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### **ACADEMIC RECORD**

#### **DOCTORAL STUDIES**

2009 - 2014	PhD in Economics Title: "Essays on Political Economy" Awarded on 28 <sup>th</sup> of May, 2014	Graduate School in the Economics and Finance of Public Administration (DEFAP) Catholic University of Milan, Italy
Apr – May 2013	Visiting PhD Student	New Economic School, Moscow, Russia
Apr – July 2012	Visiting PhD Student	Centre for Operations Research and Econometrics (CORE), Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
2004 - 2007	PhD in Economics (Aspirantura) Title: "Foreign Direct Investments and Development of Corporate Governance in Armenia"	Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University, Yerevan, Armenia

#### **PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES**

1999 - 2004	Diploma of Manager-Economist (with honorary distinction) Specialization: Management	Yerevan State Institute of Economy, Department of Management Yerevan, Armenia
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#### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

2004-2010	ACCA affiliate	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), UK
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#### **PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2014 – date	Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate) Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate) Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate) Special Topics in Economics (undergraduate) Economic Statistics (graduate) Managerial Economics (graduate) Industrial Organization (graduate) Data Analysis for Decision Making (graduate)	American University of Armenia, College of Business and Economics
2012 – 2014	Game Theory, Theory of the Firm (undergraduate)	Russian-Armenian (Slavonic)

2005 – 2007	Business analysis (undergraduate),	University, Yerevan, Armenia
2007 – 2008	Strategic Management (undergraduate),	Chair of Economics and Finance

### **ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS**

1. Barseghyan G., Baghdasaryan V., “Optimal Currency Area indices: Application to Eurasian Economic Union” (Working Paper Forthcoming March 2017). Project benefited from Faculty Research Award 2016, American University of Armenia
2. Baghdasaryan V., Grigoryan A., Asian Development Bank financed project “Good jobs for inclusive growth” 2016-2017. Paper title: Employment and Labor Market Policies in Armenia (ongoing research project).
3. Baghdasaryan V., Hambardzumyan H., “Optimal Income tax rates with non-democratic political constraints: case of Armenia” (ongoing research project) (Working Paper forthcoming Summer 2017)
4. Baghdasaryan V., Hartarska V., Khachatryan K., Shen X., “Role of Deposits in MFI performance in Central Asia and Eastern Europe” (ongoing research project) (Working Paper forthcoming April 2017)

### **SUBMITTED PAPERS**

1. Antinyan A., Baghdasaryan V., Grigoryan A., “Relative position and social capital in South Caucasus” (Working Paper forthcoming March 2017)
2. Baghdasaryan V., Iannantuoni G. and Maggian V., “Electoral Fraud and Voter Turnout: Experimental Study” Working paper available at: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2696203](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2696203)
3. Baghdasaryan V., Manzoni E., “Set them (almost) free. Discretion in Electoral Campaigns” Working paper available at: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers2.cfm?abstract\\_id=2885145](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers2.cfm?abstract_id=2885145)

### **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Faculty Research Award, 2016, American University of Armenia

Career Integration Fellowship 2014 – 2016, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic;

Graduate teaching fellowship 2012 – 2013 for returning scholars at Russian-Armenian University, provided by CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic;

Scholarship for studies at Graduate School in the Economics and Finance of Public Administration (DEFAP), Catholic University of Milan, Italy (2009-2012);

Best PhD student (aspirant) award for academic year 2006-2007 at Russian-Armenian (Slavic) University, awarded by Scientific Council;

Scholarship for graduate studies at Russian-Armenian (Slavic) University, awarded by Ministry of Education of Russian Federation jointly with Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (2004 – 2007);

Full Public scholarship for undergraduate studies in the Republic of Armenia (1999-2004).

### **PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/SUMMER SCHOOLS**

Good Jobs for Inclusive growth in Central and West Asia, Study Finalization Conference, Kuala Lumpur 12-15 December 2016, Asian Development Bank (Presentation on Armenian Labor Market and Policy Recommendations)

Armenian Economic Association 2016 Annual Meeting, , Yerevan, Armenia, June 17-19, 2016

Good Jobs for Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia, Study Inception Workshop, Bangkok, 14-16 December, 2015, Asian Development Bank (presentation on Armenian Labor market)

Traning on Computable General Equilibrium Models with GAMS, June 29 – July 03, 2015 Prague, ECOMOD

Armenian Economic Association 2015 Annual Meeting, , Yerevan, Armenia, June 19-21, 2015 (Armenian Best Paper Award)

Catholic University of Milan, 2014 Political Economy Workshop, 12-13 May, 2014 (discussant);

College of Business and Economics Seminar Series at American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia, 7th of February, 2014 (presentation);

University of Milan-Bicocca, Work in progress seminar. Milan, Italy, October, 2013 (presentation);

ECORE Summer School, “Governance and Economic Behaviour”, Leuven, Belgium, May 2013 (presentation);

European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting 2013, 3-6 April, Zurich, Switzerland (presentation);

Blackboard Workshop in Welfare Economics, CORE – Catholic University of Louvain, April 2012 (presentation);

Economics Education and Research Consortium (EERC) 30<sup>th</sup> Workshop, Kiev School of Economics, Kiev, Ukraine, July 2011 (presentation of research project proposal);

Milan Microeconomics Reading Group, Catholic University of Milan, June 2011, (presentation);

