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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (08/2015 - present)

University of Zurich, Department of Economics

- Advisors: Ralph Ossa, Gregory Crawford
- Main Fields: Environmental Economics, International Trade
- Expected completion: Summer 2021

Visiting Scholar (08/2019 - 03/2020)

University of California, Berkeley

- Host: Meredith Fowlie

M.Sc. in International Trade, Finance and Development (09/2013 - 07/2014)

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

- Supervisors of Master Project: Fernando Broner and Jaume Ventura

B.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration (10/2009 - 02/2013)

Goethe University Frankfurt

- Supervisor of Bachelor Thesis: Michael Binder

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, International Trade

WORK IN PROGRESS

To Beef or Not To Beef: Trade, Meat, and the Environment

D. Simon, 2020, Job Market Paper

Abstract: The agricultural sector is the second largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. How can food consumption choices reduce emissions? I estimate a model of meat demand using purchasing data of meat and other protein rich products from a European retailer. I combine the purchasing data with data on production and transport emissions. In several counterfactual exercises, I analyze the reaction of consumers to some popular, supposedly eco-friendly food consumption policies. Contrarily to popular belief, I find that buying local increases emissions by around 5% compared to the status quo. While vegetarianism decreases emissions by around 17%, consuming no beef and cheese yields the highest decrease in emissions of around 34%. My results show that consumer behavior can have a large impact on the emissions of food consumption.

Consumption Slowdown after the Great Recession

D. Simon, V. Sulaja, 2020

Abstract: The consumption growth in the US has considerably decreased since the last financial crisis. We argue that this happened due to controls imposed on banks that were facing foreclosure issues. Those banks that faced foreclosure issues have faced controls by government institutions, which increased their costs and decreased their supply of mortgage loans. As a result, counties more exposed to controlled banks faced a slower recovery of house prices and therefore wealth. Using data on employment and consumption we argue that it is the wealth effect originating from bank controls that decreased consumption growth. Banks decrease their mortgage loan origination by issuing lower number of loans and not by decreasing the average amount of loan.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2020: Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference (University of California, Berkeley), HSG-ZRH International Trade Workshop (University of Zurich), Doctoral Microeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich), Doctoral Macroeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich)

2019: Brown Bag Seminar (World Trade Institute, University of Bern), Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar University of California, Berkeley), Doctoral Macroeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich)

2018: Doctoral Macroeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Doc.mobility (2019-2020)

Swiss National Science Foundation

PhD Funding (2015-2020)

University of Zurich, Department of Economics

Partial Tuition Waiver (2013-2014)

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

TEACHING

International Trade (2017, 2018 Fall Semester)

Bachelor Course, University of Zurich

- Teaching assistance with weekly 90 minute tutorials

Programming Practices for Research Students (2018 September)

PhD Short Course, University of Zurich

- Independent preparation & teaching of the R module

Cross Section and Panel Data Econometrics (2018 September)

Master Course, University of Zurich

- Teaching assistance with weekly 90 minute tutorials

Supervision of Bachelor and Master Theses (2017 Fall Semester)

WORK EXPERIENCE

European Central Bank (09/2014 - 05/2015)

Trainee, