

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2016 – Present

Visiting Professor

Department of Economics, University of Leuven (Belgium) (part time)

October 2010 – Present

Full Professor

Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) (full time)

Lecturing, projects, consulting, policy advising in areas:

- Macroeconomics 2
- European Monetary System
- Globalization and Trade
- International Competitiveness
- International Trade Policy
- Applied International Trade Analysis
- Strategic Challenges of Slovenian Logistics
- Corruption and Development
- Global Institutional Economics (MBA)

January 1993 – September 2010

Research Assistant
Assistant Professor
Associate Professor

Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

July 1991 – December 1992

Advisor

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Economic policy advising

Positions held

- Since 2004 Research Fellow at LICOS, Centre for Economies in Transition, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2004-5 Vice President of the Council of Economic Advisors to the Prime Minister of Slovenia
- 2005 President of the Economic Reforms Committee to the Slovenian Government
- 2005-6 Minister for Growth, Government of the Republic of Slovenia
- 2006-8 Guest Professor at Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, Austria
- Since 2011 Research Fellow at VIVES, University of Leuven, Belgium

Visiting positions

- 2005 European Commission, Brussels, DG EcFin, Visiting Researcher
- 2006-2008 Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Visiting Professor, Vienna, Austria
- 2011-2012 University of Leuven, Visiting Research Fellow

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2004** **Post-doc Research in Economics**
LICOS, University of Leuven (Belgium)
- 1998** **PhD in Economics**
Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 1995 – 1998** **PhD study in Economics**
Universität Kiel, Germany, Kiel (Germany) and Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 1995** **MA in Economics**
Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 1992** **BA in Economics**
Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Slovenian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Croatian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
Serbian	C2	C2	C2	C1	C1
Macedonian	B1	A2			

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills Team spirit; Ability to adapt in multicultural environments; Good communication skills.

Organisational / managerial skills Leadership; Project experience; Project team management; Coordination of budgets and projects at EU level.

Policy expertise 2004-2005: Vice-President of the Council of Economic Advisors to the Prime Minister of Slovenia.
2005: President of a Board of Reforms - an advisory body to the Slovenian government - preparing a package of structural reforms to promote growth and employment.
2005-2006: Minister for Growth in the Slovenian government responsible for coordination and implementation of structural reforms in Slovenia.
2008 - Present: Special economic advisor to the Slovenian government and its agencies and to National Assembly on various economic policy issues.

Curriculum Vitae

Consultancy expertise Frequent business consultancy to individual firms, government agencies and international organizations in the fields of:

Area Telecommunications, Transport and logistics, Finance, Energy sector, Corporate integrity, Public finance, Trade liberalization, Market structure & competition, Labor markets

Major contractors

National agencies

Ministry of finance, Republic of Slovenia
Ministry of economy, Republic of Slovenia
National Assembly, Republic of Slovenia
Agency for communication networks and services of the Republic of Slovenia
State Attorney's Office, Republic of Slovenia
Chamber of Economy

International organizations

European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
European Commission, DG Enterprise
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Partnerships

Grant Thornton Advisory (since 2018)

Computer skills

Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools (Word™, Excel™ and PowerPoint™), STATA, SPSS, Matlab, Mathematica, EVIEWS;
Basic knowledge of graphic design applications (Adobe Illustrator™, PhotoShop);

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Leadership

2001-2005: *Slovenian Macroeconomic Forum (SMF)* – Founder and member
2004-2005: *Board of Reforms* (an advisory body to the Slovenian government) – Founder and President
2004-Present: *Forum for Research in International Trade (FREIT)*, Co-founder and Associate Director
2013-Present: *Slovenian Corporate Integrity* – Coordinator of the project, the Academy and seminars
2016-2017: *Civil Board Oversight* of the project 2nd Railway Line Koper-Divača, Co-founder and Member

Outside recognition

1980: *Vega prize (mathematics)*
1993: Faculty of Economics' Prešeren award for out-performing Student thesis
1995-6: DAAD (Germany) Fellowship
2001: EARIE young economist prize
2003: GDN prize in category Trade and Foreign Direct Investment
2004: KU Leuven (Belgium) Research Council Research Grant
2005: European Commission, Brussels, DG EcFin, Visiting Research fellowship
Most internationally cited Slovenian economist in past 10 years (according to [ARRS](#), [Repec](#) and [Google scholar](#))

