Vitezslav Titl (Resume)

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EMPLOYMENT

Utrecht University, the Netherlands

11/2020 - present

E-Mail: V.Titl@uu.nl

Assistant Professor of Law & Economics (tenured)

Board Member at Utrecht University Center for Public Procurement

Charles University, the Czech Republic

01/2021 - present

Senior Researcher (part-time), Principal Investigator of a Junior STAR project.

OTHER AFFILIATION KU Leuven, Belgium Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium 11/2020 - present 09/2015 - present

EDUCATION KU Leuven, Belgium

11/2016 - 09/2020

PhD in Economics

- Supervised by Prof. Kristof De Witte and Prof. Benny Geys
- Dissertation Topic: "The Role of Political Connections and Institutions in Public Procurement"
- Research visits: Bocconi University (Fall 2019; host: Prof. Francesco Decarolis) and Princeton University (Spring 2020; host: Prof. Jakub Kastl)

Areas of Expertise Law & economics, political economics, industrial organization

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Titl, V., Mazrekaj, D. and Schiltz F. (2023). *Identifying Politically Connected Firms: A Machine Learning Approach*. Forthcoming in Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics. Baranek, B. and V. Titl (accepted). The Cost of Favoritism in Public Procurement. *Journal of Law & Economics*. (AISP 0.92).

Titl, V., De Witte, K. and Geys, B. (2021). Political donations, public procurement and government efficiency. *World Development*, 148. (AISP 0.92).

Titl, V. and Geys, B. (2019). Political Donations and the Allocation of Public Procurement Contracts. *European Economic Review*. Volume 111, p. 443-458. (AISP 0.91).

BOOKS/CHAPTERS

Baranek, B. & V. Titl. (2021). Political connections in public procurement. In Ed. Bandiera, O., Bosio, E. & G. Spagnolo, *Procurement in Focus: Rules, Discretion, and Emergencies* (pp. 43-52). CEPR PRESS.

De Witte, K., Titl, V., Holz O. and M. Smet (2019). Financing Quality Education For All The Funding Methods of Compulsory and Special Needs Education. *Leuven University Press.* ISBN 978-94-627-0191-5, Leuven: Belgium.

Anotated in Journal of Economic Literature 59(1), p. 333-334.

Titl, V., Palanský M. and J. Skuhrovec (2015). Analysis of Political Party Donations [in Czech]. In V. Simicek (Ed.), Funding of Political Life (pp. 155-174). *Masaryk University Press*. ISBN 978-80-210-7994-6, Brno: Czech Republic.

Working Papers

Baranek, B., Musolff, L. and Titl, V. (2023). *Detection of Collusive Networks in E-procurement*. Mimeo Princeton University. Editor offered transfer from AER: Insights (AISP 0.99) to AEJ:Micro (AIS: 0.97).

De Jaegher, K., Soltes, M. and Titl, V. (2022). Renegotiation in Public Procurement. Under review in Journal of the European Economic Association (AISP 0.99).

Nicolas, R., Titl., V. & F. Schotanus (2022). Green public procurement responses to supranational co-funding. Under review in Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (AISP 0.97; March 2023).

Tuinsma, T., De Witte, K., Jansky, P., Palansky, M. and Titl, V. (2023) The Effect of Private Country-by-Country Reporting on Tax Avoidance: a Regression Discontinuity Approach. Under review in Economica (AISP 0.91; August 2023).

Celis Galvez, M., Schotanus, F. & V. Titl (2023). Discretion and Political Favoritism: Evidence from Two Reforms in Public Procurement'. Under review in The Southern Economic Journal (AISP 0.63).

Titl, V., (2021). The One and Only: Single Bidding in Public Procurement. To be submitted in AER: Insights (AISP 0.99; Sep-Oct 2023).

De Leverano, A., Giuffrida, L. & V. Titl (2023). Entry coordination in Georgian Public Procurement Auctions. Mimeo ZEW Mannheim.

POLICY REPORTS

Titl, V. (In Progress). The future of digitalisation in budgetary control. The European Parliament.

Titl, V. (2021). Transparency in Public Procurement in the European Union. Report for the Greens/EFA Group in The European Parliament.

Mazrekaj, D., Schiltz, F. and V. Titl (2020). The EU's SDG monitoring and reporting not yet fit for purpose: Towards an inclusive, participatory and transparent process that works for all. Report for SDG Watch Europe.

