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EDUCATION

CY Cergy Paris Université & ESSEC Business School

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PhD in economics

Supervisor: Pamela Bombarda

Doctoral visiting at King's College, London (*March 2025-June 2025*)

Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye

June 2021

External mobility at Fudan University, Shanghai (*September 2018-June 2019*)

RESEARCH

How Local Labor Market Institutions Shape the Effects of Trade on Informality

Co-authors: Pamela Bombarda (CYU) and Maria Bas (Paris-1)

We estimate the effects of exogenous trade reforms in the 1990s on informality using firm-level and worker-level data from India. Our results suggest that greater access to foreign inputs formalizes the economy by increasing firms' formal labor demand. Effects appear weaker in states with rigid labor regulations relative to states with flexible ones. A quantification exercise suggests that trade-induced formalization increased labor productivity by approximately 2% annually.

Presentations: CITP, Thema, ETSG, Paris 1 YRS, KCL Brownbag, EEA, EGI (2024-2025).

Tax Reform, New Inputs, and Productivity: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing

I study how commodity taxation shapes manufacturing plants' sourcing and production decisions. Exploiting the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India in 2017, which removed input taxes for most sectors, I implement a difference-in-differences design using plant-level panel data from 2012 to 2022. I find that plants eligible for input tax credit increased the number of intermediates sourced by 6%. They also exhibit relative increases in product scope and value-added per worker. These results shed light on the way sectoral exemptions, a common practice meant to reduce the administrative burden of small plants, come at the cost of impeding sourcing of intermediates for large ones.

Presentations: Thema, KCL Econ RG, QMUL JRD, ETSG, ESSEC, Paris 1 YRS (2024-2025).

ACHIEVEMENTS

Grant for international doctoral visiting (€2100)

2024

Excellence scholarship, awarded by CYU

2020

TEACHING

Economic Policy (2A) – *Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye*

2022 - present

Principles of microeconomics (L1) – *CY Cergy Paris Université*

2021-2022

International macroeconomics (L2) – *CY Cergy Paris Université*

2021

SKILLS

Programming

Python, Stata and Latex

Languages

French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Chinese (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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