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EDUCATION

London Business School

September 2019 - Present

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

July 2007 - April 2011

Bachelors of Technology (Hons.)

Department of Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering

Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

June 2011 - April 2013

Post Graduate Diploma in Management

FIELDS OF INTEREST

- Political Economy, Law and Economics, Regulations, Contract Theory, Banking

WORKING PAPERS

Real Effects of Judicial Selection: The Role of Campaign Finance [*Job Market Paper*]

Abstract: This paper studies the real effects of campaign finance and judicial selection. Using the Supreme Court's surprise verdict in the Citizens United v. FEC case in 2010, I document that relaxing campaign finance restrictions led to a 61% increase in the average electoral expenditure of judicial candidates. Competition in judicial elections increased along with greater turnover of the judicial bench. Concomitantly, labor productivity increased by 6.6%, but only in states with judicial elections. This increase is driven by industries that are more reliant on the quality of legal institutions. Overall, I provide the first evidence that campaign finance deregulation in judicial elections increases electoral competition and scrutiny and improves factor allocation.

Political Finance and Party Preferences

Abstract: Politicians' influence depends on their relationships with other powerful politicians. In a network of elected representatives based on their committee assignments, I use network centrality as a measure of such influence. I use plausibly exogenous variation in funding to show that well-funded politicians tend to be more central. I also estimate the political parties' preferences over politicians' attributes and document that the parties place candidates with higher funding in more central positions than candidates with a stronger legislative record. This bias in favour of well-funded representatives is robust to other measures of influence such as their legislative productivity.

Stress Tests: Frequency vs. Strength

with Deepal Basak (Indiana Kelley) and Zhen Zhou (Tsinghua PBCSF)

Abstract: This paper studies how the stress test design (in particular its strength and frequency) affects its effectiveness in providing information to persuade the bank's stakeholders to coordinate on not "attacking" the bank to decrease the probability of bank failure during distress. The stakeholders are privately informed and move sequentially. We characterize all robustly persuasive stress tests, under which, even in the worst equilibrium, all bank stakeholders disregard their private information and perfectly coordinate their actions based on the test results ("pass" or "fail"). We show that testing the bank more frequently can substitute the role of an increased test strength in making the stress test result persuasive. We then characterize the optimal frequency and investigate how it depends on macroeconomic conditions, the bank's idiosyncratic characteristics, as well as the endogenous maturity choices of banks. We further examine how other regulatory measures may complement the stress test policy.

Experimentation and Learning under Competitive Search

with Emre Ozdenoren (LBS)

Abstract: We study competitive search equilibrium in markets where matches between workers and firms are an experience good and there is uncertainty about match productivity. Parties learn about the underlying match productivity through on-the-job experimentation. If the firms can offer fully flexible wages, the competitive search equilibrium is efficient. However, under fixed-wage contracts, experimentation may be sub-optimal, resulting in fewer vacancies compared to the efficient benchmark. Conditions under which inefficiency occurs depend on whether the firms can commit to contract duration. Without commitment, there is generically too little experimentation. Minimum wages and non-common priors lead to inefficiency even under flexible wages.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Dynamic Moral Hazard with Competitive Search with Doruk Cetemen (Royal Holloway, University of London) and Emre Ozdenoren (LBS)

Value of Political Finance Disclosure with Lakshmi Naaraayanan (LBS) and Sampreet Singh Goraya (Stockholm School of Economics)

Social Media and Bank Runs with Rhiannon Sowerbutts (Bank of England)

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences: CICF 2024, 8th HEC PARIS PhD Workshop, Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research 2024, 7th Bristol Workshop on Banking and Financial Intermediation, ISB Summer Research Conference 2024, EEA Congress 2024, ESEM 2024, EFMA 2024.

Seminars: LBS Economics Brown Bag, LBS Finance PhD Seminar, Bank of England Financial Stability Seminar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Advanced Corporate Finance (Prof. Lakshmi Naaraayanan, Prof. Rebecca Desimone)
- Mergers and Reorganization (Prof. Julian Franks)
- Investments and Valuations (Prof. Ian Cooper)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ocwen Financial Corporation January 2015 - October 2016
Practice Manager, Corporate Strategy

- Analysed the financial data of the company and equity analysts' financial models to provide guidance on the company's financial performance in the quarterly and annual earnings call

Deutsche Bank AG June 2013 - January 2015
Analyst, Global Transaction Banking

- Sales and solutions advisory for working capital management of large local & multinational corporations

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- LBS Ph.D. Finance Fellowship 2019-2025
- Institute of Entrepreneurship and Private Capital Grant 2021
- Evert McCabe PhD Endowed Fellow (University of Washington) 2018-2019

SOFTWARE SKILLS

C, MATLAB, R, SQL, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX 2_ε, Excel, Mathematica

REFERENCES

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