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PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

2014–2015 MRes in Economics, London School of Economics
2013–2014 MSc in Economics, London School of Economics
2010–2013 BA in Economics, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

DOCTORAL STUDIES: London School of Economics

DATES: 2015–present

THESIS TITLE: “Essays in Labor Economics with a Focus on Gender”

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DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

Labor Economics, Development and Growth, Economics of the Family

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2016–2019	Development and Growth (MSc Economics)
2018	Development Economics (LSE Summer School)
2015–2016	Introduction to Econometrics (BSc Economics)

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

2016–2019	LSE Economics Teaching Fellow
2017	Research Assistant to Prof. Tim Besley and Prof. Maitreesh Ghatak
2015–2016	LSE Economics Graduate Teaching Assistant
2016	Research Assistant to Dr. Gharad Bryan and Dr. Melanie Morten
2015	Research Assistant to Dr. Swati Dhingra and Prof. Silvana Tenreyro
2013	Research Assistant to Dr. Sanjay Jain
2013	Research Assistant to Dr. Toke Aidt and Dr. Gabriel Leon

LANGUAGES:

Korean (native), English (fluent), Japanese (basic), Spanish (basic)

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2019	STICERD Research Grant
2019	LSE teaching bonus for great performance
2014–2018	LSE PhD Scholarship
2010–2013	Kwanjeong Educational Foundation Scholarship (USD 39,000 p.a.)
2010–2013	Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholarship (GBP 6,000 p.a.)
2011, 2012, 2013	Pembroke College Scholarship, Foundation Scholarship, College Prize
2008	South East Asia Math Competition, 2nd place individual round & 3rd place team round

PRESENTATIONS:

2019	Royal Holloway PhD Workshop on Labor and Family Economics
2018	Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis

WORKING PAPERS:

Job Market Paper:

“Marriage and Misallocation: Evidence from 70 Years of US History”

What are the aggregate productivity effects of changing gender roles associated with marriage? Married women are traditionally prescribed with the role of the homemaker and their husbands, the role of the breadwinner. Such gender roles make married individuals' labor force participation choice deviate from the productivity-maximizing choice. Moreover, individual's education and marriage market choices are affected in anticipation. I use a model featuring education, marriage market and labor supply decision as a tool to measure the extent of gender roles. I find that relative to single women, married women in 1940 US faced a 40% "norms tax" on market wage, which halved by 2000. Had these constraints remained at the level of 1940, married women of 2000 would have had a labor force participation rate that is lower by 16%, market earnings by 13%, and overall market and home output by 6%. For the aggregate economy, total market and nonmarket output drops by 2%, crucially driven by lower education levels for both men and women as marriage-market returns to education falls. The model structure is supported by a supplementary reduced form exercise, where WW2 casualties act as a positive temporary shock to female labor force participation that propagates over the long term through weaker gender norms.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

“Gender Ratios and Group Interaction: Evidence from Local Parliamentary Meeting in South Korea (with Martina Zanella)”

“Group Composition and Decision-Making (with Oriana Bandiera, Stephen Hansen, Andrea Prat, and Martina Zanella)”