

PROPOSAL: PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS MARKETS AND MARKET BEHAVIOR

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This summer I need help on three different projects:

1. In collaboration with two Russian economists, I plan to repeat, twenty years later, the 1991 survey we did comparing economic attitudes towards free markets in New York versus Moscow (<http://cowles.econ.yale.edu/P/cp/p07b/p0787.pdf>). We need some help interpreting results, doing statistical analysis of the results.
2. In collaboration with U.S. economist Karl Case, I plan to work on a paper on the state of the U.S. housing market. Part of the work will involve analysis of the S&P/Case-Shiller data, part of the work will involve processing of questionnaire survey results we are undertaking to collect about public attitudes towards the housing markets. Our previous paper on this topic in the *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* is here: <http://www.brookings.edu/press/books/abstracts/BPEA/2200304.pdf>
3. I am working on an intellectual book about finance and society, and would like help in reading associated literature and meeting and thinking about its relevance to an evaluation of the success of modern financial institutions. This is a time of widespread public criticism of the financial sector, and Congress has initiated a process to expand the level of its regulation. But, often the fixes that have been proposed or implemented appear superficial and may not solve the alleged problems.

Ideally, the SRO candidate would have completed some course work in economics, and have some knowledge of elementary statistics or econometrics