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EMPLOYMENT

Senior Fellow 2018-
NATIONAL CENTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY WASHINGTON, DC

Senior Agricultural Policy Officer 2016-2018
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UN CAIRO, EGYPT

Senior Agricultural Policy Officer 2007-2016
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Chief of Agricultural Policy Assistance Branch 2003-2007
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UN ROME, ITALY

Economist 2000-2003
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UN ROME, ITALY

Chief Economist 1998-2000
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
USAID UKRAINE AGRICULTURAL POLICY PROJECT KYIV, UKRAINE

Associate Professor of Economics 1997, 1998
ECONOMICS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CONSORTIUM KYIV, UKRAINE

Economist 1992-1998
ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
AGRICULTURE

Economist 1991-1992
KENNAN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED RUSSIAN STUDIES WASHINGTON, D.C.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics 1991
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY BERKELEY, CA

B.A., History 1981
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON, IN

PERSONAL

Date of birth: March 4, 1957

Marital status: married, two daughters

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: Mother tongue

Russian: excellent speaking, reading, writing

Project Experience

FAO Regional Initiative on Agri-Food Trade and Markets, April 2013-Dec 2017 (\$1,400,000)	
My role	Delivery Manager
<p>The goal of the Regional Initiative on Agri-food Trade and Markets was to support member countries in enhancing the agri-food trade policy environment for small and medium sized rural enterprises. This was a capacity building initiative designed to (a) build the capacity of government officials to implement trade agreements, (b) develop their capacity to create a supportive environment for trade, and to (c) develop the capacity of both governments and enterprises to implement international food quality and safety standards. The 4-year Initiative was funded through FAO core funds, and was composed of both technical assistance projects and analytical work/regional capacity building seminars.</p> <p>As Delivery Manager, I headed a team of 10 FAO professional staff who technically backstopped a series of TA projects in the three areas of the initiative. I also took a direct role as an analyst and trainer in elements (a) and (b) of the initiative through work on trade agreements, agricultural support policy in Ukraine and in value chain assessments for export promotion. I was responsible for monitoring the budget of the Initiative, monitoring and filing quarterly delivery reports, recruiting consultants for Initiative implementation, making necessary changes in the project planning, managing the communications policy of the overall Initiative and raising extra-budgetary funds.</p>	

FAO project on development of an agricultural development strategy in Kyrgyzstan, 2011 -2020, Jan 2011-July 2013 (\$200,000)	
My role	Project Formulation and Management
<p>The Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic requested FAO to formulate an updated <i>Agricultural Development Strategy</i> for the agri-food sector. An updated strategy was formulated through a consultative process using consultants which I oversaw. The project also produced a report on a farm survey on service cooperatives and cooperation in Kyrgyzstan.</p>	

FAO project on consensus building for a new agricultural policy in Ukraine, Nov 2011-Sep 2013 (\$311,000)	
My role	Project Formulation and Management
<p>Objective of the project was to assist the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food and other stakeholders in reaching consensus on basic issues for the formulation of a stable medium-term agricultural policy framework for the sustainable development of the agricultural and rural sector.</p> <p>A strategy was formulated in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, but including experts from across ministries, the Cabinet of Ministers and the Parliament. The strategy included a vision of the role of the government in agricultural and rural development in Ukraine, areas for change in current agricultural (completing land reform, increasing export of higher value and processed agricultural products, the position of Ukraine on Dokha round WTO issues and the role of Ukraine in world food security) and rural policies of Ukraine with justifications, and the anticipated effects of changes.</p> <p>The policy vision was formally adopted by the Ministry shortly after the closure of the project. Though not implemented immediately, most of the policy recommendations became official policy within 3 years of the end of the project</p>	

FAO project on Support to the formulation of a medium-term agricultural and rural policy framework in Ukraine, Oct 2004-March 2006 (\$237,000)	
My role	Project Formulation and Management
<p>The objective of the project to assist the Ministry of Agrarian Policy in formulating a medium-term agricultural development policy for further integration of Ukraine into world markets.</p> <p>The policy background paper produced included a brief description of main challenges facing Ukrainian agriculture, a description of the overall aims of Ukrainian agricultural policy, an analysis of current agricultural policies in the areas of agricultural support and regulation, WTO accession and EU integration, land reform and rural development. The paper then advanced proposals for improving current policies to match the overall aims of Ukrainian agricultural policies.</p> <p>The Ministry used the strategy in a piecemeal fashion for drafting policy documents. The Office of the Prime Minister put out an agricultural policy document of its own, which set the policy agenda in theory, but was not implemented. Most of the policy recommendations eventually became official policy, but it took 10 years.</p>	

