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Professor (Associate) at Webster Vienna Private University

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics (2004). University of Munich (LMU), Germany.
- Ph.D. in Finance (2000). University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

Achievement and Recognition

- The 2022 “**Academic Excellence Award**” from Webster Vienna Private University, Austria.
- The 2012 “**Rector's Certificate of Appreciation**” for the Outstanding Contribution to the Reputation and Quality of City University’s European Programs.
- The 2012 “**National Literary Fund Award for the book publication**: Menbere Workie Tiruneh, Martin Labaj and Daniel Dujava (2011). Economic Structures and Economic Growth: How to Fill Theories with Numbers. Publisher: IRIS. ISBN: 978-80-89256-66-2. 272 Pages.
- "The 2009 “**President's Distinguished Instructor Award**” from the Board of Governors of City University of Seattle, USA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvF7MK09mxQ>

- The 2006 “**Excellence in Teaching Award**” from the Board of Governors of City University of Seattle, USA.

Research grants and acquisition of funding

Principal Investigator

- The Impact of Information Technology on Economic Growth and Employment (With Application to the Effects of Microsoft Slovakia's Commercial Model on the Slovak Economy). Funded by Microsoft Slovakia.
- The Transformation of the World Economy, Economic Development and Technological Progress in the Era of Globalization. VEGA Project (2006 – 2008). Funded by the Slovak Ministry of Education and the Slovak Academy of Sciences.
- Analyses of Regional Disparity in the Slovak Republic and Forecasts of Future Trends. APVV Project (2008 - 2010). Funded by the Slovak Agency for Research and Development.
- Forecasting the Slovak Labor Market Needs in the Medium Term - Up to 2025. APVV Project (2011 - 2014). Funded by the Slovak Agency for Research and Development. Completed in 2014.
- Capital Flight and its Impact on the Slovak Economy. APVV (2016-2019). Funded by the Slovak Agency for Research and Development

Co-investigator of research projects:

- Prediction of Economic and Financial Crises in the Wake of the Recession in the European Union. VEGA Project (2018 – 2020). Funded by the Slovak Ministry of Education and the Slovak Academy of Sciences.
- Balancing Out the Imbalances: Redefining the Views on Macroeconomic Imbalances under the European Governance Framework. APVV Project (2018 – 2022). Funded by the Slovak Research and Development Agency.
- Member of the Research Group (the European Network of Economic Policy Research Institutes (ENEPRI) on AIM - Adequacy of Old-Age Income Maintenance in the EU (2006 – 2008)- The project was funded by the European Commission. Completed in December 2008. <http://www.enepri.org/home.htm>.
- Follow the Money - Deciphering the Link between Shadow Banking Sector and the Illicit Financial Flows. Funded by the Slovak Research and Development Agency.

Selected International Peer-Reviewed Articles:

1. Fisera, B., and Workie Tiruneh, M. (2022). Beyond the Balassa-Samuelson Effect: Do Remittances Trigger the Dutch Disease? *Eastern European Economics*, forthcoming.
2. Fisera, B., Workie Tiruneh, M., and D. Hojdan. (2021). Currency Depreciations in Emerging Economies: A Blessing or a Curse for External Debt Management? *International Economics*, 168 (December 2021): 132-165
3. Siranova, M., Workie Tiruneh, M. and Fisera, B. (2021). Creating the Illicit Capital Flows Network in Europe – Do the Net Errors and Omissions Follow an Economic Pattern? *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 71, January, 955-973.
4. Workie Tiruneh, M., Siranova, M., and Ostrihon, F. (2021). Does Capital Flight Harm Domestic Investment? An Empirical Investigation from a Panel of Emerging and Advanced Europe. *Ekonomický časopis (Journal of Economics)*, 69(2), 135-157.
5. Siranova, M. and Workie Tiruneh, M. (2018). Exploding Net Errors and Omissions as a Capital Flight Phenomenon: The Case of Slovakia. *Applied Economics*, 50(6), 1866-1884
6. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2013). Does Labour Force Education Accelerate the Speed of Convergence? Empirical evidence from a Panel of EU countries. *Journal of Economics, Slovak Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 61, No. 4, 344-357.
7. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2009). Analyzing the Effects of Foreign Aid on Alleviating Regional Disparity: The Case of Transition, Developing and Emerging Economies. In *Journal of Economics*, Vol. 57, No. 10, 980-999.
8. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2009). Some Aspects of the Transformation of the World Economy and the Risks to Its Future Dynamics. In *Acta Oeconomica Pragensia*, Vol. 17, No. 6, pp. 3-26. ISSN 0572-3043. DOI: 10.18267/j.aop.285.
9. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2006). The Payoffs from Investing into Information Technology: Empirical Evidence from a Panel of European Economies. *Journal of Economics, Slovak Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 54, No. 1, 2006, 18-35.
10. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2005). Why Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Have Failed to Pay Back Their External Debt? An Empirical Investigation. *Czech Journal of Economics and Finance*, 55, Vol. 3-4, May 2005, pp. 124-140.
11. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2005). Determinants of Growth and Convergence in Transitive Economies in the 1990s: Empirical Evidence from a Panel Data. *Prague Economic Papers: Quarterly Journal of Economic Theory and Policy*, Vol.14, No. 3, 239-252. DOI: 10.18267/j.pep.264
12. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2004). An Empirical Exploration into the Determinants of External Indebtedness. *Prague Economic Papers. Quarterly Journal of Economic Theory and Policy*, Vol. 13, No. 3, 2004, pp. 261-277. DOI: 10.18267/j.pep.242.
13. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2003). Absolute Convergence across Time and Space: New Empirical Evidence for an Old Debate. *Journal of Economics, Slovak Academy of*

