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## EMPLOYMENT

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

## AFFILIATIONS

Member, Collaborative Research Center (TR224), German Science Foundation, 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

## 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)

## WORKING PAPERS

**Land Reform, Human Capital Accumulation, and Structural Transformation**  
joint with Munseob Lee

**Debt, Human Capital, and the Allocation of Talent**  
joint with Titan Alon and Natalie Cox, revise and resubmit at *American Economic Review*

**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”)

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

(including scheduled)

- 2025** GRIPS; Hitotsubashi University; Kyoto University
- 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 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

- 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

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIP

- Rookie of the Year Award, 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

## 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 Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, 2020

## SHORT-TERM VISITS

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, September 2024  
UC San Diego, November 2024

## 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)