USAID and World Bank funded project implemented by Iowa State University: Ukraine Agricultural Policy Project (\$2,000,000), 1997-2000.	
My role	Economist, Head of Agricultural Policy Analysis Group
<p>The overall purpose of the project was to support the Government of Ukraine in the formulation and implementation of good agricultural policies. The project had two main elements to it. The first was an agricultural policy analysis unit which was embedded in the Institute of Agriculture and then in the Ministry of Agriculture. This policy analysis unit employed about 7 full-time Ukrainian agricultural economists and myself as head. The second element was a group of agricultural policy experts which was attached to the Cabinet of Ministers. These experts worked on policy matters with the Cabinet of Ministers, the Presidential Administration and the Parliament.</p> <p>The agricultural policy analysis unit performed staff analysis on a great number of topics of agricultural policy for the Ministry of Agriculture and the Cabinet of Ministers, including a study for the World Bank on farm debt in Ukraine, part of a regional farm debt policy initiative. The agricultural policy expert group engaged actively in policy and legislation formulation for the Cabinet of Ministers, Presidential Administration and the Parliament.</p> <p>The project was instrumental in the formulation of Presidential Decree of December 1999 which put an end to Collective Agricultural Enterprises and mandated that they be reorganized into joint stock companies or similar agricultural enterprises. The project produced an analysis of the farm debt problem in Ukraine (with the World Bank) that led to the issue of the December 1999 Presidential Decree. On a great many issues (agricultural processing enterprises, grain policies, sunflower seed policy, trade policy, farm taxation, etc.), the analysis provided by the project formed the basis of policy changes by the Ministry of Agriculture, Cabinet of Ministers, Presidential Administration and the Parliament.</p>	

PUBLICATIONS see also

[Academia.edu](https://www.academia.edu) and [researchgate.net](https://www.researchgate.net)

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Estimating child mortality attributable to war in Yemen” (with D. Jenkins, M. Marktanner and A. Merkel) *International Journal of Development Issues* (2018) (<https://doi.org/10.1108/IJDI-02-2018-0031>).

“Transition to smallholder agriculture in Central Asia” (with Z. Lerman) *Journal of Agrarian Change* 2018, pp. 1-9 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/joac.12282>).

“A Single Food Market in the Eurasian Economic Union and Trade Barriers” (with Irina Kobuta) *Trade Policy* (Vysshaya shkola ekonomiki, institut torgovoi politiki) no. 1/5 2016, pp. 56-91.

“Agricultural Policy in Russia and WTO Accession” *Post-Soviet Affairs* (with Zvi Lerman and Vasili Uzun) (2013).

“Agricultural Development and Household Incomes in Central Asia: A Survey of Tajikistan, 2003-2008” (with Zvi Lerman) *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, Vol. 50, No. 3, pp. 301-326 (May-June 2009).

“Otsenki posledestvii reformirovaniia sel'skokhoziaistvennykh predpriatii” [Assessments of the effects of agricultural enterprise reform] (with Zvi Lerman and Nikolai Pugachev) *Ekonomika Ukrainy* (June 2007), pp. 59-68.

“Corporate Farm Performance in Russia, 1991-95: An Efficiency Analysis” (with Michael Trueblood and Carlos Arnade) *Journal of Comparative Economics* (September 1999).

“Economic Reforms and Agriculture in the Russian Federation, 1992-95” (with William Liefert, Christian Foster) *Communist Economies and Economic Transformation*, vol. 8, no. 2 (1996), pp. 133-48.

“Ag Reform in Ukraine: Progress and Prospects” (with Britta Bjornlund, Mary Lisa Madell) *Agricultural Outlook* (July 1996), pp. 16-19.

“Producer Subsidy Equivalents for Russian Agriculture, 1992-1994” (with W. Liefert, R. Koopman, E. Serova and O. Melyukhina) *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (June 1996), pp. 790-799.

“Market Reforms Transform Russia's Ag Import Picture” (with William Liefert, Christian Foster) *Agricultural Outlook* (August 1995), pp. 24-28.

“Progress in Agricultural Reform” (with William Liefert, Christian Foster) *Transition*, September 8, 1995, pp. 50-52, 60.

