Marta Korczak

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Education

European University Institute
PhD in Economics *08.2020-*
Under the supervision of David K. Levine and Alessandro Tarozzi. Expected year of completion: 2026

George Mason University in Washington, DC
Research visit at the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science *02.2025-03.2025*

Institute of Political Studies in Paris (SciencesPo)
Research visit at the Department of Economics *02.2024-05.2024*

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
Master Program in Economics of Public Policy *09.2019-06.2020*
Degree awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Warsaw School of Economics
Master Program in Quantitative Methods *10.2013-12.2015*

Warsaw School of Economics
Bachelor Studies, Economics *10.2010-07.2013*
Visiting student at SciencesPo in Paris, 2013

Teaching Experience

Florence School of Transnational Governance
Teaching Assistant *09.2024-12.2024*
- Preparing exercise classes for the Economics for Policy I course taught by Daniela Iorio and Tommaso Nannicini

European University Institute
Teaching Assistant in the Department of Economics *11.2022-01.2023*
- Preparing exercise classes for the Game Theory course taught by David K. Levine (PhD level)

New York University in Florence
Teaching Assistant *09.2021-05.2022*
- Preparing and grading problem sets, midterms, and exams from the graduate Econometrics course taught by Giampiero Gallo

Warsaw School of Economics
Teaching Assistant *02.2017-06.2019*
- Taught undergraduate Econometrics and Statistics courses (in total: 75 hours of classes)

Awarded Grants and Other Academic Experience

Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance
EIEF Research Grant *05.2025*
- Grant for a project *Is Your Faculty All Male Because of Tenure Requirements? Experimental Evidence From Economics Job Market Candidates*, with Maria Cubel and Christina Sarah Hauser (5000 EUR)

European University Institute
Early Stage Researcher Grant *12.2024*
- Grant for a project *Is Your Faculty All Male Because of Tenure Requirements? Experimental Evidence From Economics Job Market Candidates*, with Christina Sarah Hauser (2000 EUR)

European University Institute
Widening Europe Programme *12.2024*
- Grant for a project *An evaluation of integration policies for Ukrainian refugee children in Poland*, with Alessandro Tarozzi (PI), Mikołaj Pawlak (PI), Urszula Markowska-Manista (PI), Agnieszka Kozakoszczak and Zuzanna Samson (23 779 EUR)

Journal of the European Economic Association
Data Replicator *07.2024-*

European University Institute
Early Stage Researcher Grant *12.2023*
- Funding to digitize data on the Polish municipalities (2500 EUR)

European University Institute
PhD scholarship from the Polish government *09.2020-08.2025*

Talks

7th Dondena Workshop on Public Policy, Bocconi University, (*upcoming, Dec 2025*), Inequality in Mechanism Design Days, GRAPE, Warsaw (*poster session, Jul 2025*), Women in Behavioral & Experimental Economics Workshop, City St George's University London (*Jul 2025*); EUI Alumni Conference (*poster session, Jun 2025*), EUI Microeconometrics Working Group (*Apr 2025*); ICES Brown Bag Lecture, George Mason University (*Feb 2025*); Health Economics of Risky Health Behavior (HERB) workshop, University of Bologna (*Jan 2025*); UniCatt Political Economy Research Day, Milan (*Jan 2025*); IX Hurwicz Workshop on Mechanism Design Theory, Warsaw (*Dec 2024*); 12th meeting of the Behavioral and Experimental Economics Network (BEEN), University of Turin (*Sep 2024*); Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research (NICEP) 2024 conference (*May 2024*); Department of Economics, SciencesPo (*May 2024*); CRCTR224 EPoS University of Bonn and University of Mannheim summer school (*poster session, Aug 2023*)

Research

Losing capital status: does it matter for a city's development?
Link to latest draft
How do changes in the administrative hierarchy of cities impact their development? This paper focuses on the loss of regional capital status, using the context of the 1999 administrative reform in Poland. Exploiting variation in administrative status, I compare former regional capitals to control cities to construct a causal estimate of the loss of capital status. I find that treated cities experienced a persistent decline in both public and private sector activity, female employment, fertility, and local public good provision, despite receiving higher central government transfers relative to control cities. These results are consistent with a simple theoretical model that shows path-dependence in labor markets and *sticky feet* in migration: a decrease in administrative capacity does not lead to immediate adjustments in employment and migration. The findings highlight that administrative status is crucial for city-level development and that the loss of such status has negative consequences, even when accompanied by increased fiscal autonomy.

