FIW Working paper No. 18, 2008

Macroeconomic Forecasting Models for CEE Countries (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma and J. Woerz)

Financial Markets as Predictors for Currency Crises (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma and A. Gersl)

Assessing Inflation Drivers Related to Transition and Euro Area Entry in the New Member States (with J. Crespo-Cuaresma and B. Égert)

The Introduction of Euro in the EU Acceding Countries: “Standard” EMU Accession or Euroisation? (with Z. Cech and M. Mora), mimeo

Press articles

(Jak) Muze prevzeti eura zvyšit inflaci? in Euro, Nr. 27, July 14, 2008 (in Czech)

Mocny, nikoli vsemocny trh in Hospodarske Noviny, June 14, 2007 (in Czech)

Euro bez unie in Euro, Nr. 50, December 10, 2001 (in Czech)

Presentations in conferences and seminars

- Conference on “Economic and Monetary Union: 10 Years of Success?”, Mendel University Brno, Czech Republic, November, 2008.
(How) Will the Euro Affect Inflation in the Czech Republic?
- Conference on “Financial Stability in Central European Economies”, Czech National Bank, September 2008
New insights into early warning indicators for currency crises
- Sixth INFINITI Conference on International Finance, Trinity College, Dublin, June 2008
Determinants of currency crises: a conflict of generations?
- Sixth Emerging Markets Workshop, Bofit, Helsinki, May 2008
On the determinants of currency crises: The role of model uncertainty
- Staff Seminar, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna, April 2008
(How) Will the euro affect inflation in the Czech Republic?
- Graduate and Staff Seminar, Economics Department, University of Vienna, January 2008
On the determinants of currency crises: The role of model uncertainty
- Course on ‘Challenges on the Road to the Euro: Inflation, Exchange Rate Stability and Credit Growth, Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna, September 2007
An “almost-too-late” warning mechanism for currency crises
- Graduate and Staff Seminar, Economics Department, University of Vienna, June 2007
An “almost-too-late” warning mechanism for currency crises
- Czech National Bank, Prague, June 2007
An “almost-too-late” warning mechanism for currency crises
- 11th Annual International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, Crete, May 2007
An “almost-too-late” warning mechanism for currency crises
- Brown Bag Seminar, Economics Department, University of Mannheim, November 2006
An “almost-too-late” warning mechanism for currency crises
- Staff Seminar, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna, March 2006
An “almost-too-late” warning mechanism for currency crises