Media presence

Since 1992: Regular weekly columns in newspapers (Finance, Delo), invited columns in newspapers (Dnevnik, Večer) and magazines (Gospodarski vestnik, Bančni vestnik, Manager, Mladina)
Since 1995: Regular appearance in TV (TV Slovenija, Pop TV, Kanal A, Planet) and radio informative news shows and debates
Since 2000: Frequent keynote speaker at major Slovenian business events (Chamber of Economy events, Managers Association events, Ljubljana Stock Exchange events, Bank Association events, Unicredit business events)
Running the most read Economics blog in Slovenia – [DAMIJAN blog](#)

Research and policy analysis interests International trade, foreign direct investment, innovation, economic geography, corporate governance, macroeconomics

Editorial work 2010-2014: Economic and Business Review, Associate Editor.

Memberships Since 1998: IB Review, Member of Editorial Board
Since 1998: Economic and Business Review, Member of Editorial Board
Since 2004: Forum for Research in International Trade (FREIT), Associate Director
Since 2006: International Study Group for Economic Performance (ISGEP)
Since 2012: Economic Systems, Member of Editorial Board

Organization of conferences Since 2004: (annual) Ljubljana Empirical Trade Conference
2009: EARIE conference, Ljubljana
since 2009: (annual) FIW Trade workshop, Vienna
2011-2014: Economic and Business Review Conference (annual)

International research projects **2019-2022: Horizon 2020 project: GROWINPRO** - Growth Welfare Innovation Productivity. Coordinator: Scuola Superiore di Santa Anna.
2018-2021: FWO-ARRS Lead Agency- Firm-level hubs and impact of granularity on the propagation of shocks and aggregate output fluctuations in a small open economy (with University of Leuven)
2017-2020: CELSA Research Fund — Firm-level hubs and impact of granularity on the propagation of shocks and aggregate output fluctuations in a small open economy (with University of Leuven).
2015-2016: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) — Labor Market Polarization in Advanced Countries: Impact of Global Value Chains, Technology, Import Competition from China and Labor Market Institutions.
2014-2017: Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) — Determinants and effects of Slovenian firms' positioning in global value chains. Team leader
2012-2015: 7th Framework project: SIMPATIC — Social Impact Policy Analysis of Technological Innovation Challenges. Coordinator: Bruegel (UB).
2012-2015: 7th Framework project: GRINCOH — Growth-Innovation-Competitiveness: Fostering Cohesion in Central and Eastern Europe. Coordinator: Uniwersytet Warszawski (UW).
2010-2013: 7th Framework project: Servicegap — The Impact of Service Sector Innovation and Internationalisation on Growth and Productivity. Coordinator: University of Birmingham (UB).
2010-2013: 7th Framework project: Marie Curie Actions—Networks for Initial Training (ITN) - ManETEI— Management of Emerging Technologies for Economic Impact. Coordinator: University of Leeds (UL).
2006-2010: 6th Framework project: MYCRO-DYN - The competitiveness of firms, regions and industries in the knowledge-based economy: What room for job-rich growth in Europe? Coordinator: Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW).
2006-2008: 6th Framework project: DYNREG - Dynamic Regions in a Knowledge – Driven Global Economy: Lessons and Policy Implications for the EU. Coordinator: Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).
2005-2007: 6th Framework project: U-KNOW - Understanding the relationship between Knowledge and Competitiveness in the enlarging European Union. Coordinator: Institute for Economic Research Halle (IWH).
2005-2006: Global Development Network project: The Effects of Trade Liberalization on Trade Flows and Firms' Performance in South Eastern Europe, WIIW – The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies
2003-2005: 5th Framework project: COMPPRESS - Competitive pressure and its social consequences in EU member states and in associated countries; Coordinator: Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
2002-2003: Global Development Network project: Case-by-case versus mass privatization in transition economies: Owner and seller effects on performance of firms in Slovenia; CERGE-EI Foundation.

Publications *Most recent Academic papers*

Damijan, J.P. (2018), [Corporate financial soundness and its impact on firm performance: Implications for corporate debt restructuring in Slovenia](#). *Post-Communist Economies*, 30 (2): 156-192, January 2018.

