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Current Information

Postdoctoral fellow (started September 2014) at the Skalny Center, University of Rochester;

Education

2014: PhD in Economics and Business, University of Groningen (Awaiting thesis defense)

Thesis title: *Leaders, Regimes, and Political Instability*

Supervisor: Prof. Jakob de Haan, Dr. Richard Jong-A-Pin

Areas of specialization: *Political Economy, International Economics, Development Economics, and Applied Econometrics.*

2010: MPhil (cum laude) in Economics and Business, University of Groningen

2008: BSc in International Economics and Business, University of Groningen

2008: BSc in Economics, Fudan University

Job Market Paper

“Political Leader Survival: Does Competence Matter?” (with Richard Jong-A-Pin)

Abstract: The paper examines whether economic and military competence of political leaders affects their duration in office. By extending the selectorate theory of Bueno de Mesquita et al. (2003), we derive the hypothesis that in the presence of a revolutionary threat, economic competence is negatively related to political survival, but that the effect is moderated by the size of the winning coalition. The empirical estimates from a parametric Weibull duration model support the theoretical prediction.

Publications

- “Trade, Trust and the Rule of Law”, 2014 (forthcoming), accepted at *European Journal of Political Economy*. (with J. de Haan, and S. Beugelsdijk),
- “The Rise and Fall of Small Businesses during Economic Development: Evidence from Chinese Cities”, 2014 (forthcoming), accepted at *Growth and Change*. (with V. Euse, and A. Moreno)
- “The Missing Link: China’s Contracted Engineering Projects in Africa”, 2014, *Review of Development Economics* 18(3), pp.564-584. (with Y.W. Cheung, J. de Haan, and X.W. Qian)
- “China’s Outward Direct Investment in Africa”, 2012, *Review of International Economics* 20(2), pp.201-220. (with Y.W. Cheung, J. de Haan, and X.W. Qian)
- “China’s Investments in Africa”, 2012, in *The Evolving Role of China in the Global Economy 2010 CESifo Venice Summer Institute Conference Volume*, edited by Yin-Wong Cheung and Jakob de Haan, MIT Press. (with Y.W. Cheung, J. de Haan, X.W. Qian)

Working Papers

- “Successful Coups and Economic Growth”, 2012, KOF Working papers 10-252, under review. (with R. Jong-A-Pin),
- “Political Leader Survival: Does Leaders Competence Matter?”, 2014, under review. (with R. Jong-A-Pin),
- “Games of the Throne: Political Stability and Leader Selection”, 2014.
- “The Alma Mater Effect: Does Foreign Education of Political Leaders Influence Voting Behavior in the United Nations General Assembly?”, 2014. (with A. Dreher, and R. Jong-A-Pin)
- “The Successor’s Dilemma in Authoritarian Regimes: The Role of Social Mobilisation”, 2014. (with Y. Li, and Y. Zhang).
- “Africa Rising: Harnessing the Demographic Dividend”, 2014, *IMF Working Paper* 14/143. (with P. Drummond, and V. Thakoor)
- “Total Factor Productivity among Cities in China: Estimation and Explanation” (with Y. Xu), *The Conference Board EPWP* No.12-01.

Work in Progress

- “Political Dynasties” (with H. Goemans)
- “Competing for Africa: China’s Firm Level Investment in Africa ” (with R. Stone)
- “Demographic Transitions and Financial Development” (with V. Thakoor)

Research Experience

- 2013: IMF Summer Internship
- 2010: The 2010 Robert H. McGuckin III Fellowship, The Conference Board (NY, USA)
- 2008-2010: Research assistant to Prof. Jakob de Haan and Dr. Henk von Eije

Grants and Awards

Fundacion Ramon Areces Student Grant (2013); IACMR Student Grant (2012); IEA Travel Grant, Uni. of Groningen Best Graduate (2011); HSP Huygens Scholarship (2008-2010); Uni. of Groningen Scholarship (2006-2008); Fudan University Renmin Scholarship (2005-2006), Fudan Freshman Scholarship (2004).

Seminars

2013: IMF African Department, University of Rochester, Virginia Military Institute, Renmin University of China, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Fudan University

2011: ERIM Research Seminar, RSM-Erasmus, Rotterdam

Conferences and Workshops

2014: BBQ workshop, Heidelberg; Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Vienna; European Public Choice Society, Cambridge; RES Postgraduate Presentation Meeting, London.

2013: The 2nd International Workshop on Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics in China, Beijing; Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Aarhus; European Public Choice Society, Zurich

2012: Nederlandse Economendag Conference, Amsterdam; The 12th Shanghai Trade Center Development Forum, Shanghai; The 5th Biennial Int. Association for Chinese Management Research Conference, Hong Kong; Public Economic Theory 13th Annual Conference, Taipei; The XXIst Aix-Marseille Doctoral Spring School, Aix-en-Provence; Public Choice Society, Miami

2011: The 12th PREBEM conference, Rotterdam; Irish Society of New Economists 8th Annual Meeting, Dublin; European Public Choice Society, Rennes;

2010: CESifo Venice Summer Institute Conference, Venice; European Public Choice Society, Izmir

2009: European Public Choice Society, Athens

Other Professional Activities

Referee for European Journal of Political Economy, The World Economy, Review of Development Economics, International Economic Journal, Conflict Management and Peace Science, and Spring Meeting of Young Economists.

Advisor for Henley / Kochenov /IATA Index: Quality of Nationality.

Committee member of the PEG Seminar at University of Groningen.

Teaching Experience

2014: Authoritarian Regime (IR 200) at University of Rochester.

2014: International Political Economy (PSC/IR 274) at University of Rochester.

2011-2013: Statistics I (undergraduate) at University of Groningen.

2012-2013: Mathematics and Data Analysis (undergraduate) at University of Groningen.

Skills

Language: Chinese (mother tongue), English (fluent), Dutch and Cantonese (basic).

Software: Skilled in Stata, Eviews, SPSS, Matlab, Mathematica, MS office and LATEX.

References

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