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Experience

- April 2024 to present **UNU-WIDER**
Research Associate
- August 2007 - 2024 **Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies (BICEPS; Riga, Latvia)**
Research Fellow · Applied economic research, policy advice.
- April 2004 - 2006 **Bank of Latvia**
Economist · Economic analysis, applied research.
- July 2000 - 2004 **Ministry of Finance of Latvia**
Senior Officer · Forecasting, economic analysis.

Education

- 2012 **Dr.oec.**
University of Latvia, Raina blvd. 19, Riga, LV-1586, Latvia
Thesis: An Econometric Evaluation of the Latvian Labour Market and How it Functions
- 2003 **Master degree in economics**
University of Latvia, Raina blvd. 19, Riga, LV-1586, Latvia
Thesis: Macroeconomic Model of the Latvian Economy
- 2001 **Bachelor of economics**
University of Latvia (EuroFaculty), Raina blvd. 19, Riga, LV-1586, Latvia

Publications

Journal publications

- Gavoille, N., Zasova, A. (2023). What we pay in the shadows: Labor tax evasion, minimum wage hike and employment. *Journal of Public Economics*, 228, 105027, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2023.105027>
- Beņkovskis, K., Fadejeva, L., Pluta, A., Zasova, A. (2023). Keeping the best of two worlds: Linking CGE and microsimulation models for policy analysis. *Latvijas Banka Working Paper No 1/2023*, *Forthcoming in International Journal of Microsimulation*.
- Gavoille, N., Zasova, A. (2023). Minimum wage spike and income underreporting: A back-of-the-envelope-wage analysis. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 51(1), 372-402., <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2022.08.003>
- Gavoille, N., Zasova, A. (2021). Foreign ownership and labor tax evasion: Evidence from Latvia. *Economics Letters*, 207, 110030. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2021.110030>

Working papers

- *Million Dollar Baby: Should Parental Benefits Depend on Wages When the Payroll Tax Evasion is Present?* (2021), with Vitalijs Jascisens, SSE Riga/BICEPS Research Paper No. 9
- *Hysteresis of Austerity: Evidence from a Large Scale Pension Reform* (2021), with Vitalijs Jascisens
- *Distributional effects of recent benefit and tax reforms in Latvia* (2018), with Anna Pluta, SSE Riga/BICEPS Occasional Paper No 11

- [Latvia Stumbling Towards Progressive Income Taxation: Episode II](#) (2017), with Anna Pluta, SSE Riga/BICEPS Occasional paper No 10
- [Structural or Cyclical? Unemployment in Latvia Since the 2008-09 Financial Crisis](#) (2013), with Daria Anosova, Konstantin Sonin and Alf Vanags, CEPR Discussion Papers 9525

Policy briefs and reports

- [Minimum wage policy and labour tax evasion](#) (2023), with Nicolas Gavoille, VoxEU column
- [Employment and Envelope Wages During the Covid-19 Crisis in Latvia](#) (2023), with Jānis Bērziņš and Nicolas Gavoille, FREE Policy Brief
- [Minimum Wage Spike and Income Underreporting](#) (2023), with Nicolas Gavoille, FREE Policy Brief
- [Foreign-Owned Firms and Labor Tax Evasion in Latvia](#) (2021), with Nicolas Gavoille, FREE Policy Brief
- [Transition and Beyond: Women on the Labour Market in the Context of Changing Social Norms](#) (2020), FROGEE Policy Brief
- [Economics of Childbearing and Pronatalist Policies](#) (2020), FROGEE policy brief
- [Latvia Stumbling Towards Progressive Income Taxation](#) (2016), with Alf Vanags, FREE Policy Brief
- [Gaming the System: Side Effects of Earnings-Dependent Benefits](#) (2017), with Vitalijs Jascisens, FREE policy brief
- [Latvia. National Study. Policies implemented in response to the financial and economic crisis of 2008, and their labour market impact](#) (2016), International Labour Organization
- [Equity and Efficiency in the Latvian Tax-Benefit System](#) (2014), with Anna Pluta (Zdanovica), FREE policy brief
- [The Distributional Impact of Austerity Measures in Latvia](#) (2012), with Olga Rastrigina, FREE policy brief

Selected conferences and workshops

- 2023 **5th Baltic Economic Conference, Riga**
Firms' response to negative shocks: an analysis of post-tax audit employment and wage adjustment
- 2023 **8th Shadow Conference "The Shadow Economy, Tax Evasion and Public Finances", Tallinn**
Firms response to negative shocks: an analysis of post-tax audit employment and wage adjustment
- 2022 **4th Baltic Economic Conference, Kaunas**
Minimum wage spike and income underreporting: a back-of-the-envelope-wage analysis
- 2021 **IZA, 'Thirty Years after the Fall of the Iron Curtain: The Contribution of Labor Market Adjustment to Transition and Convergence', online**
Million Dollar Baby: Should Parental Benefits Depend on Wages when the Payroll Tax Evasion is Present?
- 2019 **EEA-ESEM Manchester 2019**
Million Dollar Baby: Should Parental Benefits Depend on Wages When Payroll Tax Evasion is Present?

Technical skills

R, Stata, L^AT_EX

Languages

English, Russian, Latvian, Spanish (basic)