

ALEXANDRA RUSU

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EMPLOYMENT

Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation, Paris (France)

A1 Economist, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

2021 -

- I coordinate “What helps firms in regions”, a large-scale project co-funded by the European Commission where we study the main regional drivers and barriers of firm performance

CPB Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Hague (the Netherlands)

2020/21

Policy Economist, Department of Environmental Economics

- I coordinated a three-person team which provided advice on Dutch green innovation policies
- I contributed to the analysis of proposals of large-scale infrastructure investment

European Commission, DG TAXUD, Brussels (Belgium)

2019/20

Tax Economist, Department of Economic Analysis of the Commission’s Tax Directorate

- As country desk and coordinator for the European Semester, I liaised with EU governments about tax policy (especially corporate profit taxation and labour taxation)
- Used data and economic theory to analyse the effects of proposals for European tax reforms, especially in international corporate taxation and EU own resources

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam (the Netherlands)

2013/19

Lecturer and Trainer, various departments (Economics, University College)

- Organised seminars and lectures, created course content and coordinated research projects
- Selected, trained and coordinated more than 150 undergraduate teaching assistants. Designed and ran courses to improve teaching assistant's class performance: public speaking, class management, how to explain complex material. Redesigned an undergraduate writing course for 700+ students.
- Designed, ran and analysed a field experiment to improve student participation.

Code for Romania, Bucharest (Romania)

2015/19

Co-founder and Project Manager

- I managed a multidisciplinary project of 20+ volunteers to bring more transparency to Romanian public life by digitalising and presenting publicly available information on Romanian MPs.
- Co-founded an NGO that brings together volunteers with digital skills with civil tech projects

EDUCATION

PhD in Public Economics

2020

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam (the Netherlands)

Thesis title: *Essays in Public Economics*. Advisors: Bas Jacobs (main), Dinand Webbink

Fields: Public finance (optimal capital and labour taxation), corruption, public procurement

MPhil in Economics

2013

Tinbergen Institute (University of Amsterdam), Amsterdam (the Netherlands)

Thesis title: *Optimal Capital Income Taxation with Liquidity Constraints*. Advisor: Bas Jacobs

Specialisation tracks: Macroeconomics and Empirical Microeconomics

BSc in Economics and Business Economics

2011

University of Utrecht, Rotterdam

Awarded with honours and cum laude

Specialisation tracks: Monetary and Financial Economics, International Economics

RESEARCH AND POLICY REPORTS

Why is the Long-run Tax on Capital Income Zero? Reinterpreting the Chamley-Judd Result (with Bas Jacobs) - revision requested

Optimal Capital Income Taxation with Heterogeneous Returns (with Aart Gerritsen, Bas Jacobs, Kevin Spiritus) - revision requested

You Sponsor Mine, I Procure Yours: Pharmaceutical Sponsorships and Hospital Procurement (*Job Market Paper*)

Green Innovation Policies: a Literature and Policy Review (with Esther Mot, Arjan Trinks). *CPB background document*

Romania's Weak Fiscal State: What Explains It and What Can Still Be Done about It (with Cornel Ban). *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Report*

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Teaching

Erasmus University Rotterdam. <i>Seminar in Economic Policy (MSc)</i> (lecturer)	2019
Erasmus University College. <i>Macroeconomics (BSc)</i> (lecturer, course coordinator)	2017
Erasmus University College. <i>International Economics (BSc)</i> (lecturer)	2017
Erasmus University College. <i>Data Visualisation (BSc)</i> (teaching assistant)	2017
Erasmus University Rotterdam. <i>Advanced Public Economics (MSc)</i> (lecturer)	2014, 2015
Erasmus University Rotterdam. <i>Macroeconomics (BSc)</i> (lecturer)	2013, 2014, 2015
Tinbergen Institute. <i>Mathematics of Optimisation (PhD)</i> (teaching assistant)	2012
Tinbergen Institute. <i>Matlab for Econometrics (PhD)</i> (teaching assistant)	2012
Tinbergen Institute. <i>Statistics (PhD)</i> (teaching assistant)	2012

Conference presentations

European Regional Science Association, Pecs, Hungary	2022
International Institute for Public Finance, Glasgow, Scotland	2019
Cnossen Forum, Rotterdam, the Netherlands	2019
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Brussels, Belgium	2019
Conference of the Romanian Academic Economists, Romania	2015, 2018
Iseo Nobel Prize Summer School, Iseo, Italy	2017
International Institute for Public Finance Summer School, Warsaw, Poland	2015
European Economics Association, Toulouse, France	2014
Erasmus University College. <i>International Economics (BSc)</i> (lecturer)	2017

Erasmus University College. Data Visualisation (BSc) (teaching assistant)	2017
Erasmus University Rotterdam. Advanced Public Economics (MSc) (lecturer)	2014, 2015
International Institute for Public Finance Summer School, Lugano, Switzerland	2014
Workshop on Economic Theory, Bielefeld, Germany	2014
Dutch Economists Day, Amsterdam, the Netherlands	2014

OTHER POSITIONS

President, Erasmus PhD Association, Rotterdam, the Netherlands	2014/15
Chair, Tinbergen Institute Student Council, Amsterdam, the Netherlands	2012

SKILLS

Computer skills

Stata: proficient. Python: advanced. Matlab: proficient. Office: advanced. R: beginner

Languages

	Reading and Listening	Speaking	Writing
<i>Romanian</i>	Mother tongue		
<i>English</i>	Proficient C2	Proficient C2	Proficient C2
<i>French</i>	Fluent C1	Fluent C1	Fluent C1
<i>Dutch</i>	Fluent C1	Fluent C1	Intermediate B2
<i>Spanish</i>	Fluent C1	Intermediate B1	Basic A2

Other qualifications

Datacamp: Intermediate Python, Python Data Science Toolbox 1 & 2
 University Teaching Qualification - required for Assistant Professors in the Netherlands
 Oracle Certified Associate Exam 1 - Database and Programming with SQL