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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Atlanta, GA	
Associate Professor, School of Economics	08/2015 – Present
Assistant Professor, School of Economics	08/2007 – 07/2015
Director of Doctoral Programs, School of Economics	08/2020 – 08/2024

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF LABOR (IZA)	2014 – Present
Research Fellow	
HOUSEHOLDS IN CONFLICT NETWORK	2007 - Present
Senior Research Affiliate	

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA	2007
Ph.D. Economics	2007
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, Amherst, MA	
M.A. Economics	2000
KIMEP (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research), Almaty, Kazakhstan,	
M.A. Economics	1998
Kazakh State Academy of Management, Almaty, Kazakhstan	
Diploma (B.A. equivalent), Accounting	1995

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Armed Conflict, Health, Education, Gender, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS

La Mattina, Giulia & Olga Shemyakina. 2024. "Growing up Amid Armed Conflict: Women's Attitudes Toward Domestic Violence", *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 52(3): 645-662.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2024.04.002>

Kosec, Katrina & Olga Shemyakina. 2024. "Child Health and Land Reform in Kyrgyzstan", *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 72(2): 867-917. <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/719463>

Shemyakina, Olga. 2022. "War, Conflict, and Food Insecurity", *Annual Reviews in Resource Economics*, 14: 313-332. <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/full/10.1146/annurev-resource-111920-021918>

Østby, Gudrun; Andreas Forø Tollefsen, Henrik Urdal, Olga Shemyakina & Marijke Verpoorten. 2021. "Public Health and Armed Conflict: Immunization in Times of Systemic Disruptions", *Population and Development Review*, 2021. 47(4): 1143-1177. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12450>

Shemyakina, Olga. 2021. "Political Violence, Land Reform and Child Health: Results from Zimbabwe", *Economics and Human Biology*, 42: August. DOI: [10.1016/j.ehb.2021.101010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ehb.2021.101010)

Singh, Prakarsh & Olga Shemyakina. 2016. "Gender-Differential Effects of Conflict on Education: The Case of the 1981-1993 Punjab Insurgency", *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 54 (October), 185-210

Shemyakina, Olga. 2015. "Exploring the Impact of Conflict Exposure during Formative Years on Labor Market Outcomes in Tajikistan", *Journal of Development Studies*, 1-25.

Minoiu, Camelia and Olga Shemyakina. 2014. "Armed Conflict, Household Victimization and Child Health in Côte d'Ivoire", *Journal of Development Economics*, 108: 237-255.

Buvinic, Mayra; Monica Das Gupta & Olga Shemyakina. 2014. "Armed Conflict, Gender and Schooling", *World Bank Economic Review*, 28: 311-319

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- Shemyakina, Olga. 2013. "Patterns in Female Age at First Marriage and Tajik Armed Conflict", *European Journal of Population*, 29 (3): 303-343.
- Shemyakina, Olga & Anke C. Plagnol. 2013. "Subjective Well-Being and Armed Conflict: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina", *Social Indicators Research*, 113 (3): 1129-1152.
- Minoiu, Camelia and Olga Shemyakina. 2012. "Child Health and Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire", *American Economic Review P&P*, 102(3).
- Justino, Patricia, and Olga Shemyakina. 2012. "Remittances and Labor Supply in Post-Conflict Tajikistan", 2012, *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, 1:8.
- Shemyakina, Olga. 2011. "Labor Market, Education and Armed Conflict in Tajikistan", World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #5738 (peer-reviewed, online research paper series).
- Shemyakina, Olga. 2011. "The Effect of Armed Conflict on Accumulation of Education: Results from Tajikistan", *Journal of Development Economics*, 2011, 95(2): 186-200.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Østby, Gudrun; Shemyakina, Olga; Tollefsen, Andreas Forø; Urdal, Henrik; Verpoorten, Marijke. 2022. "What happens to childhood vaccine rates in conflict zones? This analysis found some surprises." Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post*, Feb 3rd. [link](#)

WORKING PAPERS

- Tai, Xiao Hui & Olga Shemyakina. 2025. "Conflict in Adolescence Has Long-term Effects on Women's Economic Empowerment in Africa." (Under review)
- Najam, Rafiuddin & Olga Shemyakina. 2025. "When Violence Strikes: Timing of Exposure and High-Stakes Exam Outcomes in Afghanistan." (under review).
- Shemyakina, Olga & Lin Yang*. 2025. "Violent Conflict and Health" (prepared for Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, edited by Klaus F. Zimmermann)
- Shemyakina, Olga & Lin Yang*. 2025. "Violent Conflict and Access to Healthcare."
- Ashani Amarasinghe, Ashani, Nidhiya Menon, Olga Shemyakina, Kompal Sinha. 2025. "The Long-Term Consequences of Armed Conflict: Women's Agency and the Sri Lankan Civil War."
- Mani, Subha; Eric Mvukiyehe, Olga Shemyakina & Saurabh Singhal. 2022. "Long-term Impacts of Displacement during Early Childhood – Evidence from Internally Displaced Population in Azerbaijan".

