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Non-refereed Publications and Book Chapters:

- "Assessment of the relations between education and migration in Ukraine", ILO, forthcoming (with T.Coupe)
- "Private employment agencies in Ukraine and their role in assisting labour migrants", ILO, forthcoming
- "Innovation, Adoption, Ownership, and Productivity: Evidence from Ukraine" in *Economic and Social Consequences of Restructuring in Russia and Ukraine*, ed. by Tilman Brück and Hartmut Lehmann, Palgrave Macmillan (with D.Brown, J.Earle and V. Zheka)

Reports:

- "Social Assistance System Modernization Project Impact Evaluation: Final Report", 2010, Ministry of Labor of Ukraine and World Bank, RFP #4807-42 (with D. Nizalov and O.Nizalova)
- "Social Assistance System Modernization Project Impact Evaluation: Interim Report", 2009, Ministry of Labor of Ukraine and World Bank, RFP #4807-42 (with D. Nizalov and O. Nizalova)

Work in Progress:

- "Social Assistance System Modernization and Participation of the Poor", with O. Nizalova and D.Nizalov
- "Does NEG tell something about occupational choice?", with V. Ivanova and Ph. Ushchev
- "Has skills mismatch among Ukrainian migrants reduced in 2010-2012?"
- "Remittance dependency and realized uncertainty: do they explain household spending patterns during the crisis"
- "Social Assistance System Modernization: Background Paper", with O. Nizalova and D. Nizalov

Working papers:

- Tom Coupe & Hanna Vakhitova, 2013. "Costs and Benefits of Labour Mobility between the EU and the Eastern Partnership Partner Countries: Ukraine Country Study", Working Paper, CASE, Warsaw.
- Tom Coupe & Hanna Vakhitova, 2011. "Recent Dynamics of Returns to Education in Transition Countries," Discussion Papers 39, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Ganna Vakhitova & Christopher R. Bollinger, 2011. "Labor Market Return to Computer Skills: Using Microsoft Certification to Measure Computer Skills," Discussion Papers 46, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Maryia Akulava & Ganna Vakhitova, 2010. "The Impact of FDI on Firm's Performance across Sectors: Evidence from Ukraine," Discussion Papers 26, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Ganna Vakhitova & Tetyana Pavlenko, 2010. "Innovation and Productivity: a Firm Level Study of Ukrainian Manufacturing Sector," Discussion Papers 27, Kyiv School of Economics.
- Ganna Vakhitova & Irina Mislitskaya, 2009. "Remittances for the Republic of Moldova: a way to survive or a chance to succeed?" Working Paper, Kyiv School of Economics.

Consulting, grants and policy research:

- "Private employment agencies in Ukraine and their role in assisting labour migrants" as a part of "Effective Governance of Labour Migration and its Skills Dimension" project, ILO, EuropeAid/128764/C/ACT/Multi, consultant, 2013
- "Assessment of the relations between education and migration in Ukraine" as a part of "Effective Governance of Labour Migration and its Skills Dimension" project, ILO, EuropeAid/128764/C/ACT/Multi, consultant, 2011-2013
- "Competition Regimes Around the World A Civil Society Report", country report for Ukraine, CUTS, reviewer, 2012.
- "Migration and labour mobility. Case study for Ukraine" as a part of "Costs and Benefits of Labour

Mobility between the EU and the Eastern Partnership Partner Countries" project, European Commission, ENPI/Labour_Mobility/2011, consultant, 2011-2012

- "Open Budget Initiative", International Budget Partnership, USA, peer reviewer, 2008, 2010, 2012.
- "The Dynamics of Returns to Education in Ukraine" World Bank, background study for the Country Economic Memorandum, with T. Coupe, STCA #7758200, consultant, 2010
- "Social Assistance System Modernization Project Impact Evaluation", Ministry of Labor, Ukraine with World Bank, with D. Nizalov, O. Nizalova, O. Bilyk, grant RFP #4807-42, consultant, 2008-2010
- "Remittances for the Republic of Moldova: a way to survive or a chance to succeed?" with Mislitskaya, shortlisted (top 3%) for the GDN 2009 Medals for Research on Development Competition
- "Migration and skills", European Training Foundation with GFK Ukraine, consultant, 2007

Presentations:

