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EDUCATION:

2018 - present	Doctor of Science (Habilitation), Westminster International University in Tashkent and Tashkent State University of Economics
2008-2014	Ph.D. in Economics, Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education and Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (CERGE-EI) Dissertation topic: "Measuring the Impact of Microfinance"
2006-2008	M.A. Economics, CERGE-EI, Charles University, Czech Republic
2004-2006	MBA, Financial Management, Tashkent State Technical University, Uzbekistan
2001-2004	BBA, Financial Management, Tashkent State Technical University, Uzbekistan

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Microfinance, Private Sector Development, Development Economics, Economics of Transition, Institutional Economics; Applied Econometrics; Finance

PROJECT EXPERIENCE:

"Study of Business Facilitation Centers (BFC) services. Business climate improvement in the regions of Uzbekistan" project, National Consultant, UNDP, September – December 2018

- Developing survey questionnaire for small and medium size business enterprises
- Data collection, entry and analysis of survey results.
- Developing "Policy Brief" based on survey results including identifying main issues, recommendations, action map
- Developing seminar trainings for BFC specialists

"Impact assessment of the microfinance sector in Uzbekistan", Global Development Network (GDN), Principle Investigator / National Consultant, 2015-2017

- Developed a methodological toolkit and conducted a microfinance impact assessment in Uzbekistan
- Developed policy recommendations
- Liaised with the central economic government agencies, including the Central Bank, Ministry of Finance and Association of microfinance institutions
- Prepared a report with policy recommendations

"Support to Microfinance Sector Development", UNDP National Consultant, 2010

- Monitored household survey design and implementation
- Developed gender action plan

"Support to the development of SME sector in Uzbekistan (SME survey), MLDP Microfinance legal development project (MLDP)", 2001-2003, Team Assistant, International Finance Corporation

- Assisted in project related documents and maintaining communication
- Managed and coordinated donor and team meetings

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2017 – present	CERGE-EI Alumni Ambassador for Uzbekistan
5/2011- 3/2014	GDN Regional Communications Manager for Central and Eastern Europe
7/2010 - 3/2014	Junior Researcher, Economics Institute of the Academy of Science of the Czech Republic
7/2010-12/2010	Microfinance Expert, UNDP "Support to Microfinance Sector Development" Project, Uzbekistan
9/2004 - 6/2006	Program Specialist, USAID Academy for Educational Development (AED)
9/2003 - 8/2004	Team Assistant, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Tashkent, Uzbekistan
11/2001-8/2003	Intern/Consultant, World Bank Country Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2019	Research Methods, Master of Science in Applied Economics, graduate, WIUT, Uzbekistan
2018, 2019	Dissertation / Business Project, Module Leader, undergraduate, WIUT, Uzbekistan
2017	Time Series Econometrics, Master in Applied Economics (MAE), CERGE-EI, Czech Rep.
2014 - 2017	Institutional Economics, graduate, University of Economics in Prague, Czech Rep.
2012 - 2015	Economics of Transition, undergraduate, Charles University in Prague, Czech Rep.
2009 - 2013	Research Methods, MAIBM, graduate level, WIUT, Uzbekistan
2014 - present	Project Management, undergraduate level, WIUT, Uzbekistan
2013	Retail Management, undergraduate level, WIUT, Uzbekistan
2012	Advanced Research Methods Professional Training, faculty level, WIUT, Uzbekistan
2011, 2013, 2014	CERGE-EI Teaching Fellows Program "Teaching Principles and Practices for Economics", trainer, Prague, Czech Republic

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

2010	Visiting Exchange Research Fellow, Westminster International University in Tashkent
2009	Visiting Doctoral Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, USA
2008-2009	Research Assistant, European Investment Bank University Research Sponsorship Project on "Public Investment under Budgetary Constraints in EU New Member States"

WORK IN PROGRESS RESEARCH:

- Closing non-bank microfinance sector: does it have any impact?
- Explaining simultaneous borrowing and saving
- Start-up finance and performance: how does the source financing (formal vs. informal) affect the performance of microenterprises? (with Yusupov, N.)
- State versus private: determinants and placement of non-bank microfinance institutions (with Vanroose, A.)
- Microfinance and institutional development: what is on the reverse side of the "development medal"?

