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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

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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”**

Do gender roles associated with marriage constrain aggregate output? 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. Gender roles also affect education and marriage market choices in anticipation. I develop a model featuring education, marriage market, and labor supply choices to measure the consequences of gender roles. I find that relative to single women, married women in 1940 US faced a 40% "norms tax" on their perceived value of market wage, which halved by 2000. Had these norms remained at the level of 1940, married women of 2000 would have had a 16% lower labor force participation rate, 13% lower market earnings, and their total market and home output would have been lower by 6%. For the aggregate economy, total market and nonmarket output would have been 2% lower, driven by lower education levels. The model structure is supported by a reduced form analysis, which uses county-level variation in World War 2 casualties that increased female labor force participation and consequently weakened traditional gender norms.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:**“Learning by Experiencing? Changing Reactions to Political Gender Quotas (with Martina Zanella)”**

In 2005, the South Korean government introduced a gender quota in the *party-list proportional representation* tier of municipal council elections. The minimum number of female councilors varied by centrally determined council size. We analyze the effect of the quota on party leader's selection of candidates to be directly elected in the *first past the post* tier of elections. We find that municipalities stipulated to elect more females initially get around the quota by substituting away from female candidates in the latter tier, but over time the number of these female candidates increases. Moreover, the rate of growth of female direct candidates is higher in municipalities where the first proportionally elected females had higher education. Textual data on the council meeting minutes from a subsample of municipalities show that females speak more frequently and at greater length over time within election cycle. These results paint a story of learning: males learn about the competency of female colleagues, and females learn about the job.

“Group Composition and Group Interaction: Evidence from Municipal Council Meetings in South Korea (with Oriana Bandiera, Stephen Hansen, Andrea Prat, and Martina Zanella)”

[Data collection in progress]

How does the proportion of females affect the group dynamic in a male-dominated setting? We study this question in the context of municipal council meetings in South Korea, exploiting the introduction of gender quotas in the elections for councilors. The legal requirement for councils to publish verbatim minutes of council meetings gives us the unique opportunity to observe in a systematic manner how individuals interact. Identity economics as well as a vast literature in sociology make varied predictions of male and female behavior in male-dominated settings. For example, men may hold the view of women as threats, or they may gradually become more accepting of female colleagues. Women may cope by taking on masculine attitudes and distancing themselves from female colleagues, or they may develop solidarity among themselves. We intend to analyze the minutes of the council meetings to see how the increase in the share of female councilors affected female and male MP behavior, as measured by frequency and length of speeches, proposal and endorsement of new bills, and contention against and support for other councilors. This study may also shed light on the exact mechanisms behind existing findings of gender quotas in political positions leading to female-friendly policies, by zooming in on the legislative process.