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Research and Teaching Fields

Research: Labour Economics, Economic Development, Empirical Microeconomics

Teaching: Family Economics, Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Econometrics

References

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Academic Position

July 2019- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mount Allison University

Education

2019 Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, Canada
 Thesis Title: Essays on Family Economics and Human Capital Development
2009 M.Sc. Economics, Sharif University of Technology, Iran
2005 B.Sc. Computer Science, Yazd University, Iran

Publications

Married Women's Labour Force Participation and Intra-Household Bargaining Power (Forthcoming, **Empirical Economics**)

pre Ph.D. Publications:

Total Factor Productivity Assessment of the Industrial Sector (Macroeconomic Approach), with Hassan Dargahi, In: *International Competitiveness of Iranian Industrial Sector*, Masoud Nili, et al., TCCIM Press, 2012, 295-312.

Iran's Economic Forecasts: 2013-2017 Outlook, In: *Determinants of Iran's Economy: A Medium-run Analysis*, Masoud Nili, et al., Donya-e-Eqtesad Press, 2013, 187-222.

Research Papers

1. "The Intergenerational Effects of Economic Sanctions"

(**Job Market Paper** - Revision requested at **Journal of Development Economics**)

ABSTRACT: Economic sanctions have become the defining foreign policy tool of the 21st century. While sanctions are successful in achieving political goals, can hurt the civilian population. A large literature has documented the negative welfare effects of sanctions on current generations, but these effects could be even more detrimental and long-lasting for future generations. This paper quantifies the effects of the United Nations Security Council sanctions imposed on Iran in 2006 on investment in children's education. Exploiting variation in the strength of sanctions across industries and using unique survey data with detailed information on children's education and living circumstance, I obtain two main findings. First, the sanctions decreased children's total years of schooling by 0.2 years and the probability of attending college by 8.7%. This effect is larger for children at crucial ages and children from low income families. Second, households reduced expenditure on children's education by 61% - particularly on expenditure for school tuition. This finding indicates households respond to the sanctions by substituting away from higher-quality private schools towards lower-quality public schools for their children. This negative effect on education expenditure is larger for children from middle income families. The sanctions impact on children's education is larger than implied by the income elasticity estimates from the previous literature likely because sanctions have persistent effects on parent income. Taken together the results imply that sanctions have a larger effect on permanent income of children than their parents. Therefore, ignoring the effects of sanctions on future generations significantly understates their total economic costs.

2. "Married Women's Labour Force Participation and Intra-Household Bargaining Power"

(Forthcoming, **Empirical Economics**)

ABSTRACT: I examine the effects of education on the labor force participation (LFP) of married women in an intra-household collective decision framework with imperfectly transferable utility and endogenous bargaining powers. In this case, individuals' pre-marriage choices including educational choices and matching on the marriage market, determine their bargaining power. Education has thus monetary (in the marriage and labor markets) and non-monetary (as a normal good) types of return. The estimated model exhibits the features that are consistent with the data. First, the female's bargaining power increases when a woman is more educated relative to her spouse. Second, women's LFP is an inverse U-shaped function of bargaining power. As a woman's bargaining power increases, she participates more in the labor market. However, over a certain level of bargaining power, women are less likely to work outside the home. Thus, this paper identifies a new channel through which education can affect LFP.

3. "The Effects of Labor Market Opportunities on Education: The Case of a Female Hiring Ceiling in Iran", Joint with Dr. Atsuko Tanaka (Submitted)

ABSTRACT: This paper estimates the effects of labor market opportunities on educational attainment. We exploit discontinuity generated by a 2010 policy in Iran that limited female employment in the public sector. We find that this hiring quota, which significantly worsened female labor market conditions, immediately reduced women's enrollment in university programs. We also find that those who did not enroll in college after the quota are less likely to be employed, but are more likely to get married young and have a child. Our finding highlights the importance of labor market opportunities for women's education and their work and family decisions.

Work In Progress

1. "The Role of Labor Market Barriers in the Life Cycle Decisions of Women"
2. "Iranian Education Quota: the Effects of Quality and Quantity of Labor Force"
3. "The Most Effective Policy to Improve Health Equality"

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

2019	Mount Allison University, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Family Economics
2017, 2019	University of Calgary, Principles of Macroeconomics
2009	Payame Noor University, Principles of Microeconomics, Economic Growth, Public Finance

Teaching Assistant:

2013- 2018	University of Calgary Advanced Econometrics (grad course) (TA Excellence Prize) Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics (TA Excellence Prize) Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics Use of Statistics in Economics, Economics and the Environment The Global Trading System, Economic Analysis of Law, Electricity Markets
2013	Sharif University of Technology, Industrial Organization (grad course)
2012	Institute for Research in Planning and Development, Advanced Microeconomics (grad course)

Research Experience and Other Employment

2019	Research Assistant for Dr. Arvind Magesan, University of Calgary (Political Violence in India)
2019	Research Assistant for Dr. Soroush Sabbaghan, Werklund School of Education
2018	Research Assistant for Dr. Christopher Bruce, Economica (Assessment of Personal Injury)
2016, 2018	Research Assistant for Dr. Atsuko Tanaka, University of Calgary (College Loans)
2010-2013	Research Associate, Sharif Institute for Economic and Industrial Studies (SIEIS)
2005	VB Programmer, Iran's Specialized Software Center, Iran

Professional Activities

Conference and Seminar Presentation

2019	Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Atlantic Canada Economics Association (ACEA), University of Naples, Nazarbayev University
2018	The Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), Canadian Economics Association (CEA)
2017	North American Meetings of the Econometric Society, University of Isfahan (Invited Speaker)
2015, 2018	Department of Economics Seminar Series, University of Calgary
2011	Monetary and Banking Research Academy, Central Bank of Iran

Certificates

2018	Machine Learning, Stanford University and Coursera
2017	Instructional Skills Certificate, Taylor Institute for Teaching & Learning
2016	Graduate Writing Certificate, University of Calgary
2012	Winter School on Monetary Economics, Lectured by P. Benigno
2011	Winter School on International Macroeconomics, Lectured by G. Benigno
2011	Summer School on New Keynesian DSGE Models, Lectured by F. Canova

Honors and Scholarships

2018	Dissertation Award (\$10,000), Economics Department, University of Calgary
2018	Teaching Assistant Excellence Prize, Economics Department, University of Calgary
2017	Anton and Dalgarno Memorial Graduate Scholarship
2015	James D.Gaisford Research Prize for the best second year paper
2015	Top Econometrics Prize, University of Calgary
2013-2017	Ph.D. Graduate Scholarship (\$110,800), Economics Department, University of Calgary
2006-2009	M.Sc. Graduate Scholarship, Economics Department, Sharif University of Technology