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- "The association between WASH, nutrition, and early childhood growth faltering in rural Cambodia: a cross-sectional risk factor analysis" (with Amanda Lai) (presented at the SEA, November 2021)

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- Shemyakina, Olga. 2012. *Gender and Armed Conflict: an Overview of Literature*", Prepared for the World Bank.
- Shemyakina, Olga; Valente, Christine. 2011. *Education and Violent Conflict in South Asia: Challenges and Solutions*, Prepared for the World Bank.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- Jefferson Science Fellow*, Data Scientist, The U.S. Department of State, The Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, Office of Advanced Analytics, 2024-2025
- Consultant, World Bank, Project: Gender and Conflict, 2012
- Consultant, World Bank, Project: Education and Conflict in South Asia, 2011
- Consultant, World Bank, Project: Gender and Conflict: Education and Labor Market in Tajikistan, 2010
- Research Assistant for Professor Richard A. Easterlin, USC, 2005-2006
- Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2003-2004
- Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC, Summers 2003, 2004
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2003
- Lecturer, Department of Economics, KIMEP, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 2000- 2002
- Consultant, Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE), Jan-Nov 2001
- Economist-Intern, ISO-NE, Summer 2000
- Research Assistant, Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst, MA, Jan-May 2000
- Intern, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, Summer 1999

OLGA N. SHEMYAKINA**TEACHING**

Undergraduate Courses: Economic Development; Conflict and Security in Developing Countries;
Senior Seminar in Political Economy; Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of
Macroeconomics; Economics and Policy; Special Topics: Entertainment Economics

Graduate Courses Development Economics

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Georgia Institute of Technology***Georgia Tech (GT) & Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts (IAC)***

Ivan Allen College Faculty Advisory Council (IAC), 2025-Present
Faculty Council on Accreditation, GT, 2022-Present
Equity in Graduate Education (EGE) Consortium: GT - Equity in Mentoring, Economics, member, 2022-2024
IAC Graduate Student Conference Judge: Spring 2022, Spring 2023
SOE School Chair Comprehensive Review Committee, 2022-2023
Graduate Enrollment Strategy Working Group, 2022
Legacy Awards Committee, IAC, Spring 2010
School of Economics Chair Search Committee, IAC, 2017-2018
Faculty Judge – Annual IAC Georgia Tech Research and Innovation Conference (GTRIC) Graduate Student
Paper Competition, 2022
Dissertation Committee - External (Outside of Economics) Member, 2021 (2 committees)

School of Economics (SOE)

Director of Doctoral Programs, School of Economics, Fall 2020-Summer 2024
Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Health Economics, 2022-2023
Chair, PhD Curriculum Committee, 2020-Present
Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2015-Present
Dissertation Committee Member, 2022, 2023, 2024
Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Labor and Development Economics, 2019-2020
Chair, Third Year Paper Review Committee, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Third Year Paper Review Committee, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Graduate Teaching Awards Committee, 2021-Present
PhD Curriculum Committee, 2016-2018
Faculty Search Committee, Microeconomics, 2017-2018
Research Committee, School of Economics, 2016-Present
Policy Committee, School of Economics, 2016-Present
Faculty Advisor for the Kappa of Georgia Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), 2013-2020
Faculty Advisor for Econ Club @ GT, 2013-2020
M.S. Economics Curriculum Committee, 2012-2013
Ph.D. Admissions Committee, 2011-2012; 2018-2020
M.S. Recruitment Committee, 2010-2011
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011
Charitable Contributions Coordinator, 2009-2010
Coordinator of the Seminar Series, 2008-2009
Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2007-2008, 2011

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY SERVICE

Organizing Committee, Southeast Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS) Conference, 2025, 2024,
Atlanta, GA
Organized and chaired multiple sessions at Professional Research Conferences, 2008-2025
Discussant for papers at Professional Research Conferences, 2006-2025
Mentor, Mentoring for Junior Economists, Committee for Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP),
American Economic Association, 2022

OLGA N. SHEMYAKINACSWEP *Liaison*, Georgia Tech, 2014-Present*Research Fellow*, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2014-2024**INVITED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