Breemersch, K., J.P. Damijan and J. Konings (2018), What Drives Labor Market Polarization in Advanced Countries? The Role of China and Technology, Industrial and Corporate Change,

forthcoming, 2018.

Burger, A., J.P. Damijan, Č. Kostevc & M. Rojec (2017). [Determinants of Firm Performance and Growth during Economic Recession: The Case of Central and Eastern European Countries](#). *Economic Systems*, 41 (4): 569-590.

Damijan S. & J.P. Damijan (2017). [Impact of corruption and shadow economy on macroeconomic efficiency losses in Central and Eastern European and former Soviet Union economies](#). VIVES Discussion Paper 62.

Breemersch, K., J.P. Damijan & J. Konings (2017), [Labour Market Polarization in Advanced Countries: Impact of Global Value Chains, Technology, Import Competition from China and Labour Market Institutions](#). *OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers*, No. 197 (2017), OECD Publishing, Paris.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc and M. Rojec (2017), [Not Every Kind of Outward FDI Increases Parent Firm Performance: The Case of New EU Member States](#), *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, 53 (1): 74-97, January 2017.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc and M. Rojec (2017), [Exporting status and success in innovation: Evidence from CIS micro data for EU countries](#) (with Č. Kostevc and M. Rojec), *The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, 6 (5): 585-611, May 2017.

Damijan, J.P. (2017), [Corporate financial soundness and its impact on firm performance: Implications for corporate debt restructuring in Slovenia](#). *Post-Communist Economies*, forthcoming October 2017.

Damijan, J.P. (2016), [Corporate NPL portfolios in CESEE countries: how corporate leverage and debt spillovers affect firm performance](#). *EBRD Working Paper*, WP 191, August 2016.

Damijan, J.P., M. Stare (2015), [Do Innovation Spillovers Impact Employment and Skill Upgrading?](#), *The Service Industries Journal*, 35 (13): 728-745, September 2015.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc (2015), [Learning from Trade through Innovation: Causal Link between Imports, Exports and Innovation in Spanish Microdata](#). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 77 (3): 408-436.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc and S. Polanec (2015), [Access to finance, exporting and a non-monotonic firm expansion](#). *Empirica*, 42 (1): 131-155.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc and M. Rojec (2015), [Growing lemons and cherries? Pre- and post-acquisition performance of foreign-acquired firms in new EU-member states](#), *The World Economy*, 38 (4): 751-772.

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Damijan, J.P., J. Konings, S. Polanec (2014), [Import Churning and Export Performance of Multi-Product Firms](#). *The World Economy*, 37 (11): 1483-1506.

Damijan, J.P., S.A. Haller, V. Kaitila, M. Malirante, E. Milet and M. Rojec (2014), [A portrait of trading firms in the services sectors – Comparable evidence from four EU countries](#). *Review of World Economics*, 150 (3): 471-505.

Damijan, J.P., J. Konings, S. Polanec (2013), [Pass-on Trade: Why do Firms Simultaneously engage in Two-Way Trade in the Same Varieties?](#) *Review of World Economics*, 149 (1): 85-111.

Damijan, J.P., B. Majcen, M. Knell, M. Rojec (2013), [Impact of Firm Heterogeneity on Direct and Spillover Effects of FDI: Micro Evidence from Ten Transition Countries](#). *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 41 (3): 895-922.

Blagojevic, S., J.P. Damijan (2013), [Impact of Private Incidence of Corruption and Firm Ownership on Performance of Firms in Central and Eastern Europe](#). *Post-Communist Economies*, 25 (2): 133-158, June 2013.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc, M. Rojec (2012), [Does Innovation Help the Good or the Poor Performing Firms?](#) *Economic Letters*, 115 (1): 190-195.

Damijan, P.J., M. Rojec, M. Ferjančič (2011), [The growing export performance of transition economies: EU market access versus supply capacity factors](#). *Panoeconomicus*, 58 (4): 489-509.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc (2011), [Trade liberalization and economic geography in transition countries: Can FDI explain the adjustment pattern of regional wages?](#) *Post-Communist Economies*, 23 (2): 163-189.