PUBLICATIONS:

- Alimukhamedova N. (2019) What Happens When Microfinance Programmes Are Withdrawn? A Conceptual Framework for Analyzing Causal Effects. In: O'Connor M., Silva Afonso J. (eds) **Emerging Challenges and Innovations in Microfinance and Financial Inclusion**. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2019) The microfinance promise—can it be kept? A macro perspective. *Development Policy Review*. 2019: 00; 1-30. DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12412.
- Alimukhamedova, N., Filer, R., Hanousek, J. (2017). The Importance of Geographic Access for the Impact of Microfinance. *Development Policy Review*, 2017 (Vol. 1), pp. 1–13. **(IF=1.4)**
- Alimukhamedova, N., Filer, R. and Hanousek, J. (2017). The importance of geographic access for the impact of microfinance. *CERGE-EI Working Paper Series, No.577*, pp. 1-20. November 2016.
- Alimukhamedova, N. and Hanousek, J. (2015). What do we know about microfinance at a macro glance? *Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Discussion Paper No. 10484*. ISSN 0265-8003.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2013). Contribution of microfinance to economic growth: Transmission channel and the ways to test it. *Business and Economic Horizons*, Volume 9, Issue 4, pp. 27-43. **(Scopus)**
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2012). Better access to microcredits: does geographical proximity matter? *European Microfinance Network Platform Newsletter*, Winter Issues 2013 / 2014.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2012). Microfinance environment in Uzbekistan: analysis of supply and demand. *Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) Working Paper No. 344*.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2010). Macroeconomics of microfinance: how do the channels work? *CERGE-EI Working Paper Series, No.423, pp. 1-32, October 2010*.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2009). Microfinance in Uzbekistan: market overview and impact assessment needs. Kurzanalysen und Informationen, Nr. 39 (March 2009), *Osteuropa-Institute, Regensburg, pp. 1-7*.
- Alimukhamedova, N., Bicakova, A. and Katuscak, P. (2008). Czech Republic 2008: strong currency, no rush toward the euro. An economic survey produced by CERGE-EI. **Book**. Co-author of Chapter IV: Financial and Business Environment.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS and THESIS:

- Alimukhamedova, N. (2019). "Small is beautiful but not growing? How to promote small entrepreneurship using modern approaches. International Conference "Investments and entrepreneurship: challenges and prospects". MDIS, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, May 7, 2019. Published in Conference Proceedings.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2018). "On improving the quality of academic research and student-oriented teaching in Uzbekistan". Conference on Social Science Knowledge and Sustainable Agricultural Development along the Silk Road organized jointly by IAMO (Germany) and TIIME (Uzbekistan), October 30-November 1, 2018.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2018). "Closing the microfinance sector: empirical framework and impact assessment". 5th European Research Conference on Microfinance, Conference Proceedings. Portsmouth, UK. Scheduled for April-May 2018.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2017). "New econometric approach for impact assessment: evidence from closing non-bank microfinance institutions in Uzbekistan", Econometrics Conference proceedings. Tashkent State University of Economics, pp.212-214. The conference was held during December 1, 2017.
- Alimukhamedova, N. (2017). "Marketing channels for small business: application prospective in Uzbek market", Marketing Conference proceedings, Tashkent State University of Economics, pp. 392-394. The conference was held on November 24, 2017.
- Alimukhamedova, N., Komilova, I., Egamberdiev, B. and Nishanov, B. (2017). "Optimal resource allocation and results driven through project management application: evidence from Uzbekistan", International Conference "Entrepreneurship and Industrial Management: Modern Studies and Contemporary Issues in Business Management", Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS), Tashkent, Uzbekistan, pp.214-216.

REFEREE EXPERIENCE and PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

World Development, International Review of Economics; Journal of Institutional Economics; Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance; Routledge, Elsevier

SUPERVISION and OPPONENT REVIEW:

Bachelor Thesis, Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University; PhD Diploma opponent, Prague School of Economics; Bachelor Thesis, Westminster International University in Tashkent; Master Thesis for student at Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (FTA) at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS:

- Pearson, professional training on BTEC qualification implementation and getting ready to teach BTEC business skills in Uzbekistan, (7/8 – 2019)
- 12th Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis (RSSIA 2018), Moscow, Russia (7/2018)
- Regional Training Course (Summer School) on Applied Econometric Analysis, WIUT&IFPRI, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (6/2018, 2019)
- Advanced training on randomized control trials. J-PAL Europe, Paris, France (7/2012)
- Afghanistan crisis: perceptions and strategies of crisis prevention in Central Asia. Summer school by IFSH, DAAD, Astana, Kazakhstan (6/2012)
- Risk management and financial indicator analysis in microfinance institutions. Training by Microfinanza Rating (Italy), Tashkent, Uzbekistan (8/2010)
- Measuring the impact and social performance of microfinance. European Microfinance Network and University of Hannover Workshop, Germany (6/2010)
- Microfinance training of trainers blended learning course (MFTOT 6) by UNCDF, ADB, World Bank. Certified trainer, with distinction (10/2009)
- IFREE's 14th workshop in experimental economics. Chapman University, California, USA (1/2009)
- Summer school in experimental economics. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain (7/2008)

