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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Mannheim, 2023 –

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of California San Diego, US, 2023

M.A. Economics, University of California San Diego, US, 2018

B.A. Economics, Yonsei University, South Korea, 2016

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Growth and Development, Human Capital

WORKING PAPERS

Debt, Human Capital, and the Allocation of Talent

joint with Titan Alon and Natalie Cox, revise and resubmit at *American Economic Review*

Land Reform, Human Capital Accumulation, and Structural Transformation

joint with Munseob Lee

Disease, Human Capital, and Development: Macroeconomic Analysis of Malaria Vaccination in Sub-Saharan Africa

(previously circulated as “How Will a New Malaria Vaccine Shape Africa’s Economic Future? A Macroeconomic Analysis”)

PUBLICATIONS

The U.S. Structural Transformation and Regional Convergence: Racial Heterogeneity

joint with Munseob Lee, *Journal of Applied Econometrics* (2024)

Macroeconomic Effects of COVID-19 Across the World Income Distribution

joint with Titan Alon, David Lagakos, and Mitchell VanVuren, *IMF Economic Review* (2023)

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIP

Rookie of the Year, Vienna Macro Conference, 2024

Clive Granger Research Fellowship, UCSD, 2022

Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Small Research Grant on “Quantifying the Gains from Eradicating Malaria using a Structural Model” (£11,800), 2021

International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant on “Measuring the Economic Situation in Ghana in Real Time During COVID-19” (£19,335) with David Lagakos, 2020

Advancement to Candidacy Fellowship, UCSD, 2020-2021

Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, UCSD, 2018 & 2019

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

(including scheduled)

- 2025** STEG Annual Conference (Oxford, discussion); GRIPS; Hitotsubashi University; Kyoto University; SAET (Ischia)
- 2024** CSAE Economic Development in Africa (Oxford); STEG Annual Conference (NYU Abu Dhabi); UCSD 21st Century India Center (virtual, discussion); FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; Conference on Inequality and Mobility (University of Chicago Stone Center); Human Capital in Macroeconomics Conference (St. Louis Fed); York University; Vienna Macro Cafe (IHS Vienna)
- 2023** York University (virtual); National University of Singapore; Haverford College; University of Edinburgh; University of Essex; Queen Mary University of London; University of Mannheim; Florida State University; CUNY Hunter College; FF-MA Macro Workshop (Goethe Institute Frankfurt); OXDEV (Oxford, discussion); Chonnam National University, Korea (virtual); SNU-UC San Diego Joint Webinar (virtual, discussion); Mannheim Alumni Symposium (discussion)
- 2022** Yonsei Macro Meeting (virtual); UCSD Macro Seminar; KAEA Job Market Conference (virtual); Yale Y-RISE Conference (Kingston, Jamaica)
- 2021** iHEA session at AEA/ASSA conference (virtual)
- < 2021** Sogang University (2020, virtual); KEA-APEA Conference; Korea University (2017); 17th Korea's Allied Economics Associations Annual Meeting, Sogang University (2017); 16th Korea's Allied Economics Associations Annual Meeting, Seoul National University (2016); 15th Korea's Allied Economics Associations Annual Meeting, Yonsei University (2015); Joint Economics Symposium of 5 East Asian Universities, Yonsei University (2015)

DISCUSSIONS

“The Equilibrium Impact of Agricultural Support Prices and Input Subsidies” by Pubali Chakraborty, Anand Chopra, and Lalit Contractor, UCSD 21st Century India Center Seminar, June 2024

“Endogenous Working Hours, Overlapping Generations, and Balanced Neoclassical Growth” by Andreas Irlen, Mannheim Alumni Symposium, December 2023

“Status Externalities in Education and Low Birth Rates in Korea” by Seongeun Kim, Michèle Tertilt, and Minchul Yum, SNU-UC San Diego Joint Webinar, November 2023

POLICY ARTICLES & OTHER WRITINGS

How Should Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic Differ in the Developing World?, Joint with Titan Alon, David Lagakos, and Mitchell VanVuren, NBER Working Paper No.27273

Real-Time Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Ghana, Joint with James Dzansi, David Lagakos, and Henry Telli, *IGC Policy Brief*, March 2021

Lockdowns in Developing Countries Should Focus on Shielding the Elderly, joint with Titan Alon, David Lagakos, and Mitchell VanVuren, *VoxEU*, June 2020

Protecting Lives and Livelihoods during the COVID-19 Pandemic by shielding the Elderly Populations, Joint with Titan Alon, James Dzansi, David Lagakos, Henry Telli, and Mitchell VanVuren, *IGC Policy Brief*, June 2020

An Empirical Analysis on the Effects of Mobile Terminal Distribution Act in Korea, joint with Kyoung Hoon Lee and Jinook Jeong, *Korean Journal of Industrial Organization* (2015); pre-doctoral publication, written in Korean

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Service

American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, Health Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, International Journal of Development Issues

Conference and Seminar Organization

Frankfurt-Mannheim Macro Workshop, 2024
University of Mannheim Department Seminar, Spring 2025

Other Professional Activities

Ph.D. and M.Sc. student admissions in Mannheim, 2024

SHORT-TERM POSITIONS

Visiting scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, September 2024
Visiting scholar, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy, November 2024
Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, 2020

TEACHING

Macroeconomics of Development (PhD, University of Mannheim), Spring 2024, Spring 2025
Development Economics (MSc, University of Mannheim), Fall 2023, Spring 2025
Macroeconomics A (PhD, Teaching Assistant at UCSD)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: South Korea
Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent), German (Basic, B-1 level)