Baranek, B. and Titl, V. (2020). Personal Political Connections and Efficiency of Public Procurement Contracts in the Period 2007 -- 2018. *IDEA Policy Study 6/2020*, CERGE-EI: Prague.

Titl, V. and Geys, B. (2019). Donations to Political Parties and Procurement Contracts: Evidence from the Period 2007 – 2014. $IDEA\ Policy\ Study\ 10/2019$, CERGE-EI: Prague.

Titl, V., De Witte, K., Holz, O. and Smet, M. (2018). Funding Formulas in Compulsory Education: Report on Secondary Education.

Titl, V., De Witte, K., Holz, O., Smet, M. and van Assche, R. (2017). Funding Formulas in Compulsory Education: Report on Primary Education.

Titl, V., De Witte, K., Holz, O., Smet, M. and van Assche, R. (2017). Funding Formulas in Compulsory Education: Report on Special Needs Education.

Titl, V., Skuhrovec, J. & M. Palansky (2015). Analysis of Czech Political Party Donation. Centre for Applied Economics at the Charles University in Prague Report.

Professional Experience

EconLab, z.s. (Charles University), Prague, Czech Republic 1/2015 – 12/2019 Research Fellow

- Policy oriented research of political party funding and public procurement market
- Our work was showcased in an online course (I taught one part of it) by Stanford University

The European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

10/2016 - 02/2017

Robert Schuman Stagiaire at the Directorate for Budgetary Affairs

University of Siegen, Siegen, Germany

08/2015 - 09/2016

Research and teaching assistant at the Chair for European Economic Policy

The German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany

08-10/2014

Summer Research Assistant/Intern supervised by Dr. Christian von Haldenwang (full-time)

• Econometric analysis of taxation in developing and/or resource-rich countries

National Economic Council of the Government of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic 10-12/2010

Research assistant in the competitiveness group

AWARDS

Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings – Selected to participate in the 7th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences, 2020.

Finalist (top 3) Ostrom Prize, Public Choice Society, 2020.

Winner OECD Youth ResearchEdge Competition 2019.

Runner-up, the Best Young Czech Economist of 2019 (awarded by the Czech Economic Society, with Bruno Baranek).

3rd place the Wicksell Prize for the best paper at EPCS 2018.

Grants

Incentive Grant, Utrecht University, PI 2023-2026, (280k euro)

Grant from The Foundation for Climate Friendly Procurement and Business (SKAO), Co-PI 2023-2025, (150k euro)

DemoTrans – The Interchange Between Democratic Institutions and the Globalisation of the Economy, Horizon Europe RIA, Coordinator at UU, 2022-2026, (0.7m out of 2.7m euro)

The Role of Institutional Factors and Information in Public Procurement Markets, JUNIOR STAR Grant of the Czech Science Foundation, PI 2021-2025, (240k euro)

The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics, with Bruno Baranek and Leon Musolff, Harvard University, CO-PI 2020 (\$10k)

Career Integration Fellowship (2020-2023), CERGE Foundation, 2020 (\$24k; declined)

Grant for a conference abroad (Lindau Nobel Meeting), Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), 2020 (2.5k EUR)

Grant for a long stay abroad (at Princeton University), Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), 2020 (3.3k euro)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES **2022** – TAIEX INTPA 3 days Expert Mission on early warning system for risks related to corruption in public procurement in Ecuador, the European Commission.

2022 – 1 day Workshop on Use of big data and AI in fighting corruption and misuse of public funds, the European Parliament.

Teaching

2022 - Economics of Regulation: Policy and Firm Perspectives, Utrecht University

2020 – Law & Economics, Utrecht University

2020 - Industrial Organisation and Competition Policy, Utrecht University

2020 - 2022 - Competition and Regulation of Network Sectors, Utrecht University

2022 – Applied Econometrics: Empirical IO (PhD course, 1 guest lecture), Bocconi

2021 - Political Influence in Public Procurement (1 guest lecture), ITEM

2020 - Challenges to Representative Democracy (1 guest lecture), Utrecht University

2017 – 2019 – Public Finance (2 guest lectures each year), Vrije Universiteit Brussel

2016 - TA for Topics in Development Economics, University of Siegen

2015 – TA for Econometrics, University of Siegen

BKO obtained in 09/2022.