Damijan, J.P. and T. Grublješič (2011), [Differences in Export Behavior of Services and Manufacturing Firms in Slovenia](#). *Economic and Business Review*, 13(1-2): 77-105.

Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc, S. Polanec (2010), [From innovation to exporting or vice versa?](#) *The World Economy*, 32 (2): 374-398.

- Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc, M. Rojec (2010): Does foreign subsidiary's network status impact its innovation activity? Evidence from post-socialist economies. *Economic and Business Review*, 12 (3): 167-194.
- Damijan, J.P., J. De Sousa, O. Lamotte (2009), Does international openness affect productivity of local firms? Evidence from Southeastern Europe. *Economics of Transition*, 17 (3): 559–586.
- Bellak C., J.P. Damijan, M. Leibrecht (2009), Infrastructure endowment and corporate income taxes as determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in Central- and Eastern European Countries, *The World Economy*, 32 (2): 267-290.
- Damijan, J.P., M. Rojec (2008), Relocation via foreign direct investment from old to new EU member states: Scale and structural dimension of the process. *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, 19 (1): 53–65.
- Damijan, J.P., M. Rojec (2007), EU market access and growing export performance of transition countries. *South Eastern European Journal of Economics and Business*, 2, November: 31-42.
- Damijan, J.P., M. Rojec (2007), Foreign Direct Investment and Catching Up of New EU Member States: Is There a Flying Geese Pattern? *Applied Economics Quarterly*, 53 (2): 91-118.
- Damijan, J.P., S. Polanec, J. Prašnikar (2007), Outward FDI and Productivity: Micro-evidence from Slovenia, *The World Economy*, 30 (1): 135-155.
- Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc (2006), Learning-by-Exporting: Continuous Productivity Improvements or Capacity Utilization Effects? Evidence from Slovenian Firms, *Review of World Economics*, 142 (3): 599-614.
- Simoneti, M., J.P. Damijan, B. Majcen, M. Rojec (2005). Case-By-Case Versus Mass Privatization in Transition Economies: Owner and Seller Effects on Performance of Firms in Slovenia. *World Development*, 33 (10):1603-1625.
- Damijan, J.P., M. Knell (2005), How Important is Trade and Foreign Ownership in Closing the Technology Gap? Evidence from Estonia and Slovenia, *Review of World Economics*, 141 (2): 271-295.
- Damijan, J.P., M. Mrak (2005), Trade Reintegration of Southeast Europe: The Role of Slovenia, *Eastern European Economics*, vol. 43 (2): 25-56.

Monographs

Salvatore D., M. Svetličič and J.P. Damijan, eds. (2001): *Small Countries in a Globalised World: New Challenges and Opportunities*. Basingtoke: Palgrave.

Chapters in monographs

- Damijan, J.P., S. Damijan (2018), Corporate Governance In Slovenia. In: McGee R., K. Hussainey and Y. Mozhovyi: *Corporate Governance in Emerging Economies: Theory and Practice*. Virtus Interpress, 14-34, 2018.
- Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc (2017), [Effects of FDI in EU New member states in the age of global value chains](#) (with Č. Kostevc). In: Gnan, E. and R. Kronberger, [Schwerpunkt Außenwirtschaft 2016/2017](#). Direktinvestitionen: Trends, Erklärungsfaktoren, Barrieren, Chapter 10, 195-214, May 2017.
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- Damijan, J.P., Č. Kostevc, M. Rojec, A. Jaklič (2010), Knowledge spillovers, innovation and firm-level productivity growth in Slovenia. In: DYKER, David A. (ed.). *Network dynamics in emerging regions of Europe*. London: Imperial College Press; Hackensack (NJ); London: World Scientific, cop. 2010: 255-275.
- Damijan, J.P., A. Jaklič, M. Rojec (2006), Do external knowledge spillovers induce firms' innovations?: Evidence from Slovenia. In: Tavares, A.T., Teixeira, (ed). *Multinationals, Clusters, and Innovation*. Basingtoke: Palgrave: 27-47.
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Curriculum Vitae

wages in accession countries. In: Traistaru, Iulia, Nijkamp, Peter, Resmini, Laura (eds.). The emerging economic geography in EU accession countries, (Ashgate economic geography series). Aldershot: Ashgate, 2003: 372-404.

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