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Research Interests

International Trade and Finance, Labor Economics, Gender Equality

Education

The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong, China
Ph.D. in Economics	Jul. 2020 – Present
Supervisor: Professors LIN Shu. GPA: 3.856	
Sun Yat-sen University	Guangzhou, China
BA in Economics, minor in Public Administration	Sept. 2016 – Jun. 2020
Mentors: Professors PENG Haoran. GPA: 4.0	
Goethe University	Frankfurt, Germany
Exchange student in Economics	Sept. 2018 – Feb. 2019

Honors and

Scholarships

Postgraduate Studentship (Ph.D.) (CUHK)	2020-2024
National Scholarship (Ministry of Education of PRC)	2019
Excellent Member (SYSU)	2018

Working Paper

Breaking the Glass Ceiling by Exporting: Evidence from China (with Shu LIN)

Abstract: This study identifies a soft benefit of exporting new to the literature. Using Chinese Custom data and publicly listed firm data, we provide causal evidence that exporting to destinations with a high degree of gender equality improves Chinese firms' board gender diversity. To shed light on the mechanisms, we test for a cultural spillover channel and a conformance channel through which exporting can influence border gender diversity. Finally, we also show that improved board gender diversity enhances firms' future export performance.

Input Tariff Liberalization and Gender Disparities: Evidence from China (with Shu LIN)

Abstract: Using China's WTO accession as a natural experiment, we show that input tariff liberalization generates higher income for Chinese manufacturing workers but widens gender income gap. The widened gender income gap is not due to longer working hours by men but an increase in gender wage inequality. We also find that input tariff reductions worsen manufacturing workers' health, and this adverse effect is more pronounced for women. The worsening of gender disparities, however, applies mainly to the unskilled. Finally, we also find that input tariff reductions incentivize women to obtain more education and result in a reduced gender education gap.

Environmental Regulation's Impacts on Enterprises Rent-seeking Behavior (with Jianhua LIU, Guo Chen, Tianlong Liao)

Abstract: Under the background of serious environmental problems and environmental protection becoming an important issue, China has introduced the "most stringent environmental protection law" and implemented the Environmental Inspections to impose strict environmental regulations on enterprises. Compliance with environmental regulations will inevitably bring greater production costs to enterprises. Is it possible for enterprises to avoid regulatory costs through rent-seeking? What factors will affect rent-seeking behavior? The study will use China's New Environmental Protection Law and the Environmental Inspections as a clue to explore the impact of environmental regulations on corporates' rent-seeking behavior and the role that media plays.

Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant, Department of Economics (CUHK)

ECON 5831: Special Topic in Economics II - China Financial Markets	Fall 2024
ECON 3610: International Macroeconomics	Spring 2024
ECON 4430: Welfare Economics	Fall 2023
ECON 3410: Money and Banking	Spring 2022 - Spring 2023
ECON 3590: Business Economics	Spring 2021
ECON 1210: Economics and Society	Fall 2020 & Fall 2021

Skills

Programming

Proficient in: Stata, Python Familiar with: Matlab

Languages

English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Fluent), German (Basic)

Reference

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