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### CURRENT APPOINTMENT

*Assistant Professor* at CERGE, Charles University, Prague, and *Researcher* at the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (October 2007 – present)

### FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Consumer Credit, Household Portfolios, Applied Microeconometrics

### WORKING PAPERS

Bicakova, A. and Sierminska, E. (2008) *Mortgage Market Maturity and Homeownership Inequality among Young Households : A Five-Country Perspective*, SOEPpapers No. 90/2008, DIW Berlin, The German Socio-Economic Panel.

Bicakova, A., Slacalek, J. and Slavik, M. (2008) *Labor Supply after Transition: Evidence from the Czech Republic*, CERGE-EI Working Papers wp351, The Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education - Economic Institute, Prague.  
[also as a WP in Working Paper Series 887, European Central Bank.]

Bicakova, A. and Sierminska, E. (2008) "Homeownership Inequality and the Access to Credit Market" in Jonung, L. and Kontulainen, J. (eds.) *Growth and income distribution in an integrated Europe: Does EMU make a difference?*, European Economy, Economic Papers **325**, June, European Commission, Brussels.

Bicakova, A. (2006) *Market vs. Institutions: The Trade-off Between Unemployment and Wage Inequality Revisited*, Economics Working Papers ECO 2006/31, European University Institute.

Bicakova, A., Slacalek, J. and Slavik, M. (2006) *Fiscal Implications of Personal Tax Adjustments in the Czech Republic*, Working Papers 2006/6, Czech National Bank, Research Department

Bicakova, A. (2005) *Unemployment Versus Inactivity: An Analysis of the Earnings and Labor Force Status of Prime Age Men in France, the UK, and the US at the End of the 20th Century*, Luxembourg Income Study WP No. 412

Turner, M.D., Bicakova, A. (2003) *The Effects of Higher Minimum Wages on Welfare Reciprocity: Another Look*, Joint Center for Poverty Research WP No. 328

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Bicakova, A. (2008) “Unemployment vs. Inactivity: Why Do We Care about One But Not the Other?” in Neumaier, O. et al. (eds.) *Perspectives on Work*, LIT Verlag, Wien, 295-300.

Bicakova, A. (2007) *Does the Good Matter? Evidence on Moral Hazard and Adverse Selection from Consumer Credit Market*, *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, 120, 66: 29–66.

Bicakova, A. (2001) *The Concept of Knowledge in Economics and the New Economics of Science*, *Věda, technika a společnost (Prague)*, 10 (23) 69–88

## **EDUCATION**

*PhD in Economics*, Johns Hopkins University, September 2005

Dissertation: “On the Distribution of Earnings and Labor Force Status: The Case of France, the UK and the US at the End of the 20th Century” (Principal Advisor: Robert Moffitt)

*M. A. in Economics*, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic, August 2001

*M. Phil. in Economics*, University of Cambridge, UK, July 2000

*Mgr. in Economics*, Charles University, Prague, May 1998

*Postgraduate Certificate in International Business*, ESC de Rennes, France, June 1996

*Bc. in Economics*, Charles University, Prague, June 1995

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

*Visiting Scholar Grant*, Luxembourg Income Study, Luxembourg, July 2004, April 2007

*Eugenio and Patricia Castillo Award*, Johns Hopkins University, May 2003

*T. Rowe Price Fellowship*, the Ph.D. program in Economics at JHU, USA 2001–2005

*COT/Citibank Scholarship*, the M.Phil. program in Economics, Cambridge, UK 1999–2000

*Dean's Honors for Outstanding Master's Thesis*, Charles University, May 1998

*TEMPUS Scholarship*, one-semester stay, ESC, Rennes, France, Spring 1996

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Labor Economics II, graduate one-semester course, CERGE-EI

Econometrics II, graduate one-semester course, CERGE-EI

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Research Fellow at Finance and Consumption Program, European University Institute, Florence (November 2005 – September 2007)

Organizer of the joint Finance and Consumption Program and CFS Workshop on “Behavioral Approaches to Consumption, Credit, and Asset Allocation”, 25-26 May 2007, Florence, Italy

Organizer of the Finance and Consumption Program Workshop on “Consumption and Credit in Countries with Developing Credit Markets”, 16–17 May 2007, Florence, Italy

