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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, expected May 2024

M.A. Economics, Seoul National University, 2018

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, *First class honors*, Sogang University, 2016

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

International Finance and Macroeconomics

DISSERTATION

Essays on Currencies, Coporate Borrowing, and International Macroeconomics Committee: Prof. Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan (Chair), Prof. John Shea, Prof. Pierre De Leo, Dr. Ruchir Agarwal

JOB MARKET PAPER

"Dollar Invoicing and the Global Financial Cycle"

I study the dynamic relation between dollar invoicing in exports, dollar borrowing, and the global financial cycle. I document a positive co-movement between dollar invoicing in exports and firms' dollar borrowing, and also a positive link between dollar borrowing and the VIX. I write down a model consistent with these correlations: during global financial downturns when dollar liquidity is tight (higher VIX), firms increase dollar invoicing to secure dollar revenues, facilitating dollar borrowing with these as collateral. The model shows that an endogenous increase in dollar invoicing amplifies the responsiveness of dollar borrowing to positive risk shocks (or safety shocks), affecting responses in variables like UIP premium, exchange rates, and net exports. Empirical evidence from a comparison between Türkiye and Thailand supports these insights.

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

"Corporate Cross-border Borrowing and Macroprudential Policy," working paper

"Tracking Progress Towards the Global COVID-19 Vaccination Targets: An Overview of the WHO-IMF Vaccine Tracker," work in progress, with Ruchir Agarwal, Ganchimeg Ganpurev, Yunhui Lin and Brandon Joel Tan

"An Integrated Policy Framework in Emerging Economies," work in progress, with Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2020 and 2021

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Fall 2018 and 2019, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, Applied Macroeconomics (graduate), Seoul National University, Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant, Graduate Macroeconomics (core graduate), Seoul National University, Fall 2016 and 2017

RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Economist Intern, Amazon Transportation Services – Forecasting, Amazon, Summer 2023 Research Officer, Office of the Chief Economist (Dr. Gita Gopinath), Research Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF), January 2021 - January 2023 Research Assistant, Prof. Woong Yong Park, Seoul National University, 2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2018 - 2024 Graduate School Fellowship, Seoul National University, 2016 - 2017 Brain Korea 21+ Scholarship, Seoul National University, 2016 Departmental Honors, Sogang University, 2012 - 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for International Economic Journal

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate), Korean (native)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Python, MATLAB, R, Stata, LaTex, SQL, HTML

REFERENCES

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