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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date and place of birth: 06.08.1986, Sigulda, Latvia

EMPLOYMENT

- 2020– Post-doctoral Research Fellow, European University Institute (EUI), Fiesole, Italy
- ERC funded Project "Wellbeing Returns on Social Investment Recalibration (WellSIRe)" led by Prof. Anton Hemerijck
- 2017–18 Research Assistant, part-time, European University Institute (EUI), Fiesole, Italy
- Project "Debt Crisis in Europe" supervised by Prof. Dorothee Bohle
- Project "The social investment case: family formation, employment and poverty in Europe" supervised by Prof. Anton Hemerijck
- 2015–16 Social Policy Consultant, Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI), Cape Town, SA/Brussels, Belgium
- Research & fieldwork: social protection programme assessments and child poverty analyses in Algeria, Kenya and Morocco
- 2011–14 Social and Economic Policy Consultant, UNICEF Office of Research (Innocenti), Florence, Italy
- Research & technical support on child poverty measurement for UNICEF and local partners in Europe, Africa, and the Arab States
- 2010 Junior Consultant, UNICEF Office of Research (Innocenti), Florence, Italy
- Research: Mapping of social protection systems and reforms in Europe and Central Asia

EDUCATION

- 2016–20 European University Institute (EUI), Fiesole, Italy
Doctoral programme in Political and Social Sciences
Thesis topic: Intergenerational inequality of educational opportunities; Supervisor: Prof. Fabrizio Bernardi. Defence: 9 March 2021
- 2019 University of Cambridge, UK
Visiting scholar at the Research for Equitable Access and Learning (REAL) Centre
Supervisors: Professor Ricardo Sabates, Professor Pauline Rose, Dr Rob Gruijters
- 2009–10 Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University, the Netherlands
MSc in Public Policy and Human Development (Specialization: Social Policy Design)
- 2005–09 University of Dundee, Scotland
MA in European Studies and International Relations (First class honours)
- 2007–08 Université Pierre-Mendès France, Grenoble, France
Erasmus exchange with a university diploma: Administration et Politique Internationales

TEACHING

- 2020–21 Lecturer to BA and MA students, University of Salzburg, Austria
- Seminar 'Inequality and Public Policy'
- Seminar 'Inequality in educational & employment opportunities: social origin, gender & the welfare state'
- 2019 Teacher Training Certificate, obtained at the European University Institute (EUI)
- 2017 Teaching Assistant in 'Quantitative Methods' to PhD students, European University Institute (EUI), Italy
- 2011–16 Lecturer to MSc students, University of Mauritius, Mauritius
Seminar 'Quantitative Social Protection Analysis'
- Duration: 60 contact hours per academic year (taught every January)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Hemerijck, A. and Plavgo, I. 'Measuring returns on social investment beyond here-and-now redistribution: a commentary on Parolin and Van Lancker's response article'. *Journal of European Social Policy* (Accepted for publication: 04.03.2021. DOI: 10.1177/09589287211018144)

Plavgo, I. and Hemerijck, A. (2020). 'The Social Investment Litmus Test: Family Formation, Employment and Poverty'. *Journal of European Social Policy* (Online First). DOI: 10.1177/0958928720950627

De Milliano, M. and I. Plavgo (2018). 'Analysing Multidimensional Child Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Findings Using an International Comparative Approach'. *Child Indicators Research*, 11(3) 805-833. DOI: 10.1007/s12187-017-9488-1

Chzhen, Y., de Neubourg, C., Plavgo, I., & de Milliano, M. (2016). 'Child Poverty in the European Union: The Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis Approach (EU-MODA)'. *Child Indicators Research*, 9(2), 335-356. DOI: 10.1007/s12187-015-9321-7

Book chapters

Plavgo, I. (2021). 'Unequal educational trajectories in Ethiopia'. In Perna Banati (ed) *Sustainable Human Development Across the Life Course: Evidence from Longitudinal Research*, Bristol: Policy Press

Working Papers

Bernardi, F. and I. Plavgo (2019). 'Education as an equalizer for human development?' UNDP Human Development Report Background Paper No. 4-2019. NY: UNDP

Plavgo, I. and M. Sobocinski (forthcoming). 'How to explain policy recalibration and inertia? The case of post-1989 family policy in Latvia and Poland'. *SPS working paper series*, European University Institute, Florence

De Milliano, M. and I. Plavgo (2014). 'Cross Country Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis: Analysing Child poverty and deprivation in Sub-Saharan Africa'. *Working Paper 2014-19*, UNICEF Office of Research, Florence

De Neubourg, M. de Milliano, I. Plavgo (2014). 'Lost (in) Dimensions: Consolidating progress in multidimensional poverty research'. *Working Paper No. 2014-04*, UNICEF Office of Research, Florence

De Neubourg, C., J. Chai, M. de Milliano, I. Plavgo, Z. Wei (2012). 'Cross-country MODA Study: Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (MODA) - Technical note'. *Working Paper 2012-05*, UNICEF Office of Research