- 2025:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL, November (forthcoming)
 2nd Fragile Lives Conference, Berlin, Germany, Sept 30-Oct 1st. (forthcoming)
 2nd Social Conflict and Political Economy (SCoPE) Workshop, June 3-4, U of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
 the 20th Australasian Development Economics Workshop (ADEW), June 5-6, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Southeastern Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS) Conference, April, Atlanta, GA
- 2024:** 99th Western Economic Association International Meeting, June, Seattle, WA
 Southeastern Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS) Conference, April, Atlanta, GA (2 papers, presented by coauthors)
 Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy & Child Well-being (PPCW), March, Atlanta, GA
- 2023:** The Households in Conflict Network Workshop, November, Brussels, Belgium
 Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, November, New Orleans, LO (organized and chaired 2 sessions, 1 paper (presented by a co-author);
 the 18th Australasian Development Economics Workshop (ADEW), June, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
 Workshop: "War and Reconstruction in Ukraine", May, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland
- 2022:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, November, Fort Lauderdale, FL (1 paper)
 Conference in Honor of John Strauss, April, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (1 paper) (virtual)
- 2021:** Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Studies, January, at ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting
 International Association for Feminist Economics, January, at ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting) (virtual)
 Southern Economic Association, Houston, TX, November (session organizer/ chair, 1 paper) (virtual)
- 2020:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, New Orleans, LA, November (2 papers, 1 session organizer/ chair)
- 2019:** Pacific Development Conference, March, USC, Los Angeles, CA
 94th Western Economic Association International Meeting, June, San Francisco, CA
- 2018:** 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, December, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India
 Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, November, Washington, DC
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, November, Tampa, FL (presented by co-author)
 Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), November, Medford, MA
 "Agriculture and Rural Transformation in Asia", an international conference organized by ReSAKSS-Asia, IFPRI, TDRI, & TVSEP project of Leibniz Universit Hannover, December 12–14th; Bangkok, Thailand
 International Studies Association, February, Baltimore, MD
 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, April
- 2016:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, Washington DC (November); "Responding to Crises" Conference, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland (September); the 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, Italy; Meeting of the Western Economic Association, Portland, OR; Kosmos workshop "Emergency Agriculture and Food Security", Humboldt University of Berlin & IGZ May 30-31st, 2016
- 2015:** The 11th Households in Conflict Network Workshop, the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada; November; Confronting Fragility and Conflict in Africa: Annual World Bank Conference on Africa, Berkeley, CA; June; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA; April; CSAE Conference 2015: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford, U.K. March; AEA meeting (Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics); Boston, MA, January
- 2014:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA; November
 6th Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (AMERB), IZA and EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia;
 Pacific Development Conference (PacDev), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013:** Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Harvard, MA;
 Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL (2 papers)

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- Inequalities in Children's Outcomes in Developing Countries, St. Anne's College, Oxford, U.K.
 13th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, Italy (2 papers)
- 2012:** 8th Households in Conflict Workshop, Aix-en-Provence, France
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, LA
 NEUDC at Dartmouth, NH; First NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa, Lisbon, Portugal; *The Economic and Social Consequences of Armed Conflict and Crime*, Cartagena, Colombia
 12th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Berlin, Germany; Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE) Oxford, UK, (presented by co-author)
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session, Chicago, IL
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics; Chicago, IL
- 2011:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC
 7th Households in Conflict Workshop: Civil Wars and Political Violence, Barcelona, Spain
 3rd International Society of Child Indicators Conference, York, U.K.
 International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Studies, Denver, CO
- 2010:** Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, PRIO/World Bank, Oslo, Norway
 Fourth Southeastern International Development Conference; Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA
 Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
 The Behavioral and Cultural Foundations and Consequences of Violence, HiCN & the Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, USC, CA
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Atlanta, GA
 Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association, Atlanta, GA
- 2009:** Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI
- 2008:** 4th Annual HiCN Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UCSD
- 2007:** 3rd Annual HiCN Workshop, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K.
 4th Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, MN
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UC Davis, Davis, CA
 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New York, NY
 2nd Annual HiCN Workshop, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2006:** "Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from the Household Level", DIW Berlin, HiCN & USAID, Washington, D.C.; NEUDC Conference, Ithaca, NY
 Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA
 1st Annual Households in Conflict Network Workshop, DIW, Berlin, Germany

