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RESEARCH

Job Market Paper: Firm Heterogeneity and Collective Agreements: a Structural Model of Minimum Wages in Spain

Does widespread coverage of collective agreements introduce inefficiencies in the labour market? How are firms of different sizes affected? Participants in collective agreements set the minimum wage that fits them best, not internalising the effects imposed on non-participants. I analyse minimum wage bargaining and its effects on workers and firms in a model of two-sided heterogeneity with on-the-job search. I estimate the model using Spanish Social Security records for the metal industry in Madrid. By exogenously varying minimum wage levels, I show that large firms gain most from raising minimum wages. This is through two channels. On the one hand, large firms increase their advantage in hiring over small firms. On the other hand, higher minimum wages slow down wage growth. This especially decreases the wage bill for large firms because they hire more experienced workers. Lastly, I find that letting everyone participate in collective bargaining would result in a lower wage floor of $\in 1150$ instead of $\in 1250$. The profits of large firms would be reduced by 4.4% and those of small firms increased by 6.9%.

Working papers

• Union Coordination under the Presence of Externalities and Costs in an Oligopoly Market

EDUCATION

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona PhD in Economics Thesis Advisor: Joan Llull	2016 - Present
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid M.Sc. in Economics	2015 - 2016
CIFF M.Sc. in Statistics	2008 - 2009
Universidad Autonoma de Madrid Bachelor in Economics	2002 - 2008
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	
The Econometrics Journal Replication team	2021 - Present
MOVE Fundation Research Assistant of Joan Llull and Robert Miller	2020 - Present
The Economic Journal Replication team	2019 - Present

Santander Bank UK London: Process Design and Change Management Consultant	2014 - 2015
Santander Bank Process Design and Change Management Consultant	2011 - 2014
Santander Bank Research Assistant (Internship)	2010
IBERIA L.A.E. Price Analyst	2009
Dinners Club Analyst	2009
HONOURS AND AWARDS	
PIF-UAB Predoctoral Fellowship	2018-2022
Barcelona GSE - UAB IDEA Ph.D. Track Fellowship Agreement	2017-2018
TEACHING	
Econometrics I (Bachelor), UAB Professor	2021 Fall
Econometrics I (Masters), UAB Teacher assistant of Pau Milan	2021 $Winter$
Math Brush-up (Masters), UAB Professor	2020 Fall
Structural Microeconometrics (Masters), UAB Teacher assistant of Joan Llull	2020 $Winter$
Statistics II (Bachelor), UAB Teacher assistant of Vladimir Zaiats	2021 Spring
Math Brush-up (Masters), UAB Professor	2019 Fall
SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS	
SSSI, Moscow, Online	June 2021
Bellaterra Applied Working Group, Online	June 2021
Essex-Barcelona Workshop on Labor Economics, Online	May 2021
Bellaterra Applied Working Group, Online	March 2020
Bellaterra Applied Working Group, Barcelona	May 2019
EVENT ORGANIZATION	
Coorganizer: BSE PhD Jamboree	2019
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Attendance: Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality $HCEO\ \&\ NES$	2021

SKILLS

Programming skills:

Stata, MATLAB, GAUS, LATEX, Eviews, Mathematica, MAPLE, R

Languages:

Spanish (Native) English (Advance) Catalan (Basic), German (Basic).

REFERENCES

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