CONFERENCE and PRESENTATIONS:

- 2019** XX April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, HSE, Russia (April 9-12/2019); 6th European Research Conference on Microfinance, Paris, France (June 3-5/2019); International Conference on "Investments and Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Prospects", MDIS Tashkent, Uzbekistan (5/2019), The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Research (IOS) (October/2019)
- 2018** XIX April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, HSE, Russia (April 10-13/2018); 3rd International Conference in Development and Economics I.CO.D.ECON., Kalamata, Greece, May 3-6, 2018; WIUT Teaching and Learning Symposium, Tashkent, (6/2018); 12th Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis (RSSIA 2018), Moscow, Russia (7/2018) scheduled; International Conference on Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition in Central Asia, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (6/2018); IAMO Conference, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (10/2018), chair of the panel
- 2017** 5th European Research Conference on Microfinance, Portsmouth, UK (6/2017); Research seminar, WIUT
- 2016** Young Economists Meeting, Brno, Czech Republic (6/2016, invited); 9th Biennial Conference of the Czech Economic Society (11/2016,); 8th Forum of Economist organized by a joint collaboration of IFMR/WIUT/GIZ,

- Uzbekistan; International Conference “Entrepreneurship and Industrial Management: “Modern Studies and Contemporary Issues in Business Management”, MDIS, Uzbekistan
- 2015** Economics Education and Research Consortium (EERC) Research Workshop, Kiev, Ukraine (6/2015, invited); GDN Regional Research Workshop, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic (8/2015, invited); Center for European Research in Microfinance, CERMi, Brussels (5/2015, invited)
- 2014** Westminster International University in Tashkent research seminar series (10/2014)
- 2013** 3rd European Research Conference on Microfinance, Kristiansand, Netherlands (6/2013); Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (1/2013); European Microfinance Week 2013 co-organized by the European Microfinance Platform (e-MFP), Luxembourg (11/2013, invited)
- 2012** Bratislava Economic Meeting 2012, Bratislava, Slovakia (7/2012, invited); European Microfinance Network and University of Hannover Workshop, Hannover (7/2012, invited)
- 2011** Second European Research Conference on Microfinance, Groningen, Netherlands (6/2011, invited)
- 2010** 8th University Meets Microfinance Workshop, Frankfurt, Germany (6/2010, invited); 15th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxemburg (4/2010); GDN Regional Research Workshop, Prague, Czech Republic (8/2010);
- 2009** Economics Education and Research Consortium (EERC) Research Workshop, Kiev, Ukraine (12/2009, invited); Germany; Osteuropa-Institute, Regensburg, Germany (1/2009, invited)

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTS:

- Research Project, Grant Agency of Czech Republic (GAČR), Principle Investigator, 2019-2022
- Best Discussant Award, Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis (RSSIA 2018)
- WIUT Case Study Research Grant Competition (2018-2019)
- CERGE-EI Career Integration Fellowship (2015-2018)
- GDN regional research grant implemented by Prague School of Economics (2014 – 2016)
- Best PhD paper on Microfinance award from the European Microfinance Network’s UMM project (2013)
- Grant Agency of Charles University, individual research grant (2010,2012)
- GDN regional research grant implemented jointly by CERGE-EI and EERC (2009-2011)
- CERGE-EI Performance Stipend (2010-2011)
- “University Meets Microfinance” project scholarship, European Commission co-financing (2009-2010)
- CERGE-EI Foundation Graduate Teaching Fellowship (2009-2013)
- World Bank / CERGE-EI research fellowship grant (2008-2009)
- Full scholarship for Ph.D. studies, CERGE-EI, Charles University (2006-2011)
- State scholarship (the only) for graduate studies, Tashkent State Technical University (2004-2006)

SKILLS:

- Programs: MS Office, Stata, NVivo, SPSS, R, LaTeX
- Languages: Uzbek (native), Russian (fluent), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Czech (intermediate), German (beginner)

REFERENCES:

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