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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, Corporate 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 the VIX is high and dollar liquidity is tight, firms increase dollar invoicing to secure dollar revenues, facilitating dollar borrowing with these revenues 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 Turkey 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

“Do Emerging Markets Use Integrated Policies to Deal with External Shocks?” 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

Prof. Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan	University of Maryland	kalemli@econ.umd.edu	(301) 405-3486
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