“World Events Shaping Future U.S. Agricultural Trade” (with Jerry Sharples, Christian Foster, et al.) *Choices* (second quarter) 1994, pp. 4-8.

“A Note on Per Capita Meat Consumption and GDP in the Former USSR” *Comparative Economic Studies* v. 35, no. 3 (Fall 1993), pp. 39-48.

REPORTS

“Sustainable Development through Rural Transformation in the Near East and North Africa” *Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition in the Near East and North Africa 2018* (Cairo, FAO).

“Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition in Times of Conflict and Crisis: A Perspective from the NENA Region” *Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition in the Near East and North Africa 2017* (Cairo, FAO).

“The Food Insecurity Transition” *Europe and Central Asia Regional Overview of Food Insecurity 2016* (Budapest, FAO).

BOOKS

(with Carl Ulbricht and Nuritdin Dzhamankulov) *The Architecture of Food Safety Control Across Eurasia: The European Union and the Eurasian Economic Union* (Balti, Moldova: 2017, Lambert Academic Publishing).

(with Zvi Lerman, Csaba Csaki) *Agricultural Cooperatives in Transition Countries* (Saarbrücken, Germany: 2016, Lambert Academic Publishing).

(with Zvi Lerman, Emmanuel Hidier, Eugenia Serova, Inna Punda, Dmitry Prikhodko and Jo Swinnen) *Turkmenistan Sector Study*, EBRD-FAO Investment Centre Studies (FAO-EBRD, 2013).

(with Zvi Lerman) *Rural Transition in Azerbaijan* (Lexington Books, 2010).

(with Zvi Lerman) *Economic Effects of Land Reform in Tajikistan* (FAO, 2008).

(with Zvi Lerman, Nikolai Pugachov and Aleksandr Goncharuk) *Rethinking Agricultural Reform in Ukraine* (Lebnitz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, 2007).

(with Nora Dudwick and Karin Fock) *A Stocktaking of Land Reform and Farm Restructuring in Bulgaria, Moldova, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan* (World Bank, 2007).

(with Sergei Sotnikov and Doris Wiesmann) *Food Security in Transition Economies: Russian Federation*, FAO Economic and Social Development Paper (Rome, 2004).

(Editor) *Individual Farms in Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States* (Rome: FAO, 2002).

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS OR PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

“The Middle East and North Africa: Prospects and challenges.” 2018. Chapter 2 of *OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2018* (Paris/Rome, OECD/FAO).

(with Zvi Lerman, Natalia Shagaida, Vasilii Uzun and Renata Yanbykh) “Agricultural and rural policies in Russia,” Chapter 20 in: W. Meyers and T. Johnson, eds., *Handbook of International Food and Agricultural Policies, Vol. I: Policies for Agricultural Markets and Rural Economic Activity*, World Scientific (2018).

“The New Wheat Exporters of Eurasia and Volatility” in Gomez y Paloma, S., Mary, S., Langrell, S., and Ciaian, P., eds., *The Eurasian Wheat Belt and Food Security* (Springer, 2017).

(with Zvi Lerman) “Cooperatives in Kyrgyzstan: Findings from a Survey of Cooperatives and Users” in Hendrikse, G., Cliquet, G., Ehrmann, T. and Windsperger, J., eds., *Management and Governance of Networks: Franchising, Cooperatives and Strategic Alliances* (Springer, 2017).

(with Zvi Lerman and Vasilii Uzun) “Agricultural Policy in Russia and WTO Accession,” in: A. Kimhi and Z. Lerman, eds., *Agricultural Transition in Post-Soviet Europe and Central Asia after 25 Years*,

Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Transition Economies, Vol. 79, IAMO – Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, Halle, Germany (2015), pp. 211-240.

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(with Zvi Lerman) “Russian Agriculture and Transition” in M. Alexeev and S. Weber, eds., *Handbook of the Russian Economy* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

“The Feed-Livestock Nexus: Livestock Development Policy in Tajikistan,” in V. Squires, ed., *Rangeland Stewardship in Central Asia: Balancing Improved Livelihoods, Biodiversity Conservation and Land Protection* (Springer Science, 2013).

(with Zvi Lerman) “Experience with Agricultural Land Reform in Transition Countries,” in: *Land Use Planning and Real Estate Cadastre as Tools of Land Policy and Environment Protection State* (University of Land Use Planning, Moscow, 2009), pp. 321-329 [in Russian].

(with Zvi Lerman) “Land Reform, Transition and Rural Development” in *Development and Transition* 11/08 (December 2008).

