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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Development microeconomics, in particular: nutrition, labour markets and returns to education in developing countries, poverty and inequality
- Economic demography with concentration on ageing and intergenerational transfers
- Africa and Asia

## EDUCATION

11/2001 - 01/2005 *Ph.D. in Economics*, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium  
09/2000 - 05/2001 *Doctoral Student in Economics*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA  
09/1996 - 06/1997 *M.A. in European Economic Studies*, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium  
09/1991 - 06/1996 *Diploma in International Economic Relations*, Economics University of Varna, Bulgaria

## PRESENT POSITIONS

09/2005 - present **Brunel University**, Uxbridge, Middlesex, United Kingdom  
*Lecturer in Economics*  
09/2006 - present **IZA – Institute for the Study of Labour**, Bonn, Germany  
*Research fellow*

## PAST POSITIONS

04/2005 - 12/2005 **Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse**, Paris, France  
*Marie Curie research fellow*  
10/2004 - 03/2005 **Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research**, Rostock, Germany  
*Marie Curie research fellow*  
11/2001 - 09/2004 **LICOS, Catholic University of Leuven**, Belgium  
*Research assistant*  
09/2000 - 05/2001 **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, USA  
*Teaching assistant*  
11/1998 - 06/1999 **ICRA Limited**, Associate of Moody's Investors Service in India  
*Consultant with an independent project*

## RESEARCH GRANTS

12/2008 - 12/2009 **Leverhulme Trust**  
Grant F/00 275/L (£37,669) – Principal Investigator  
Research title: Nutritional Science Insights into the Economics of Food Consumption in Bulgaria  
Co-researchers: Ira N. Gang (Economics, Rutgers University, USA)

Daniel Hoffman (Nutritional Sciences, Rutgers University, USA)  
Monnet Gbakou (Research Assistant hired for the project)

In waiting **British Academy**  
UK-Africa network grant  
Status: Second reserve (4<sup>th</sup> out of 39 applications)  
Institutional partners: Ahmadou Aly Mbaye (Université Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, Senegal), Barthélémy Biao (Université de Parakou, Benin), PAM Zahonogo Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)  
Research partners: Yaya KY and Latif Dramani (Université Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, Senegal)

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

**European Union**  
04/2004 - 09/2005 *Marie Curie Grant for Project on Intergenerational Relations*  
10/2004 - 03/2005 *Marie Curie Grant for Project on Population Ageing*  
09/1996 - 07/1997 *TEMPUS scholarship for attending the College of Europe*  
**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, USA  
Summer, 2004 *Travel grant*

## LANGUAGES

**Bulgarian** (native), **English** (spoken: fluent; written: fluent), **French** (spoken: fluent; written: very good), **Russian** (spoken: fair; written: fair), **Bengali** (spoken: basic)

## PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journals and Books

Are Private Transfers Poverty and Inequality Reducing? Household Level Evidence from Bulgaria (François-Charles Wolff). *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Online since May 21, 2008, [doi:10.1016/j.jce.2008.05.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2008.05.002).

Upstream Transfers and the Donor's Labour Supply. Evidence from Migrants Living in France (with François-Charles Wolff). *The Manchester School*, Accepted for publication.

Grandchild Care Transfers by Ageing Immigrants in France: Intra-household Allocations and Labour Market Implications (François-Charles Wolff). *European Journal of Population*, Online since December 19, 2007, DOI 10.1007/s10680-007-9122-x.

Economic Reforms as a Tool to Attract Foreign Direct Investment: Is it a Chimera? (with Sumon K. Bhaumik). *Applied Economics Letters*, Online since January 2008, doi: 10.1080/13504850701222087.

The Impact of Labour Reallocation and Competitive Pressure on TFP Growth: Firm Level Evidence from Bulgaria. *International Review of Applied Economics*, 22(3), 321-338, (2008).

Self-selection and Wages during Volatile Transition. (with Ira N. Gang). *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 35(3), 612-619 (2007).

The Informal Sector during Crisis and Transition. (with Ira N. Gang and John Landon-Lane). In Guha-Khasnobis, Basudeb and Ravi Kanbur (Eds.) *Informal Labor Markets in Development*, Palgrave Macmillan (2006).

