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Research Interests Empirical Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics

Education

Pennsylvania State University, PA, United States

Ph.D. candidate, Economics, Expected: May 2023

Korea University, Seoul, Korea

Master of Arts, Economics, February 2017

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, February 2015

Magna Cum Laude

Working Papers

- 1. **Hong, Joonkyo**, "Sunk Costs and Entrant's Choice of Capacity" (*Job Market Paper*)
- 2. Hong, Joonkyo, "The Differential Effect of Exporting on Input Productivities"
- 3. **Hong, Joonkyo**, "Trade Dynamics of Colombian Chemical Plants: Productivity and Trade Cost Complementarity"

Work-In-Progress

1. **Hong, Joonkyo** and Park, Minsung, "Online Banking and the Dynamics of Branch Consolidation"

Publication

- 1. Park, Jaesung, **Hong, Joonkyo**, and Na, Sumi, "Decomposition of Business Cycle Shocks and the Default Rate of SMEs in Korea," *Korean Journal of Futures and Options*, Volume 27, Number 4, November 2019 (in Korean)
- 2. Park, Jaesung and **Hong, Joonkyo**, "Encouraging Employment, Technology Innovation and Profitability of SMEs," *Korean Association of Applied Economics*, Volume 22, Number 2, June 2020 (in Korean)
- 3. Park, Jaesung and **Hong, Joonkyo**, "Operating Multiple of Credit Guarantees as a Facilitator of Aggressive Credit Supply," *Journal of SME Finance*, Volume 41, Number 1, April 2021 (in Korean)

Research Experience Research Assistant

Summer 2021, 2022

Department of Economics, Pennsylvania State University, PA

for Mark Roberts

Visiting Research Assistant

Spring 2016

Spring, Fall 2015

Department of Economics, University of Washington, WA

for Chang-Jin Kim

Research Assistant

Department of Economics, Korea University

for Sangsoo Park

Research Assistant

2013-2015

Department of Economics, Korea University

for Chang-Jin Kim

Teaching Experience Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University

Microeconomic Analysis, for Jadrian Wooten

International Macroeconomics, for Stephen Yeaple
Economics of the Corporation, for Peter Newberry
Industrial Organization, for Mark McLeod
Economics of the Corporation, for Daniel Grodzicki
Economics of the Corporation, for Conor Ryan

Fall 2017 - Fall 2018
Spring 2019
Fall 2019
Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant, Korea University

Introductory Marcoeconomics

Fall 2016

Oct 2022

Grants

Student Awards — Pennsylvania State University, Department of Economics

Graduate Assistantship Fall 2017 - Present

Student Awards — Korea University, Graduate School

Teaching Assistantship

Brain Korea 21 Scholarship

Research Assistantship

Brain Korea 21 Scholarship for Abroad Studies

Syring 2015, Fall 2015

Spring 2015, Fall 2015

Spring 2015

Spring 2016

Spring 2016

Spring 2016

Student Awards — Korea University, Department of Economics

Mirae-Asset Foundation Scholarship Spring 2014, Fall 2014

Presentations

Economic Graduate Student Conference (scheduled)

Washington University at St. Louis

Applied Micro Seminar Oct 2022

Pennsylvania State University

Penn State IO Brownbag Fall 2019 – Spring 2022

Pennsylvania State University

Work Experience Sergeant, Military Service in Republic of Korea Army May 2011 – Mar 2013 Served as an Korean Augmented Troops to U.S. Army (KATUSA) of 19th Expeditionary

Sustainment Command

Research Intern, Korean Small Business Institute Jan 2017 – May 2017

Skills

Computer:

Matlab, GAUSS, STATA, Python, R, ArcGIS

Languages:

Korean(Native), English(Fluent)

References

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"Sunk Costs and Entrant's Choice of Capacity" (Job Market Paper)

This paper studies how sunk entry costs influence both entry and entrant's scale of operation in oligopolistic industries. I specify and estimate a dynamic game in which firms bear the sunk entry costs varying with their scale choice at entry using data on South Korean cinema chains. Exploiting the land-use and construction regulatory reforms, I recognize that sunk costs for larger-scale theaters decrease substantially following the regime shift. A counterfactual simulation reveals that the industry would have a higher share of larger-scale movie theaters in response to these disproportionately reduced sunk costs. This shift in the industry's scale composition incurs considerably increased expenditures on fixed operating costs, reducing industry net profit by 5.6%. In contrast, a model without theater scale choices obscures the change in scale distribution, predicting a positive effect of 27.3% on net profit

"The Differential Effect of Exporting on Input Productivities"

Many empirical studies document that entering the export market raises a firm's productivity. I study whether entering the export market results in differential increases in input productivities at the firm-level (non-neutral change). I develop a model that separately identifies firm-level skilled and unskilled labor-augmenting productivities, and material input prices. Applying the model to data on the Colombian apparel manufacturers, I find that exporting raises the skilled labor-augmenting productivity 7.2-percentage point more than the unskilled counterpart. A counterfactual simulation in which exporting raises the two productivities equally, the mean-differences in skilled-to-unskilled employee ratios between exporters and non-exporters are 50 percent smaller than the data counterparts. The result suggests that non-neutral productivity gain from trade is central in shaping the input allocation differences between exporters and non-exporters.

"Trade Dynamics of Colombian Chemical Plants: Productivity and Trade Cost Complementarity"

This paper estimates a dynamic model of the firm's joint export and import decision process. In the model, participating in trade improves within-period profits and future productivity. In addition, doing one trade activity facilitates the other by reducing the associated fixed/sunk costs. Employing a Bayesian MCMC estimator, I fit the model to Colombian chemical plant panel data from 1981 to 1985. Two findings stand out: (i) importing increases future productivity significantly while exporting does not. (ii) importing facilitates exporting by lowering the sunk costs of entering the foreign market while exporting facilitates importing by decreasing the fixed costs of continuing import. A counterfactual simulation shows that subsidizing the fixed costs of importing is the most effective among trade cost subsidy schemes in improving the average productivity and firm value.