- Sciences, Vol. 51, No. 10, 2003, pp. 1270-1290. Indexed in Current Contents, WOS. ISSN 0013-3035.
14. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2002). Exogenous Causes of the Debt Crisis and the Subsequent Divergence of Developing Countries: Could They Be Legitimate Arguments for Debt Relief? *International Issues*, Vol. 11, No. 3. pp. 48-76. DOI: 10.2307/44963479. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44963479>
 15. Workie Tiruneh, M. (2000). External Imbalances, Economic Growth and Convergence: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa. In *Journal of Economics*, 2000, Vol. 48, No. 3, pp. 293-318. Indexed in Current Contents, WOS. ISSN 0013-3035.
 16. Workie Tiruneh, M. (1998). Convergence Hypothesis in a Cross-section of Economies. *Central European Journal for Operations Research and Economics*, Vol. 6, No. 3-4, pp. 263-272.
 17. Workie Tiruneh, M. (1997). Factors Affecting the Balance of Payments of Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Economics*, 1997, Vol. 45, No. 3, pp. 221-244. Indexed Current Contents, WOS. ISSN 0013-3035.

Books and Book Chapters

- Menbere Workie Tiruneh (2018). *Overshooting the Maastricht Criteria: External Imbalances and Income Convergence in the European Union*. Nova Science Publishers, New York. ISBN: 978-1-53613-586-2. 239 pages.
- Menbere Workie Tiruneh (2016). *Some Reflections on the Determinants of ICT Usage*. In *Lecture Notes of the Institute for Computer Sciences, Social-Informatics and Telecommunications Engineering*, 2016, Vol. 166, 551-558. ISSN 1867-8211. Springer.
- Menbere Workie Tiruneh a Miroslav Stefanik, et al. (2014). *Trh práce na Slovensku: Analýzy a prognózy - Menbere Workie Tiruneh, Miroslav Štefánik a kol.* Bratislava: ISBN 978-80-7144-232-5. 222 pages.
- Menbere Workie Tiruneh (with Martin Labaj a Daniel Dujava, 2011). *Štruktúra ekonomiky a ekonomický rast: Ako naplniť teóriu číslami*. Publisher: IRIS. ISBN: 978-80-89256-66-2. 272 st.
- Menbere Workie Tiruneh (2009), *Cross-Country Versus Cross-Regional Convergence in the European Union: An Empirical Exploration*. In Roman Matousek, *Money, Banking and Financial Markets in Central and Eastern Europe*, PP. 139-160. Palgrave Macmillan Studies in Banking and Financial Institutions book series (SBFI).
- Menbere Workie Tiruneh (with Jan Kosta and Jaroslav Vokoun, 2008): *The Elderly Poor in the EU's New Member States": The Case of Slovakia [online]*. - Brussels: Center for European Policy Studies. ISBN 978-92-9079-823-1, 123-163.

- Menbere Workie Tiruneh (2007), From Debt Crisis to Growth Crisis: Is External Debt the Cause or the Effect of Africa's Marginalization. VDM Verlag Dr. Muller, Dec. 2007, Germany, ISBN: ISBN: 978-3836434645. 264 pages.

Current Membership in Professional Organizations and Academic Boards

- Elected member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (2018 – present).
- Member of the Steering Committee of the National Bank of Slovakia for best Ph.D. thesis Awards.
- Founding Member of the Slovak Economic Association (2010 - present).
- Member of the Ethiopian Economic Association (2011- present).
- Member of the Slovak Society for Operations Research (SSOR) (2008 - present).
- Member of the Science Board of the School of Business Management and CityU, Slovak Rep.

Editorial Board and Reviewer Membership

- Ekonomicky casopis (Journal of Economics), Slovak Academy of Sciences
- The Journal ACTA, Faculty of Finance and Administration, Prague
- Reviewer of the Czech Journal of Economics and Finance.
- Reviewer of Journal of International Development.
- Reviewer of Cogent Economics&Finance