DOCTORAL STUDENTS

2023–2027; daily supervisor – Jihwan Ryu, Utrecht University

2022–2026; daily supervisor – Emilie Wojcieszynski, Utrecht University

2021–2024; daily supervisor – Marly Galvez, Utrecht University

2020–2024; co-advisor – Tijmen Tuinsma, KU Leuven

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Nanna Lauritz Schönhage, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (11/2021).

Presentations

Invited seminars/talks

- 2024 BI Norwegian Business School (being scheduled), Ludwig Maximilian Munich (scheduled in June), Turku (scheduled in April)
- 2023 Charles University
- 2022 Bocconi, Groningen, WorldBank, UPenn
- 2021 CERGE-EI, Sorbonne/PSE, University of Konstanz
- 2020 Princeton, KU Leuven, Utrecht University
- 2019 Bocconi, University of Barcelona, Hungarian Academy of Science, The Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium
- 2018 European Commission, ZEW Mannheim, Radboud University Nijmegen, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2017 University of Konstanz

Conferences

- 2023 European Journal of Political Economy Conference 2023 (US), Political Economy of Corruption Conference 2023 (US), The 22nd Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (France), ZEW 5th Economics of Public Procurement Workshop (Germany)
- 2022 The 2022 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (UK), The 2022 Meeting of the EPCS (Braga), Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (UK), Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Linz), ZEW 4th Economics of Public Procurement Workshop (Germany), Big Data for Development and Governance Conference (US)
- 2021 ZEW 3rd Economics of Public Procurement Workshop, The 2021 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (UK), The Royal Economics Society Symposium of Junior Researchers 2021, The 2021 Meeting of the EPCS (Switzerland), The 25th Spring of Young Economists 2021 (Italy)
- 2020 The 2020 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (UK; cancelled), The Royal Economics Society Symposium of Junior Researchers 2020 (UK; cancelled), The 2020 Meeting of the EPCS (Switzerland; cancelled), Public Choice (CA; online presentation for the Ostrom prize panel)
- 2019 Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (UK), Public Choice (KY), 18th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (France), 2019 ZEW Public Finance Conference: The Political Economy of European (Dis)Integration (Germany), The 2019 Meeting of the EPCS (Israel), Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum (France)
- 2018 Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Germany), 17th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (France), Conference on Political Parties Funding, Faculty of Law (Czech Republic), The 2018 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (Italy), Royal Economics Society Symposium of Junior Researchers (UK)
- 2017 Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Portugal), The 2017 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (UK)

• 2015 – The 2015 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (the Netherlands)

Professional Service

Associate Editor

• Humanities & Social Sciences Communications (IF: 3.5; 2023 –)

Journal reviewer (selected)

• American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics

Conference/Workshop/Seminar organizer

- Workshop on Lobbying and Political Influence, Utrecht University, November 6-7, 2023.
- Economics Seminar Series, Utrecht University, 2023-.
- Workshop on Empirical Public and Political Economics, KU Leuven, September 25, 2020.
- Internal seminar in public and education economics, KU Leuven, 2018–2020.

Research foundation reviewer

 Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (2022), Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (2022)

Conference reviewer

 Spring Meeting of Young Economists (2020, 2021), PhD Forum Organized by UU-CePP (2021, 2022, 2023)

VALORIZATION

Blogposts/columns

- Titl, V. (2021). Machine learning for fighting corruption in public procurement for education services and institutions. ETICO/UNESCO Blogpost.
- Schotanus, F. & V. Titl (2021)/ Miljarden aan overheidsinkoop verlopen via belastingparadijzen. Binnenlands Bestuur.
- Titl, V. (2020). Online Public Procurement System Reduces Collusion in Ukraine. Econ-Pol Opinion.
- Titl, V. & B. Geys (2019). Strategic behaviour in procurement allocations towards corporate political donors. VoxEU.org

Presentations

- Working Conference Innovation-Oriented Procurement organized by PIANOo. 3rd November 2022.
- EU collabs; grants and public procurement of innovations (Werkgroep Innovating inkopen presents presents). PIANOo Congres 16th June 2022.
- Use of big data and AI in fighting corruption and misuse of public funds. European Parliament. 23rd February 2021.

MEDIA COVERAGE Česká televize (in Czech), Het Laastse Nieuws (in Dutch), De Morgen (in Dutch)

Professional Membership American Economic Association, Czech Economic Society, Econometric Society, European Economic Society, Royal Economic Society

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

STATA (advanced), Python (advanced), R (advanced), Latex (expert)

LANGUAGES Czech, Slovak, English, Dutch (B2), German (B1/B2), French(A2)