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## EMPLOYMENT

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

## EDUCATION

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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

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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, Agricultural Productivity, and Human Capital Accumulation

joint with Munseob Lee

### The Macroeconomic Consequences of Malaria Eradication in Sub-Saharan Africa

(previous version: *How Will a New Malaria Vaccine Shape Africa's Economic Future? A Macroeconomic Analysis*)

### The Enduring Legacy of Educational Institutions: Evidence from Hyanggyo in Pre-Modern Korea

joint with Yeonha Jung and Munseob Lee

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Fertility and Growth (*tentative title*)

joint with Michèle Tertilt and Tom Vogl, in preparation for the *Handbook of Economic Growth*

### Price and Multiplier Effects of Cash Transfers: Slackness vs. Openness

joint with Mitchell VanVuren

in preparation for the *Journal of Monetary Economics (CRNYU special issue)*

### The Impacts of Negative Income Tax on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Large-Scale Field Experiment,

joint with Hyuncheol Bryant Kim, Jungmin Lee, Seung-hun Lee, Sangyoon Park, and Hankyoung Sung

## PUBLICATIONS

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**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

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Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Small Research Grant on “General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers: Slack vs. Openness” with Mitchell VanVuren (£10,900), 2025

University of Mannheim Data Acquisition Grant (€32,000), 2024

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

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(including scheduled)

2026	UCSD, Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policies
2025	STEG Annual Conference (Oxford, discussion); GRIPS; Hitotsubashi University; Kyoto University; ENTER Jamboree (Stockholm School of Economics); Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference; BSE Summer Forum; KER International Conference; Econometric Society World Congress; STEG Workshop in Malawi on the Macroeconomic Impacts of Cash Transfers; Korea Development Institute; Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS); Tilburg University; Rockwool Foundation Berlin
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**

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- “The Long-Run Effects of STEM-Hours in High School: Evidence From Dutch Administrative Data” by Katja Maria Kaufmann and Mark Jeffrey Spils, CRC Retreat, May 2025
- “Fertilizer Import Bans, Agricultural Exports, and Welfare: Evidence from Sri Lanka” by Eduardo Pinheiro Fraga, Devaki Ghose and Ana Fernandes, STEG Annual Conference, January 2025
- “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 Irmen, 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**

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**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**

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### **Referee**

*American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Political Economy, The Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, Review of Economic Dynamics, Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, RAND Journal of Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Economics Bulletin, International Journal of Development Issues*

**Grant Review:** Austrian Science Fund (FWF), German Research Foundation (DFG)

### **Conference and Seminar Organization**

Families in Macroeconomics Workshop; 2025  
Frankfurt-Mannheim Macro Workshop; 2024, 2025  
University of Mannheim Department Seminar; Spring 2025

### **Other Professional Activities**

Ph.D. and M.Sc. student admissions in Mannheim; 2024, 2025

## **SHORT-TERM POSITIONS**

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- Visiting scholar, Seoul National University; August 2025
- Visiting scholar, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy; November 2024; January-June 2026
- Visiting scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; September 2024
- Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank; 2020

## **TEACHING**

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Advanced Macroeconomics (MSc, University of Mannheim), Fall 2025

Macroeconomics of Development (PhD, University of Mannheim), Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Development Economics (MSc, University of Mannheim), Fall 2023, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Macroeconomics A (PhD, Teaching Assistant at UCSD)

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Citizenship: South Korea

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