

MARIA PTASHKINA

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH FIELDS

International Economics, International Trade, Trade Policy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Melbourne	Assistant Professor	2024 -
Princeton University	IES Postdoctoral Fellow	2023 - 2024
CESifo	Research Network Affiliate	2022 -

EDUCATION

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)	PhD in Economics	2018 - 2023
Thesis: “Essays in International Trade”		
Committee: Jaume Ventura, Manuel García Santana, Gene Grossman, Paola Conconi, David Nagy		
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)	Master of Research in Economics	2016-2018
Barcelona School of Economics	Master Degree, International Trade, Finance and Development	2015-2016 2006-2012
Higher School of Economics	Specialist Degree, International Relations (summa cum laude)	

OTHER POSITIONS

Research Assistant , CREi (Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional)	2022-2023
Research Assistant , Institute for Political Economy and Governance (IPEG), UPF	2016
Research Assistant , International Laboratory on Foreign Trade Research under the supervision of Dr. Anne Osborn Krueger, Johns Hopkins University	2013-2015
Researcher , Trade Policy Department, Russian APEC Study Center, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration	2012-2015
Researcher , Center for Fundamental Research, Russian Foreign Trade Academy	2012-2015
Academic assistant , Department of International Economic Organizations and European Integration, National Research University – Higher School of Economics	2009-2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at Barcelona School of Economics

Master Thesis Teaching Assistant (Prof. Fernando Broner)	Spring 2020, 2021, 2022
Political Economy, Master's Degree (Prof. Ruben Enikolopov and Prof. Maria Petrova)	Winter 2022
Advanced Microeconomics II, PhD Advanced Track (Prof. Antonio Penta)	Winter 2018
Economic Growth and Development, Master's Degree (Prof. Antonio Ciccone)	Fall 2018, 2019

Self-Designed Programming Courses at Barcelona School of Economics

Introduction to R Programming, Master's Degree	Fall 2021, 2022
Introduction to MATLAB, Master's Degree	Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant at Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Introduction to Macroeconomics, Undergraduate	Winter 2018, 2019
Macroeconomics I, Undergraduate	Fall 2018

WORKING PAPERS

“Overstated Gains? Selection Bias in Estimating the Effects of Trade Agreements” (Draft)

“Trade Agreements: a Historical Perspective and Modern Trends” (Draft)

“Efficient Tariffs under Strategic Side Payments” (with Malachy James Gavan)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Fixed Costs, Product Heterogeneity and the Force of Competition” (with Vladimir Asriyan, Alberto Martin, and Jaume Ventura)

The Leisure Channel of Trade (with Cristiano Mantovani)

GRANTS, AWARDS, QUALIFICATIONS

Grants

Visiting Researcher Scheme Grant (University of Melbourne): 10,000 AUD

Government of Spain Predoctoral Grant (FPI), June 2019 - September 2022

Teaching Assistant Grant, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, September 2017 - May 2019

Awards

Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award, CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy 2022

Best student paper, Forum for Research In Empirical International Trade (FREIT)

Best paper by a young scholar, The Spanish Association of International Economics and Finance

Rin4' 3rd Prize, Research elevator pitch competition, UPF 2021

Qualifications

Graduate Fellow, International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), 2017-2018

Certified NTM Data Collector, member of UNCTAD NTM Consultancy Roster, 2014

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS

- 2025** Online Australasian Seminar in International Economics; 18th Australasian Workshop on International Economics (QUT, Brisbane, keynote); Mini Trade Conference (Monash); University of Auckland; Trade Research Group (UniMelb); Melbourne Empirical Trade Conference (Monash)
- 2024** Cowles Trade Day at Yale (attendee); Princeton University; University of Virginia; NBER Trade and Investment Meeting; Middle Tennessee State University; Rutgers University; Spatial Econ/Trade Conference (NYU); Dartmouth College; Trade, Integration, and Growth Network (ADB, Washington DC); Princeton IES Summer Trade Workshop (attendee); Society for Economic Dynamics (Barcelona); Summer Forum (Barcelona, attendee); Bielefeld University Trade Reading Group (online); University of Bologna
- 2023** Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Warwick; New Economic School; Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II; University of Bristol; University of Nottingham; Ifo Institut; University of Melbourne
- 2022** 21th Doctoral Meeting In International Trade and International Finance (RIEF 2022); CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy; Barcelona School of Economics PhD Jamboree; NOITS Annual Conference on International Economics; Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference; XXIII Conference on International Economics (AEEFI); European Economic Association (EEA); Sardinian Empirical Trade Conference (FREIT SETC)
- 2021** National Board of Trade of Sweden Seminar Series
- 2020** University of Tartu; XXI Conference on International Economics (AEEFI)
- 2019** European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics (ECARES); Barcelona School of Economics PhD Jamboree

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Visiting AP, University of Bologna, Oct-Nov 2024

Visiting PhD Student, European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics, Brussels, 2019

Data Science Winter School, Barcelona School of Economics, 2019

International Trade Policy Analysis Courses, University of Sussex, Brighton, 2015

World Trade Institute (WTI) Summer Academy, University of Bern, 2014

International Economic Law and Policy Master Courses, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, 2013

Research student (Japanese Government Scholarship), Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, 2012-2013

Scholarship student (Chinese Government Scholarship), Heilongjiang University, Harbin, 2009-2010

REFeree ACTIVITY

Journal of International Economics, Economic Inquiry, Review of International Economics, European Economic Review, International Economics, Labour Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Record

PROGRAMMING AND IT

R, Stata, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, Kali Linux

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent), Chinese (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

PERSONAL

Date of Birth: 20 November 1988

Citizenship: Russian

POLICY

For the list of policy publications and projects [visit my website section](#)