- "Recent development in migration and migration policy: evidence from Ukraine", invited speaker at 6th IZA/ASE Workshop on EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets in Bucharest, Romania, Nov. 2013
- "Private employment agencies in Ukraine and their role in assisting labour migrants", presented to the national stakeholders at the validation seminar in the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine / ILO, Sept. 2013
- "Has skills mismatch among Ukrainian migrants reduced in 2010-2012?", presented at IMISCOE, Malmo, Sweden, Aug. 2013
- "Social Assistance System Modernization and Participation of the Poor", with O. Nizalova and D. Nizalov, presented at GDN conference, June 2013, Manila, Philippines
- "Relations between education and migration in Ukraine", presented to the national stakeholders at the validation seminar in the Ministry of Education and Science, Youth and Sport of Ukraine, Nov. 2012
- "European partnership and labour mobility. Country Report: Ukraine", presented at ENPI Workshop in Krakow, Poland, May 2012
- "Does it pay to study? The dynamics of return to education in Ukraine", presented at WIEM, Warsaw, Poland, July 2012
- "Central budget transparency: World experience and modern Ukraine", presented at KSE/BEROC seminar for the media, Ukraine, May 2011
- "Remittances for the Republic of Moldova: a way to survive or a chance to succeed?" with I.Mislitskaya, presented at the GDN 2009 Medal Competition, Prague, Jan.2010; SITE workshop, Suzdal, Aug. 2009
- "Innovation and productivity: a firm level study of Ukrainian manufacturing sector" with T.Pavlenko, presented at SITE, May 2010; International Conference on Innovation Competitiveness and Growth, Institute of economics, Zagreb, Croatia, Nov. 2008
- "Innovation, adoption, ownership, and productivity: evidence from Ukraine" with D.Brown, J.Earle and V. Zheka, presented at the conference "Advancing the Study of Innovation and Globalization in Organizations (ASIGO)", IAB, Germany, May, 2009; ESCIRRU workshop in Berlin, Germany, Feb. 2008
- "What do we know about firm-paid general training? The case of Microsoft certification" presented at International Conference on Economics of Education, Firm Behavior and Training Policies, University of Zurich, Switzerland, June 2008
- "Free economic zones at glance: analyzing FEZs in Ukraine as a policy instrument", with M. Vyshnia, presented at EERC, Ukraine, Oct. 2006
- "Certification of IT professionals: are returns really that high?" presented at SWEA, USA, March 2004

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Interviews and publications in the media:

- "People on the move" (in Russian), Forbes Ukraine, Nov. 2013
- About targeted social assistance, (in Russian), interview at the program "Social Status" on *Tonis TV Channel*, Oct.2013
- "In England to pick strawberries?", (in Ukrainian), *Chas Kyivschiny*, May, 2013. http://chask.net/?p=15083
- "It is more profitable for Ukraine to export labour than metal", (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, Nov. 2012. http://forbes.ua/author/32218
- "Cheat-sheet for Azarov: which reforms would young economists run in the Prime Minister's shoes?", *Kontrakty*, June, 2012. http://kontrakty.ua/article/49532
- "How much does your window view cost" with V. Vakhitov, (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, June 2012
- "25 years of private business in Ukraine: 2001-2005 growth" with V. Vakhitov, (in Russian), *Forbes Ukraine*, Dec. 2011. <u>http://forbes.ua/author/32218</u>
- On pension reform in Ukraine, (in Russian), interview for ERA TV channel, June 2011
- "Pension reform can gain supporters", (in Russian), *Delovaya Stolitsa*, and *Podrobnosti*, June 2011, http://podrobnosti.ua/opinion/2011/06/03/773370.html
- "If forewarned, the retirement age can be raised" (in Russian), *Comments.UA*, April, 2011. http://money.comments.ua/2011/04/06/244831/ekspert-zaranee.html
- "The Pension reform: where the wind of change blows?" (in Russian), *Dialog.ua*, March, 2011. http://dialogs.org.ua/dialog.php?id=122&op_id=1818#1818
- "Where are seniors living well?" (in Russian), *Gazeta po-kievski*, Jan., 2011. http://mycityua.com/news/world/2011/01/11/001653.html,print=1
- "Throw away your diploma the state needs only stupid low-skilled" (in Russian), *Gazeta po-kievski*, Nov.14, 2010. http://cripo.com.ua/?sect_id=4&aid=102255
- "Lagging behind or in the shadow" (in Russain), Delo, Nov., 2010. http://www.day.kiev.ua/317783
- "Ukraine's migration policy: Is reciprocity fair and efficient?" with V. Vakhitov, (in English), *KyivPost*, Dec., 2007. http://www.kyivpost.com/opinion/oped/27882/

Supervision of Graduate Student Research:

Master students –	Cusmaunsa Egor, Gresilova Ina (2013); Loginova Kateryna, Riabikina Elena
Thesis Advisor	(2012); Pruglo Kira (2011); Dopira Mykhailo, Alina Aleksyeyenko (2010);
	Bogutskiy Vladyslav, Iurchenko Oksana, Mislitskaia Irina, Shulgat Valeria,
	Sikora Irina (2009); Akulava Maria, Tetyana Pavlenko, Myroslava Protsiv,
	Iryna Oleksyn (2008)

Service to organization:

Committees: Thesis Defense committee, Curriculum committee, Research Staff Recruitment committee

Other services: KSE student conference Academic Director (2006-2012), student recruitment trips, participation in the development of courses for new KSE programs, development of Thesis formatting guidelines

Community and public service:

- Selected lectures in Economics in various universities in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus
- Recommendations to the Ministry of Statistics concerning statistical data use
- Interviews to various Ukrainian media
- Contributions to the Free Policy Brief Series at http://freepolicybriefs.org/ (managed by SITE)

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