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Serena Ng, graduate course in Econometrics, JHU, Spring 2003

Research Assistant

to Prof. Robert Moffitt, JHU, June 2002 – August 2005

Urban Institute, Washington, DC, USA, May–June 2002

to Dr. Mark Turner, Institute for Policy Studies, JHU, Sept. 2001 – May 2002

to Dr. Štěpán Jurajda at CERGE-EI, Prague, Sept. 2000 – July 2001

to Dr. Pavel Mertlík, Charles University, Prague, July 1998 – May 1999

**JOURNAL REFEREE**

Economics of Transition, Czech Journal of Economics and Finance

**SERVICE ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Grant Agency of Academy of Science of the Czech Republic

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

Czech Science Foundation (GAČR), grant no. 402/08/P466 (2008-2009)

Project: Gender (Un)Employment Gaps in Post-Transition Countries

European Commission, DG ECFIN, grant no. 163/2007/SI2.469639 (2007)

Project: Homeownership Inequality and the Access to Credit Markets

Czech National Bank, grant no. D1/2005 (2005-2006)

Project: Fiscal Implications of Personal Tax Adjustments in the Czech Republic

**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Czech Economics Society, Prague, Czech Republic, November 2008  
(paper: Gender Unemployment Gaps)

Finance and Consumption Program Workshop on “Workshop on Payment System and Consumer Credit Market Innovations”, 26 September 2008, Florence, Italy  
(invited as a discussant)

Annual Conference of the European Association of Labor Economics, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, September 2008 (paper: Self-control and Debt)

23rd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Milano, Italy, August 2008  
(paper: Unemployment and Inactivity)

The 2007 DG ECFIN Annual Research Conference on Growth and Income Distribution in an Integrated Europe: Does EMU Make a Difference?, Brussels, October 2007  
(paper: Homeownership Inequality and the Access to Credit Markets)

2nd Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Berlin, July 2007  
(paper: Homeownership Inequality and the Access to Credit Markets)

The Luxembourg Wealth Study: Enhancing Comparative Research on Household Finance, final “Beta phase” LWS conference, organized by Banca d’Italia, Rome, July 2007

(paper: Homeownership Inequality and the Access to Credit Markets)

Finance and Consumption Program and CFS Workshop on “Behavioral Approaches to Consumption, Credit, and Asset Allocation”, 25-26 May 2007, Florence, Italy  
(paper: Self-control and Debt)

Impulses from Salzburg 2007 - Perspectives on Work, Salzburg, Center for Ethics and Poverty Research, University of Salzburg, May 2007  
(essay: “Unemployment vs. inactivity: Why do we care about one but not the other?”)

Second Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics, Rimini, Italy, January 2007 (paper: Does the Good Matter?)

The 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Czech Economics Society, Prague, Czech Republic, November 2006  
(paper: Fiscal Implications of Personal Tax Adjustments in the Czech Republic)

Annual Conference of the European Association of Labor Economics, Prague, Czech Republic, September 2006 (paper: Market vs. Institutions)

Credit and Counselling Symposium, Magdalene College, Cambridge, September 2006  
(paper: Can Consumer Credit Counselling Help Overcome the Self-Control Problems?)

20th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, August 2005 (paper: Unemployment and Inactivity)

IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Buch am Ammersee, Germany, April 2005 (paper: Unemployment and Inactivity)

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York City, US, March 2005  
(paper: Income and the Effect of Health on Elderly Employment in Taiwan)

Luxembourg Income Study Summer Workshop, LIS, Luxembourg City, June–July 2004  
PACO Workshop: Training in Cross-National Research with Longitudinal Household Panels, CEPS/INSTEAD, Differdange, Luxembourg, June 2002

## **INVITED SEMINARS**

CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic, March 2007 (paper: Market vs. Institutions)

IZA, Bonn, Germany, April 2006 (paper: Market vs. Institutions)

European University Institute, Florence, Italy, March 2006 (paper: Market vs. Institutions)

CEU-MNB, Budapest, Hungary, March 2005 (paper: Unemployment and Inactivity)

European University Institute, Florence, Italy, March 2005  
(paper: Unemployment and Inactivity)