Expatriate Managers and Firm Performance

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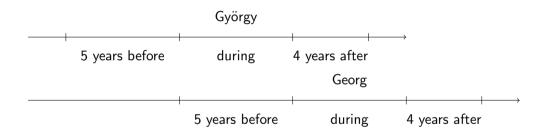
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CEO succession



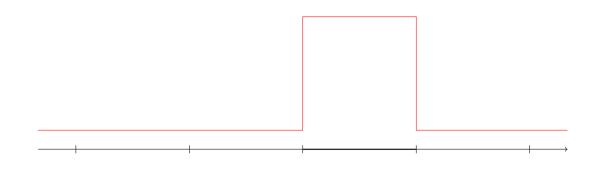
Research design

Manager-level event study



Mechanism

Specific knowledge

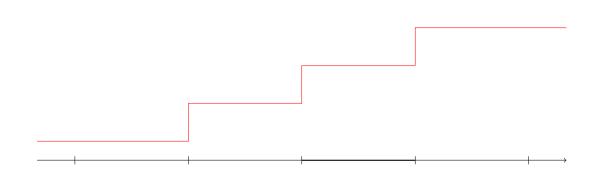


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Technology transfer

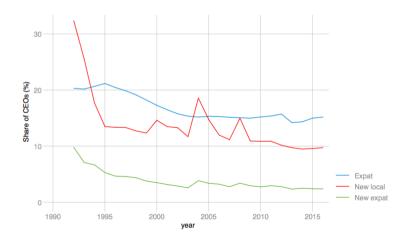
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Reorganization

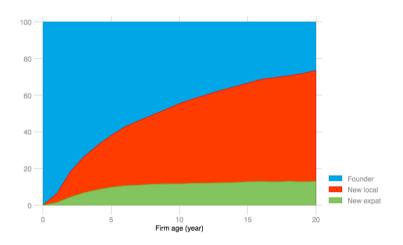


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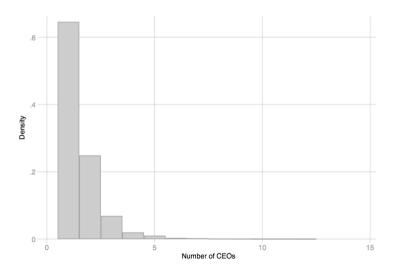
Local and expat managers over time



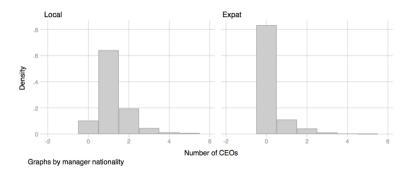
Founder CEOs are slowly replaced



Firms sometimes have multiple CEOs

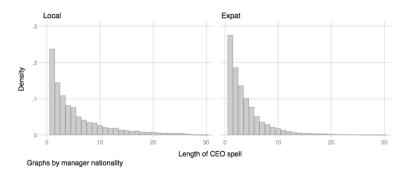


80 percent of firms have no expat CEO



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Expat CEOs leave somewhat earlier

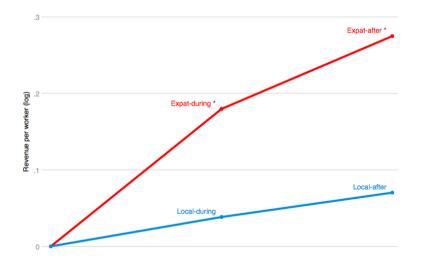


Estimates from acquisitions sample

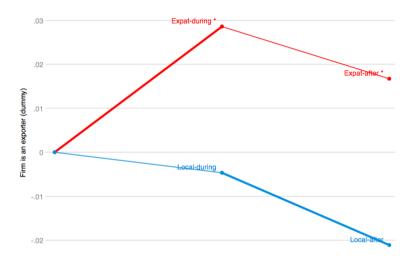
Local and expat managers reduce employment by same amount



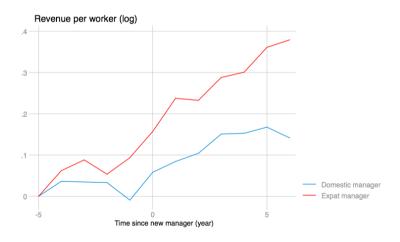
Expat managers improve revenue per worker by 15–25 percent



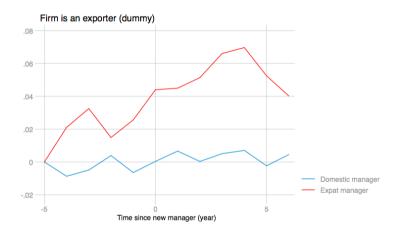
Expat managers increases probability of exporting by 3pp



Expat managers have persistent effect on revenue per worker

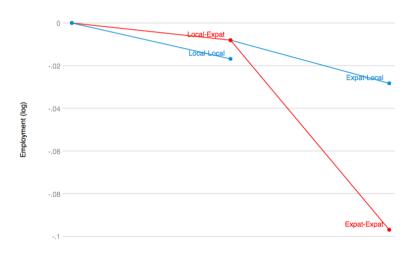


Exporting firms are more likely taken over by an expat

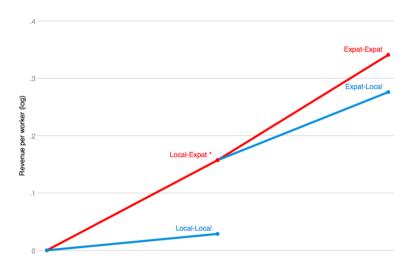


Estimates from manager switches

All reorganization results in loss of employment



Productivity effect of expats remains after they leave



Exporting effect of expats remains after they leave