“Land Reform and Farm Restructuring in Moldova, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan: A Stocktaking” in Jarmila Curtiss, Alfons Balmann, Kirsti Dautzenberg and Kathrin Happe, eds., *Agriculture in the Face of Changing Markets, Institutions and Policies: Challenges and Strategies* (Leibnitz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, 2006).

“Trade Highlight: Agricultural Trade Outlook to 2005” (with William Liefert) *International Agriculture and Trade Reports, Situation and Outlook Series*, Economic Research Service WRS-97-1, pp. 25-26.

“Missing Pillars: The Failures of Rural Finance in Ukraine” in David A.J. Macey, William H. Pyle and Stephen K. Wegren, *Building Market Institutions in Post-Communist Agriculture: Land, Credit, and Assistance* (Lexington, 2004).

“A Tailor-Made Common Agricultural Policy for the Accession Countries: Help or Harm for Agriculture in Eastern Europe?” in Martin Petrick and Peter Weingarten, *The Role of Agriculture in Central and Eastern European Rural Development: Engine of Change or Social Buffer?* IAMO Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Central and Eastern Europe vol. 25 (IAMO, 2004).

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“Regional Review: Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States” in Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (2002) *State of Food and Agriculture*, pp. 141-154.

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“Large Farm Debt in Ukraine”, *Agricultural Finance and Credit Infrastructure in Transition Economies: Focus on South Eastern Europe*, (OECD: Paris, 2001), pp. 105-122.

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“Status of Agricultural Reforms in the NIS/B Countries in 1997,” *International Agriculture and Trade Reports, Situation and Outlook Series*, Economic Research Service WRS-97-1, pp. 4-9.

“Agricultural Policies Mitigate Production Declines, But Have Considerable Costs for the Countryside” in Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, *Former USSR: Situation and Outlook Series* (May 1996), pp. 4-8 (Economic Research Service: Washington, D.C.).

“Restructuring of Agriculture Continues in Russia, May Spread to Ukraine” in Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, *Former USSR: Situation and Outlook Series* (May 1995), pp. 4-8.

“Policy and Legacy Drive FSU Macroeconomic Performance” in Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, *Former USSR: Situation and Outlook Series* (May 1994), pp. 5-9.

“Real Progress in Russian Agricultural Reform May Slow but Will Not Stop in 1994” in Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, *Former USSR: Situation and Outlook Series* (May 1994), pp. 10-16.

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“The feed-livestock nexus in Tajikistan: livestock development in transition (revised version)” *REU Policy Studies on Rural Transition* (October 2010).

“Agricultural recovery and individual land tenure: Lessons from Central Asia” *REU Policy Studies on Rural Transition* (October 2009).

(with Zvi Lerman) “Agrarian Reform in Kyrgyzstan: Achievements and the Unfinished Agenda” *REU Policy Studies on Rural Transition* (September 2009).

(with Zvi Lerman) “Sources of Agricultural Productivity Growth in Central Asia: The Case of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan” *REU Policy Studies on Rural Transition* (September 2009).

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Azerbaijan Republic Poverty Assessment, Report no. 24890-AZ, Human Development Sector Unit, South Caucasus Country Unit, Europe and Central Asia Region (June 2003) (World Bank: Washington, D.C.).

Farm Debt in the CIS: A Multi-Country Study of Major Causes and Proposed Solutions: Ukraine Country Study, (with N. Seperovich, N. Pugachev, I. Chapko, I. Kobuta, V. Noga and V. Zhygadlo) ECSSD Working Paper no. 28 (September, 2000) (World Bank: Washington, D.C.).

“Issues in Ukrainian Agricultural Policy” *Iowa State University Agricultural Policy Project Occasional Paper* (December 1999).

“The Economic Effects of Export Duties for Ukrainian Sunflower Seeds in September 1999: Questions and Answers” *Iowa State University Agricultural Policy Project Occasional Paper no. 3* (October 1999).

“The Economic Effects of Export Duties for Ukrainian Sunflower Seeds in 1999” *CPER Occasional Papers* (May 1999), Iowa State University.

“The Origins of the Farm Debt Problem in Ukraine” *CPER Occasional Papers* (February 1999).

“The Effects of Reduced Western Plant Protection Agent Sales to Ukraine” *CPER Occasional Papers* (January 1999), Iowa State University.

“The Ukrainian Wheat Market in 1997: Poltava Oblast Case Study” *CPER Occasional Papers* (June 1998) Iowa State University.