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- Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand – “Alleviating the Impact of the Credit Crunch in East Asia” (World Bank ASEM: 1998-99);
- Albania – “Italy-Albania Center for socio-economic analysis” (New Neighbourhood Programme Italy–Albania: 2007-08);
- China, Vietnam – “New Instruments for Handicraft & SMEs Asian Organisations (NIHAO)” (Asia-Invest Programme: 2008-09);
- Turkey – “Calculation of the FDI Stock in Turkey” (EU & Undersecretariat of Treasury, Ankara: 2005);
- Serbia – “Technical Assistance to the National Bank of Serbia in the Organisation of NBS securities auctions” (2004) and “Organisation of an Inter-Banking Money Market in Serbia” (2003) (EU projects at National Bank of Serbia);
- China – “Performance of City Commercial Banks in China” (2004-05) and “Corporate Governance in China” (2002-03) (ADB Institute);
- Asia-Europe Meeting Kuala Lumpur 18-20 October 2009 “Beyond the Global Crisis. A New Asian Growth Model?”.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from New York University (1987).

His research interests include: financial market imperfections and the transmission of monetary and financial shocks, banking structure, credit rating agencies, corporate governance, the finance-growth nexus, migration, company internationalization.

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