INVITED CONFERENCE SPEAKER and PARTICIPANT

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- 2024: Homeland Security Research Symposium, Coles College of Business, Kennesaw State University, invited speaker, October 24th
- 2021: 7th Annual 'Life in Kyrgyzstan' Conference, invited keynote speaker, Oct 26-28th
- 2019: "Gender Inequality and Forced Displacement", expert workshop, Sept 19-20th, New York, NY, USA, invited speaker
- 2018: "Accelerating The End of Hunger and Malnutrition", global event, organized by IFPRI-FAO, Bangkok, Thailand, Nov 28-30th, invited participant
- 2017: "Agriculture and Rural Transformation in Asia", an international conference organized by ReSAKSS-Asia, IFPRI, TDRI, and TVSEP project of Leibniz Universit Hannover, Bangkok, Thailand, December 12-14th, invited speaker)
- 2016: "Responding to Crises", UNU-WIDER annual conference, Helsinki, Finland, Sept 23-24th, invited speaker
- 2015: "Mapping the Future of Development Economics", UNU-WIDER annual conference, Helsinki, Finland, Sept. 17-19th, invited participant

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS*Invited Seminars*

- 2021: Florida International University, Miami, FL (September); Westminster Development Policy Network Virtual

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Seminars (July); Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg, Germany (virtual seminar) (May)

2019: University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2014: DiW-German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany

2012: The World Bank; Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University

2011: Dalhousie University; 2010: Vanderbilt University; 2007: Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Mount Holyoke College, Stockholm Institute for Transition Economies (SITE) at the Stockholm School of Economics, Towson University

Other Seminars

2013: Georgia Institute of Technology

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research Grants

2024: IAC Small Grant for Research SGR-A, project: "The impact of a large natural disaster and conflict on women's economic and social well-being" (\$14,982)

2023: Sustainability Next: Seed Grant: Towards a Global Center African Fire, Climate, and Economic Solutions. (PI: Wang, Yuhang, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, GT; Co-PI: Olga Shemyakina) (\$25,000).

2014-2017: "Multi-scale Synthesis of Land Cover and Land Use, Climatic, and Societal Changes in Drylands of Central Asia", co-PI (PI: Irina Sokolik, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences), Georgia Tech, Sponsor:

NASA/GODDARD SPACE FLT CTR/MD, (\$790,320)

2023: GTF Faculty Travel Grant Award, \$3,000 (FY2024 award). (ADEW Conference).

2019 Special Research Awards, Ivan Allen College Faculty Development Programs, Georgia Institute of Technology, (one-course release), Spring

2012, Special Research Awards, IAC Faculty Development Programs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall ISERF grant, Ivan Allen College (IAC), Georgia Institute of Technology, Summer 2010 (\$2,500)

Title VIII Research Grant, US Department of State, (\$9,980), Institute for Social Research (ISR), William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, 2006

Urban and Global Interdisciplinary Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000), USC Urban Initiative, USC, 2006-2007

Academic & Professional Fellowships

Jefferson Science Fellowship, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, 2024-2025.

Final Year Dissertation Fellowship, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC, 2006-2007 (Full Tuition Scholarship and \$16,000/academic year stipend)

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2006

Best Third Year Empirical Paper Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2005

Edmund E. Muskie Graduate Fellowship, United States Information Agency, 1998-2000 (Full tuition scholarship for the academic years 1998-2000 and a monthly stipend of \$1,100)

Teaching Awards

"Thank-a-Teacher" Certificate, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Fellow of the Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows Program, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, Aug. 2007 – May 2008

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2004

Teaching Fellowship, Civic Education Project/Support for Community Outreach and Teaching Program (CEP/SCOUT), Kazakhstan, 2001-2002

WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

CeMENT: Mentoring for Junior Faculty Workshop, CSWEP, Chicago, January 2012

Summer School in Development Economics, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Banff, Canada, 2005

1st PhD Summer Workshop on Economics of Information Technology, New York University/Center for Digital Economy Research, New York, NY, 2005

Rethinking Development Economics, Summer School, Trinity College, Cambridge, U.K., 2002

Politics of Finance in Emerging Economies, Central European Summer University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001

Applied Microeconometrics workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, August 2008

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MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association
Association for Comparative Economic Studies
Committee for the Status of Women in Economics Profession (CSWEP)
Economists for Peace and Security
Population Association of America
Southern Economic Association
Western Economic Association

REFEREE

Journals

Asian Population Studies
Conflict Management and Peace Science
Economics and Human Biology
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economic Journal
Economics of Education Review
European Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Comparative Economics
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Family and Economic Issues
Journal of Feminist Economics
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of International Migration and Integration
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Population Economics
International Migration
Manpower
Oxford Development Studies
Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy
Review of Economics and Statistics
Social Science and Medicine
The Singapore Economic Review
The World Bank Economic Review
World Development
World Politics

Reviews of Research Grants/ for Foundations

The Research Foundation Flanders, FWO, Belgium
IZA-Institute for the Study of Labor/DFID program on growth and labor markets in low-income countries, Bonn, Germany
DFG, German Research Foundation, Germany
Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent)
