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DOCTORAL STUDIES

Syracuse University,
Department of Economics, Maxwell School
PhD, Economics, Expected completion May 2022
DISSERTATION:
“Three Essays on Globalization, Structural Change, and Political Economy”

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

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PRIOR EDUCATION

Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea	
MA in Economics	2017
Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea (Magna Cum Laude)	
BA in Economics	2015
BA in Political Science	2015

CITIZENSHIP

Republic of Korea (South Korea)
VISA status in USA : F1

FIELDS

International Trade, Development Economics, and Political Economy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	- Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 101 <i>Primary Instructor</i> , Syracuse University, Summer 2021 (Overall average rating : 5/6)	
	- Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 101 <i>Primary Instructor</i> , Syracuse University, Summer 2020 (Overall average rating : 5.1/6)	
	- Advanced Game Theory and Economic Strategy (master), ECN 510 <i>TA</i> to Prof. Kristy Buzard, Syracuse University, Spring 2019	
	- Mathematical Economics (master), ECN 505 <i>TA</i> to Prof. Áron Tóbiás, Syracuse University, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021	
	- Game Theory and Economic Strategy (undergraduate), ECN 421 <i>TA</i> to Prof. Kristy Buzard, Syracuse University, Spring 2019	
	- Topics in Health Economics (undergraduate), ECN 410 <i>TA</i> to Prof. Perry Singleton, Syracuse University, Spring 2018	
	- Intermediate Mathematical Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 311 <i>TA</i> to Prof. Leyla Karakas, Syracuse University, Fall 2017	
	- Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 301 <i>TA</i> to Prof. Áron Tóbiás, Syracuse University, Fall 2019, Fall 2020	
	- Korean Economy (PhD) <i>TA</i> to Prof. Kwang Doo Kim, Sogang University, Fall 2016	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant to Prof. Devashish Mitra, Syracuse University	2021 -present
AWARDS	Graduate Assistantship, Syracuse University	2017-present
	Summer Stipend, Syracuse University	2017-2020
	Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Sogang University	2015-2017
	Xavier Scholarship Albatros, Sogang University	2013
CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS	Brown Bag Seminar, Jönköping Univ. (Scheduled)	2022
	International Panel Data Conference (IPDC) 2021	2021
	Trade Breakfast, Syracuse Univ. (x2)	2021
	Brown Bag Seminar, Jönköping Univ.	2020
	Graduate Student Workshop (GSW), Syracuse Univ.	2019
	International Panel Data Conference (IPDC) 2018	2018
	CESIS-KTH and Sogang Univ. Conference	2017
CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED	Sovereignty, Order, and Conflict (Joined as a discussant)	2021
	NY Camp Econometrics	2018, 19, 21
JOURNAL REFEREE	Economics and Politics (x3) Latin American Economic Review Springer Nature Business and Economics	
MILITARY SERVICE	Republic of Korea Air Force, Air Force basement in Chungju, South Korea	2010 - 2012
LANGUAGE CODING	Korean (native), English (fluent) Stata, Matlab, SAS	

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Democratic Consolidation, Unionization, and Growth-Enhancing Structural Change”

Abstract : Re-allocation of labor from less productive sectors to more productive sectors is essential in attaining economic growth. Because only some developing countries achieve productive labor re-allocation, it is important to address the determinant of productive labor re-allocation. Based on this motivation, this paper focuses on the role of unionization in structural change. First, using aggregated cross-country data from 31 countries, I find that a country with higher national labor union density has smaller growth-enhancing structural change if the country has a democratic political regime. Furthermore, I provide detailed dynamics by constructing an index for the degree of unionization for each sector in each region of South Korea and Taiwan. Consistent with cross-country evidence, the magnitude of growth-enhancing structural change was lowered when a sector in a region had a higher degree of unionization. In addition, this heterogeneous magnitude of structural change across the different degrees of unionization became more explicit after the legalization of democratic labor union confederations. These findings suggest that the institutional properties represented by unionization can affect the dynamics and growth implications of structural change.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal

“Attitudes towards Globalization Barriers and Implications for Voting: Evidence from Sweden” (With Leyla Karakas and Devashish Mitra), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 190, 851-877, (2021)

Book Chapter

"The Relationship between Economic Growth and Democracy: Alternative Representations of Technological Change." (with Almas Heshmati), *Panel Data Econometrics*, Chapter 28, 885-929. Academic Press, (2019)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Nonlinear Dynamic Gravity Model of Bilateral Trade with Flexible Adjustment Speed” (with Almas Heshmati), (presented in IPDC 2021)