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EDUCATION	CERGE-EI , PhD in Economics Columbia University , Visiting Graduate Student Ritsumeikan University , Japan, MA Economics Foreign Trade University , Vietnam, BA Economics	09/2018 - Present 09/2024 - 12/2024 09/2015 - 08/2017 09/2009 - 05/2013	
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JOB MARKET PAPER	"Effects of Minimum Wage on the Formal and Informal Sector: Evidence from Vietnam" Abstract: This paper investigates the impacts of minimum wage policies in developing countries with a high share of people working in the informal sector, which is not covered by labor regulations. I leverage the 2008 introduction of regional variation in minimum wage levels in Vietnam and use individual-level survey data from 2004 to 2014 to examine the effects on the formal and informal sectors. Using an event study design, this paper reveals a significant increase in labor force participation four years after the minimum wage increases, mainly driven by the rise in informal employment. However, there is a negative short-run effect in formal sector employment (extensive margin) and fewer working hours in workers' primary jobs (intensive margin). I also find an increased likelihood of formal workers having informal secondary jobs. However, I do not observe any consistent reallocation of workers between formal and informal sectors across sectors and in and out of the workforce.		
WORK-IN-PROGRESS	"Unification of Minimum Wages and Labor Mobility" "The subjective well-being consequences of short-term displacement" (with Riga Qi, Azizbek Tokhirov) "The effect of Vietnamese immigration on the U.S shrimp industry in Gulf of Mexico" "Mining accidents and labor market outcomes" (with Riga Qi, Azizbek Tokhirov). <i>Early stage</i>		
GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	The Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 870245 (GEOCEP mobility) Monbukagakusho Scholarship, Japanese Government	09/2024 – 12/2024 10/2015 – 08/2017	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2024: Applied Young Economist (AYEW), Urban Economics Association (UAE Copenhagen), Econometric Society, East & Southeast Asia (AMES), The European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Development Colloquium (Columbia University), Washington University at St. Louis (EGSC), 2024 European Winter Meeting		

2023: Southern Economic Association (SEA), Young Economist Meeting (YEM), Portuguese Economic Journal Annual Meeting (16th PEJ), Italian Association of Development Economists (SITES), Postdam Workshop

2018: Vietnam Economist Annual Meeting (VEAM)

TEACHING	CERGE-EI , <i>Teaching Assistant</i> .	
	Microeconomics, MAE program	2021, 2022
	Microeconomics, Preparatory Semester for PhD	2020, 2021
OTHER WORKS	The World Bank , <i>Short-Term Consultant</i>	09/2023 - Present
LANGUAGES	Vietnamese (native), English (fluent), Japanese (elementary)	
SOFTWARE SKILLS	STATA, QGIS, LaTeX, R, SQL	