The Political Risks of Separating News from Entertainment
Link to latest draft
One of the aspects of the ongoing digital revolution is the easier separability of media content. I focus on news and entertainment: how consumer preferences can affect political accountability if both of these contents become easily substitutable? Using a two-period electoral accountability model, I analyze how voters' attention allocation between these two options influences an incumbent politician's effort. The model shows that when entertainment is favored over news, the increased substitutability leads to lower welfare for voters. However, a very high demand for news might motivate a bad incumbent to exert too much effort, boosting her re-election probabilities. This is not good for voters, as a re-elected bad incumbent never exerts any effort in the second period. I also show how the distribution of interest in the public good among voters matters for the demand for news: in the context I study, it is the most stable when the distribution is uniform. Therefore, with the interest in public good widely dispersed in the population, the public scrutiny is stronger.

Quasi-total Abortion Ban in Poland and Health of Women and Infants
with Alessandro Tarozzi
What happens when restrictive reproductive laws in a developed country become one of the most restrictive in the world? We study the impact of the 2021 quasi-total abortion ban in Poland, which prohibited terminations on the grounds of fetal anomaly, previously accounting for the vast majority of legal abortions. Using monthly administrative records from all Polish hospitals between 2017 and 2023, we document an immediate and near-complete collapse of legal abortions following the ruling. In an event-study framework that exploits regional variation in pre-ban access, we find no meaningful changes in the number of births or miscarriages, but detect short-run increases in neonatal and birth mortality. However, these effects are not persistent, and our results overall do not reveal robust or lasting impacts on maternal or infant health outcomes, beyond the sharp reduction in abortion availability.

Is Your Faculty All Male Because of Tenure Requirements?
Experimental Evidence From Economics Job Market Candidates
with Maria Cubel and Christina Hauser

We investigate the effect of tenure requirements on the supply of female candidates for academic positions in Economics. Economic research is known for having a "leaky pipeline": Despite high early-stage academic achievements, only few women reach tenured positions. Within a hypothetical choice experiment, we aim to quantify the willingness of PhD candidates in economics to give up salary, low teaching loads, or prestigious positions for jobs with less stringent tenure requirements. We hypothesize that high publication requirements for tenure deter female economists from pursuing a career in academia. Our findings aim to inform policies to retain female talent in academia.

An evaluation of integration policies for Ukrainian refugee children in Poland
with Agnieszka Kozakoszczak, Urszula Markowska-Manista, Mikołaj Pawlak, Zuzanna Samson and Alessandro Tarozzi
How is the learning and social integration of refugee children affected by the presence of support teachers who are themselves refugees from the same country? We aim to answer this question in the context of Ukrainian refugee children in Poland. Some Polish schools employed "cross-cultural assistants" (CCAs), who have to know Polish but are not required to have a degree in pedagogy, and often are former teachers from Ukraine. Firstly, we study the differences in exam results of Ukrainian children between comparable schools with and without CCAs. To gauge the integration of Ukrainian refugee children with the Polish pupils, we aim to conduct a large-scale survey.

Selected Professional Experience

International Monetary Fund
Research Assistant — *04.2016-08.2019*

National Bank of Poland
Assistant at the Bureau of Monetary Policy Strategy — *03.2015-03.2016*

References

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Skills

Languagues: Polish (native), English (fluent), French (upper intermediate)

Computer skills: R, Stata, QGIS, LaTeX

Tennis player ranked in Italian Tennis Federation (FITP)