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My research project:

My research interests lie in university technology transfer and especially university licensing. I am focusing on (foremost technology, but also organisational and institutional level) factors and outcomes of university licensing. In terms of outcomes, I am interested in possible definition of successful licensing; from out-the-door dimensions (the scope, licensing speed, direct income generation), to impact (leveraging, supporting long-term university-industry relationships and support of the national and regional innovation systems via licensed technologies – geographical dimension).

I work with university level (administrative) patenting, licensing and other agreements data from U.S. and Japan; employing quantitative research techniques and lately also starting also using network analysis. The aim of my research is to broaden the understanding of university licensing and technology transfer, as well as to provide suggestions for the optimization of licensing processes at individual universities.

My career path:

My professional preparation includes a Bachelor, Master of Laws and Magister Scientiam in Law and a PhD in Sociology. I have had a lively career; starting as an apprentice at a lawyer's office, being a teaching and research assistant and working for a high-technology company. I have 5 years of experience in the private sector and 6 years in HEI. During 2015, I was a Fulbright Scholar at UNC Chapel Hill, U.S.A.

I came to Kyushu University as a JSPS fellow end of 2017. Surprisingly, my department is fairly relaxed. Unfortunately, the language barrier exists – which is an experience I needed to adapt to as I speak several languages. Furthermore, my strongest research collaboration is actually connected to University of Tokyo – hence, even if there are no interested collaborators in the immediate surroundings, being active and attending various meetings can get you in touch with suitable collaborators. I believe most likely I will return to Europe, as I am unsure if I can find a suitable position in Japan

My relation to Europe:

I am still very much involved with higher education institutions in Slovenia; mostly due to several projects being implemented in this past year, which I co-authored and FIS is leading. E.g. the 2 mil EUR Interreg Danube project InnoHPC, or the Slovenian National Technology Transfer Office project. Furthermore, I still cooperate with European experts, e.g. with Nadja Damij (Northumbria, UK) on a forthcoming Palsgrave publication or with Javier Changelouisa (Jenna University, Germany), on technology transfer and licensing research. Hence, I have established new contacts also in this year, especially with researchers from Nord University, Norway and Bologna Business School, Italy. Both would be great options for a future position, due to our similar interests in TT and U-I collaboration, but to large degree are pending a successful application for a project or a grant. I am contemplating on applying for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant or a similar individual grant.