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Current Employment

Postdoctoral Scholar

University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics

August 2022 – May 2023

Education

University of Notre Dame, IN, USA

Ph.D., Economics

May 2022

Thesis: The effects of government policies on market structure in the presence of dynamic and imperfect competition.

Committee: Thomas Gresik (chair), Jeffrey Campbell, Joseph Kaboski, Kali Rath

M.A., Economics

2019

Georgian Technical University, Tbilisi, Georgia

M.A., Applied Mathematics

2017

International School of Economics at TSU, Tbilisi, Georgia

M.A., Economics

2015

University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia

B.A., Economics

2012

Research Interests

Macroeconomics; Growth; Dynamic IO; Imperfect competition

Job Market Paper

M&A and macroeconomic growth.

Abstract: During 1985-2018, mergers and acquisitions were 9% of annual GDP; the peak of 30% occurred in the second quarter of 1998. This paper examines the role of mergers and acquisitions in long-run productivity growth. Using long-run recursive identification, my results suggest that M&A plays an important role in long-run growth. In particular, I estimate that about 30% of the forecast error variance in M&A trade values is associated with the long-run productivity shocks. This finding suggests that restricting M&A without further analysis of its role in long-run growth might have unintended consequences on productivity growth. However, I find little evidence that M&A independently is the source of long-run growth.

Working Papers

Taxation policy and competition. (with Thomas Gresik)

Product differentiation with elastic demand and unit-specific transportation cost. (with Kali Rath)

Teaching Experience

University of Notre Dame

Instructor: Principles of Microeconomics (Fall, 2022)

Instructor: Introduction to Linear Regression (Spring, 2022, Evaluations: 5/5)

Instructor: Summer math camp (for incoming Ph.D. students, 2021, 2020)

Instructor: Tutorial Section for Statistics for Economics (Fall, 2020, Evaluations: 4.7/5)

TA: Microeconomics II (Ph.D. Core, Spring 2019)

TA: Game Theory (Fall 2018, 2021; Spring 2020, 2021, 2022)

TA: Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2019)

TA: Advanced Microeconomics (Fall, 2018)

TA: Taxation in Global Economy (Fall 2019)
TA: Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2017)

University of Georgia, Tbilisi

Instructor: Industrial Organization (Spring, 2017)
Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics II (Spring 2016, 2017)
Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics I (Fall 2015, 2016)

Honors, Scholarships, Grants, and Fellowships

Roy and Joan Laughlin Fellowship, 2020-2022
Graduate Assistantship, University of Notre Dame, 2017–2022
CERGE-EI Teaching Fellowship Grant (\$2,650), 2015–2016
Student Scholarship, International School of Economics at TSU, 2012-2015

Trainings

CERGE-EI Graduate Teaching Fellows Teaching Principles and Practices for Economics Course, 2015

Service to the University

Fulbright Campus Committee Evaluation for Georgia, 2018

Skills

Software: MATLAB, Julia, Stata, Maple
Languages: Georgian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent)

References

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