ECORE Summer School, “Market Failure and Market Design”, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, May 2011

### **WORK EXPERIENCE (Recent)**

September 2014 – date	Assistant Professor	American University of Armenia
September 2012 – August 2014	Senior Lecturer	Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University
September 2012 – August 2014	Senior Consultant	AVAG Solutions Ltd, Consulting Yerevan, Armenia
March 2005 – August 2009 (full time since April 2008)	Consultant (Economist)	AVAG Solutions Ltd, Consulting Yerevan, Armenia
October 2006 – March 2008 (full-time)	Local Expert, Deputy Director at the Centre of European Law and Integration	GOPA Consultants, Project ECEILAW - EU funded project, Yerevan, Armenia

## **SELECTED CONSULTANCY PROJECTS**

- Study on Trade Facilitation in South Caucasus / ISET Policy Institute (ISET-PI) / UNDP (**Role: Armenia Country Expert**) (March – July 2017)
- The Court Users’ Satisfaction Survey; Strengthening the Independence, Professionalism and Accountability of the Justice System in Armenia /Council of Europe/Europe Union (**Role: Individual Consultant: Data Analyst/Economist**) (July-September 2016)
- Assistance to Tax code development for Armenia, AVAG Solutions/Deloitte Consulting/USAID/Ministry of Finance (**Role: Consulting on Excise taxation reforms and Personal Income Tax deductions in Armenia**) (July-August 2015)
- Social-economic assessment of the projected contribution of the Amulsar Gold Project (Role: Responsible for analysis and Reporting) (December 2014 – February 2015; AVAG Solutions/ for Lydian International)
- Assistance in the review of water tariffs in Armenia, Willingness to Pay survey (**Role: Willingness to pay survey methodology consultant**), (May – August 2014; AVAG Solutions/ DHInfrastructure LLC/ World Bank)
- Training for the specialists of Ministry of Finance on the methods of assessing tax expenditures under the Tax Reform Project. (**Role: developer and trainer**), (April – May, 2014; AVAG Solutions/Deloitte Consulting/USAID)
- Deepening Policy Based Budgeting and Strengthening Public Investment Management Systems in Armenia (**Role: Consultant on Public Investment Management**). (February – August; 2014; AVAG Solutions/Ministry of Finance/World Bank)
- Public Finance Management in South Caucasus, Assistance to Ministry of Finance and other authorities in implementing Program Budgeting reforms, (January 2013 – February 2014; GIZ);
- Tax exemptions assessment project, (August – September, 2013; State Revenue Committee of Armenia / World Bank);
- Assistance to Finalize Draft Armenia Development Strategy Document (Consultant, April 2013 – date; AVAG Solutions/USAID);
- Tax Reform Project (TRP), (Consultant, January 2013 – date; AVAG Solutions/Deloitte Consulting/USAID);
- **Armenia Development Strategy (ADS) for 2012-2025 (Consultant on Economic development issues and responsible for Labor Market section of the Strategy, September – December, 2012; AVAG Solutions/USAID);**
- Measurement of True Costs Related to Medical Processes in Armenian Hospitals (Consultant; October 2008 – August 2009; AVAG Solutions Ltd/ Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia / World Bank) (**full-time**);
- Measurement of True Costs Related to Medical Processes in Armenian Hospitals (Consultant; Oct 2008 – Aug 2009; AVAG Solutions Ltd/ Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia / World Bank);
- Armenia: Lake Sevan – PPP Advisory Services (Expert; Apr 2008 – Aug 2009; AVAG Solutions Ltd/State Water Committee of the Ministry of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia / EBRD);
- Competitiveness and Financial Resources Management Study of Armenian enterprises (Survey and analysis coordinator; Mar 2006 – Jun 2008; Russian-Armenian University/Central Bank of Armenia);

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Not peer reviewed)**

- “Effects of liberalization of Telecom markets in developing countries: Armenia 1998-2008 case study”, Invited paper submitted to 11th International Conference on Transparent Optical Networks (ICTON 2009, special session on market in telecommunications), June 28 - July 2, 2009 - Island of São Miguel, Azores, Portugal
- “Integration of European higher education system and participation of Armenia in this process” CELI

Research paper, published with support of European Union, Yerevan State University, Republic of Armenia, 2008 (Co-Author: Dr. Grigor Hayrapetyan)

- “Armenian economy in the light of Copenhagen Economic criteria of European Integration” CELI Research paper, published with support of European Union, Yerevan State University, Republic of Armenia, 2007 (Co-Author: Dr. Grigor Hayrapetyan) (in Armenian)
- “Selected approaches of motivating Foreign direct investments in Armenia”, Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Armenia, Economic research institute, *Socio-economic contemporary problems of the Republic of Armenia Journal*, Issue 9, March 2007, pages 596-603 (in Russian)
- “Corporate sector development conditions in Armenia: role and extent of foreign participation”, *Armenia: Finance and Economy Journal*, Issue 1 (78), January 2007, pages 45-49 (in Russian)
- “Foreign direct investments and corporate governance” *Armenia: Finance and Economy Journal*, Issue 12-13 (60-61) August-September 2005, pages 6-11 (Co-author: Prof. Edward Sandoyan, PhD) (in Armenian)

## **REFERENCES**

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## **LANGUAGES**

Armenian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), Italian (Intermediate)

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

MS Office, Stata, Matlab (basic), SPSS, Latex