De Neubourg, C., J. Chai, M. de Milliano, I. Plavgo, Z. Wei (2012). 'Step-by-Step Guidelines to the Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (MODA)'. *Working Paper 2012-06*, UNICEF Office of Research, Florence

Reports

MAGG, UNICEF, SNU (2018). Mapping of the current social protection system in Morocco – Mapping de la Protection Sociale au Maroc. Ministère Délégué auprès du Chef du Gouvernement chargé des Affaires Générales et de la Gouvernance (MAGG), UNICEF, Nations Unies Maroc [co-author]

KNBS (2017). Child Poverty in Kenya: A Multidimensional Approach. Kenya National Bureau of Statistics [lead author]

MAGG, UNICEF (2016). Vision pour une politique intégrée de protection sociale au Maroc. Ministère Délégué auprès du Chef du Gouvernement chargé des Affaires Générales et de la Gouvernance (MAGG) et UNICEF [co-author]

Plavgo, I., Kibur, M., Bitew, M., Gebreselassie, T., Matsuda, Y., Pearson, R. (2013). Multidimensional Child Deprivation Trend Analysis in Ethiopia. Further analysis of the 2000, 2005 and 2011 Demographic and Health Surveys data. Calverton, MD: ICF International and UNICEF

American Institute for Research (2013). Targeting Report for Zimbabwe's Harmonised Social Cash Transfer. Washington, DC [co-author]

Plavgo, I. (2010). Evaluation of the Placement for Training Programme under the Empowerment Programme in Mauritius. Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

Policy Briefs

Plavgo, I. and de Milliano, M. (2014). Multidimensional Child Deprivation and Monetary Poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. MODA In Brief 7. Innocenti Working Paper No. 2014-19, Florence, Italy

Plavgo, I. de Milliano, M. Handa, S. (2013). The Cost of Social Cash Transfer Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Transfer Project Research Brief 2013-01: Chapel Hill, NC: Carolina Population Center, UNC-Chapel Hill

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WITH PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- 2020 - ECSR Online Conference for Early Career Researchers, 2 July 2020, Amsterdam (Online)
- 2019 - InGRID-2 Workshop 'Comparative Analysis of Longitudinal Data on Educational Outcomes', Berlin
- ECSR Annual Conference on inequality over the life course, 12-14 September 2019, Lausanne
- ISA RC28 Spring Meeting on stratification, mobility and inequality, 21-23 March 2019, Frankfurt
- 2018 - ECSR 2nd Thematic Workshop *Wealth Inequality and Mobility*: 6-7 Dec 2018, Luxembourg
- ESPANet Conference (European Network for Social Policy Analysis): 30 Aug - 1 Sept 2018, Vilnius
- Conference *100th Anniversary of Latvia, 20th Anniversary of Protection of the Rights of the Child Law*, organized by The State Inspectorate for protection of Children's Rights: 15 May 2018, Riga.
- 2017 - Conference *Putting Children First: Identifying Solutions and Taking Action to Tackle Child Poverty and Inequality in Africa: 23-25 Oct 2017*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (organizers: EDRI, CROP, ESRC-DFID et al)
- Discussion *Today's children – the next century of Latvia*: 29 May 2017, Riga, organized by the cabinet of the President of Latvia, in collaboration with Child Wellbeing Network Latvia
- 2015 - ISCI Conference (International Society for Child Indicators): 2-4 Sept 2015, Cape Town, South Africa.

ADVISORY SERVICE

- 2019 UNDP Human Development Report (HDR) Consultation Meeting, 23 April, Qatar Foundation/WISE, Doha
- 2018 Advisory Board Member for the 15th UNICEF *Innocenti Report Card* series: 'An Unfair Start: Inequality in Children's Education in Rich Countries', UNICEF Office of Research.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2019 LIS Summer Workshop on Inequality and Poverty Measurement, Luxembourg
- 2019 ECSR Spring School "New and Old Data: Cutting-Edge Approaches to Quantitative Social Research", Italy
- 2019 IRVAPP Winter School "Fundamentals and Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies", Trento, Italy
- 2018 INGRID Winter School "Using EUROMOD in cross country microsimulation", ISER, Essex, UK

INTERNSHIPS

- 2010 Junior Consultant (3 months), National Empowerment Foundation (NEF), Port Louis, Mauritius
- 2008 Intern (2 months), Permanent Representation of the Republic of Latvia to the EU; Brussels

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia, Latvian grant for four years of full-time doctoral studies at the European University Institute (2016-2020)

REVIEWER SERVICE IN PEER-REVIEW JOURNALS

Development Southern Africa (2019)

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: Latvian (native), English (fluent C2), French (advanced C1), Italian (intermediate B2), Russian (basic), German (basic)

IT: MS Office (Word, Excel, Power Point); Statistical software STATA 16 (advanced); R (basic)