

## Curriculum Vitae Zaruhi M. Sahakyan

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### Education

2008    Ph.D. in Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign  
           Thesis: Political Economy of Immigration and Lobbying  
 2005    M.S. in Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign  
 2001    M.A. in International and Development Economics, Yale University  
 1999    B.A. in Economics, Summa Cum Laude, Yerevan State University

### Working Experience

08/2017 – present	Senior Lecturer of Economics, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
08/2016–08/2017	Lecturer of Economics, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
01/2009–08/2016	Lecturer of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
2013–2016	Faculty Affiliate, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign
2003–2008	Graduate Teaching Assistant for Microeconomic Principles, Economic Statistics, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign
2004–2005	Webmaster, Department of Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign
2001–2003	Research Assistant for Prof. Gustav Ranis, Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
2001	Research Assistant for Prof. Robert J. Shiller, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, Yale University
2001	Research Assistant for Dr. Claire Gaudiani, Senior Research Scholar, Yale Law
1998–1999	Internship, Europe III/Overseas Division, Allianz AG, Headquarter, Munich, Germany
1998	Internship, Department of development of small and medium scale enterprises, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Yerevan, Armenia

## Teaching Experience

### **Undergraduate Teaching** (classes of 30 – 300 students)

Economics of Risk (for Economics major students), UIUC, Vanderbilt

Applied Econometrics (taught with Python programming language), Vanderbilt

Economic Statistics (for students from College of Business and Liberal Arts & Sciences)

Political Economy (for students from Political Science and Economics Departments)

Management Decision Models (for Business Process Management or Management major students at the College of Business, UIUC)

Intermediate Microeconomics (for Economics major students), UIUC

ECON 399 – Undergraduate Independent Study advising (for Economics major students), UIUC

### **Graduate Teaching** (classes of 10 and above)

Economics of Risk (for Accountancy PhD students from the College of Business and for Master of Science in Policy Economics students at the Economics Department, UIUC)

Economics of Risk (for employees at the Research Department, Central Bank of Armenia)

Intensive Economic Statistics with Excel Applications (for HSBC Bank staff, Armenia)

## Courses Developed

Economics of Risk

Applied Econometrics with Python

Political Economy

## Teaching Awards

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| 2015 Fall | List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois |
| 2011-2013 | List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois |
| 2012      | Nominated for Teaching Excellence Award awarded by Illinois Student Senate     |
| 2007-2008 | List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois |

## Publications

- [1] “Competing for Good Immigrants”, **German Economic Review**, Volume 20, issue 4 (2019).
- [2] “Dynamic lobbying conflicts”, **Economics of Governance**, Volume 8, issue 3, (2007), 263-279. Together with Mattias Polborn.

- [3] “The Impact of Immigration and Repatriation on Labor Market: Literature Review and Implications for Armenia”, **Armenian Journal of Public Policy**, Special Issue, (December 2006), 55-67.
- [4] “Life Insurance in Germany”, **Information Technologies and Management**, Vol. 1, 2000, 10-17. Together with Mattias Polborn.
- [5] “Development of the Insurance Market in Armenia, **Information Technologies and Management**”, Vol. 4, 1999, 105-109. Together with Vache Gabrielyan.

## Conferences and Lectures

- 2022 Fireside Chat, World 50
- 2014 Armenian Economic Association Annual Meetings, June 20-22, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 70th Annual National Conference
- 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 69th Annual National Conference
- 2009 Panelist, Current Affairs Forum on “Reform or Retrenchment: Postcommunist Eurasia and the World Economic Crisis”, University of Illinois
- 2005–2007 Guest lectures on Soviet Economy, REEEC at Illinois
- 2006 Conference on Dual Citizenship, AIPRG (The Impact of Immigration and Repatriation on Labor Market), Armenia

## Academic Awards

- 2000–2001 Edmund Muskie Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship
- 1999 Diploma with Honors – “Red Diploma”, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia
- 1999 Scholarship, School for International Training, World Learning, Vermont
- 1998 Scholarship, Erasmus University and International Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- 1997 George Soros Foundation, East-East Grant
- 1994 Gold medal, school # 64, Yerevan, Armenia

## Summer Schools

- 2002 Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. Liberty and Current Issues
- 1999 School for International Training, World Learning, Vermont. Intercultural Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding
- 1998 Erasmus University (Netherlands), International Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution (Washington, D.C.). IV International Student Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

## Membership and Affiliation

2015 –2016    Member of Faculty Senate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2012–2016    Member of Board of Advisors, AIESEC Illinois student organization  
2004–2006    Founder and President, Armenian Association, ArmA, University of Illinois  
2001            Founder and Treasurer, Young Associates from Newly Independent States,  
                    YANIS, Yale University  
1996–1998    Vice President, AIESEC Armenia

## Language skills

Native in Armenian. Fluent in English, Russian. Working knowledge of German