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## CAREER SUMMARY

The American University MA in Applied Economics graduate (3.96 GPA, Fulbright Alumni, awarded with the Prize in Memory of Jose Epstein for academic excellence) with 3+ years of experience assisting and managing research projects in think tanks, a central bank, and an international organization. Major strengths include a strong quantitative background and computer skills in programming (Stata, Python, EViews), advanced training in economics and related fields. A person with the ability to work both independently and as a team player who is comfortable performing tasks within multicultural settings.

## EDUCATION

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**American University**, Washington, D.C., U.S.

M.A. in Economics (Fulbright Foreign Student Program), Applied Economics, May 2021

- Capstone Project: *“Using Machine Learning Algorithms to Forecast Macroeconomic Indicators”*
- GPA 3.96/4.00 (awarded with the Prize in Memory of Jose Epstein for academic excellence)

**Belarusian State University**, Minsk, Belarus

Researcher’s Diploma in Economics (Postgraduate (PhD) courses), World Economy, October 2018

M.A. in Economics and Management, Management in Social and Economic Systems, June 30, 2013

- GPA 9.0/10.0 or 4.00/4.00

**Belarusian National Technical University**, Minsk, Belarus

B.A. with Honors, Management, concentration in International Management, June 2012

- GPA 9.0/10.0 or 4.00/4.00 (awarded with the special prize of the President's Special Fund for the Support of Talented Youth)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**The Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations**, Minsk, Belarus

**Analyst**, October 2021 – May 2022

- Manage a full lifecycle of research projects, including data collection, design and implementation of an empirical strategy, preparation of final reports.
- Develop and implement new methods of data analyses based on machine learning algorithms using Python libraries (NumPy, SciPy, Scikit-learn, etc.).
- Prepare articles, non-papers, and backgrounders for the Minsk Dialogue website; deliver presentations of research findings when required.

**The World Bank Group**, Washington, D.C., U.S.

**Short Term Consultant**, May – August 2021

- Administered surveys to local experts in 20+ countries; managed data checks, cleaning, and merging; conducted further data analysis in Stata.
- Assisted in the preparation of comparative analysis related to the set of indicators on a country by country and regional basis.
- Wrote case studies and blogs that serve as background materials for the Doing Business report.

**The National Bank of the Republic of Belarus**, Minsk, Belarus

**Leading Specialist of the Research Department**, October 2018 – August 2019

- Conducted two research projects: Impact of Structural Reforms on Monetary Policy and Transformation of the Labour Market in Belarus. Preliminary results were published in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Developed and compiled quarterly consensus forecasts by conducting surveys among experts and gathering country-specific macroeconomic data.
- Prepared analytical reports and policy papers with case studies and comparative analysis for the Board of the Bank.
- Administered the evaluation project of the National Bank with the Global Development Network (GDN).

**The Institute of Entrepreneurial Activity, Minsk, Belarus**

**Adviser to the Rector & Senior Lecturer, January 2016 – August 2018**

- Coordinated research programs of the Department of Science and Information Technology with the Ministry of Economy of Belarus.
- Arranged and supervised semi-structured surveys in 6 regions of Belarus for the research project about the redesignation of government services for local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Lectured two courses: *Economic Theory* (Fall 2016) and *Management* (Spring 2017)

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**SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

**The Expert Group of the Advisory Board, The National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk, Belarus**

Economic Policy Expert, 2015 – 2022

**German Economic Team Belarus (GET), Berlin, Germany**

Economic Policy Expert, June – August 2017

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**LANGUAGES**

**Belarusian:** Native fluency

**Russian:** Native fluency

**English:** Fluent

**Ukrainian:** Reading and oral comprehension

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**SKILLS & SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE**

**Statistics and Methods:** Time series analysis, Panel data analysis, Causal Inference methods (RCT, DID, RDD, IV), Machine Learning techniques (Supervised and Unsupervised).

**Coding and Version Control:** Stata SE/ME, EViews, Python (data analysis and machine learning libraries), Matlab (IRIS toolbox), GitHub.

**GIS:** ArcGIS and Python (geemap).

**Typesetting:** LaTeX, Overleaf, Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access), Google Docs.

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**GRANTS AND HONORS**

- Edmund S. Muskie Professional Fellowship Program, 2021
- Prize in Memory of Jose Epstein for academic excellence, 2021
- Fulbright Foreign Student Program Scholarship, 2019-2021
- The Certificate of the Council of Europe for the successful completion of the East-European School of Political Studies, 2017
- The Certificate of the President's Special Fund for the Support of Talented Youth for the best economic paper, 2009