Monopolistic Wages or Efficient Contracts: What Determined the Wage-Employment Bargain in Post-Privatization Bulgaria. *Economics of Transition*, 14(2), 321-47, (2006).

How do Migrants Care for Their Elderly Parents: Time, Money and Location. (with François-Charles Wolff). *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*, Special Issue from the First Conference on Long-term Care, 142, 123-130, (2006).

How Important is Ownership in a Market with a Level Playing Field. The Indian Banking Industry Revisited (with Sumon K. Bhaumik). *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 32 (1), 165-180, (2004).

### **Other completed manuscripts**

Labour Allocation and Returns to Skills in West Africa (with Christophe Nordman and François Roubaud). In submission.

Ganyu Labour in Malawi: Efficiency Problems and Determinants of Supply (with Katharina Michaelowa and Anke Weber). In submission.

Where to Work? The Role of the Household in Labor Allocation across Genders (with Ira N. Gang and John Landon-Lane). In submission..

Social Mobility Sans Frontières? Evidence from a Sample of Immigrants in France (with Claudine Attias-Donfut). Revise and resubmit.

Do Downward Private Transfers Enhance Maternal Labour Supply? Evidence from around Europe (with François-Charles Wolff). In submission..

### **Work in progress**

Pulls, Pushes and Entitlement Failures in Labour Markets. Does the State of Development Matter? (with Sumon Bhaumik and Jeffrey Nugent). *IZA Discussion Paper 2258*, Bonn, Germany

Remittances, Child Labor and Migration. Theory and Evidence from the Kagera region in Tanzania (with Ira N. Gang and Gil Epstein).

The Welfare Implications of the Food Crisis. Evidence from a Number of Developing Economies. (with Luca Tasciotti).

Institutional Determinants of Firm Level Productivity around the Developing World. (with Sumon K. Bhaumik).

### **SHORT TERM VISITS**

Summer, 2008

**Rutgers University, Department of Economics**, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA

*Visiting lecturer, taught a summer course in Labour Economics*

Summer, 2006            **IZA – Institute for the Study of Labour**, Bonn, Germany  
*Visiting researcher*

Summers, 2004/2006    **Rutgers University, Department of Economics**, New Brunswick, New  
 Jersey, USA  
*Visiting researcher*

Summer, 2002            **The World Bank**, Washington, D.C., USA  
*Summer intern, Africa Department*

#### **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

05/2008            IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Rabat, Morocco

03/2008            CSAE Annual Conference, Oxford, United Kingdom

06/2007            IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Bonn, Germany

07/2006            European Society of Population Economics Annual Meeting, Verona, Italy

05/2006            IFA Annual Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark

03/2006            Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA

11/2005            St Antony's College, Oxford University, United Kingdom

10/2005            Center for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany

09/2005            8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Network on Grand Parenting in Europe, Tallin,  
 Estonia

09/2005            European Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Torun, Poland

05/2005            European Society of Population Economics Annual Meeting, Paris, France

04/2005            7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Network on Grand Parenting in Europe, Oxford,  
 United Kingdom

03/ 2005            Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Nottingham, United Kingdom

03/2005            Political Economy Department, La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

09/2004            EGDI-WIDER Conference on Unlocking Human Potential, Helsinki, Finland

04/2004            7<sup>th</sup> IZA Summer School in Labour Economics, Buch am Ammersee, Germany

11/2003            Annual Meeting of the European Association for Evolutionary Political  
 Economy, Maastricht, Netherlands

06/2003            Managing Economic Transition Network Seminar, SSEES, University College  
 London, United Kingdom

04/2003            8<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Leuven, Belgium

09/2001            Annual Meeting of the European Trade Association, Brussels, Belgium

11/2000            Southeast Theory and International Economics Meeting, Houston, USA

#### **REFERENCES**

**Professor Ira N. Gang**, Rutgers University, Department of Economics, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA ([gang@econ.rutgers.edu](mailto:gang@econ.rutgers.edu))

**Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent**, University of Southern California, Department of Economics, Los Angeles, California, USA ([nugent@almaak.usc.edu](mailto:nugent@almaak.usc.edu))

**Dr. Claudine Attias-Donfut**, Director, CNAV, Paris, France ([claudine.attias-donfut@cnav.fr](mailto:claudine.attias-donfut@cnav.fr))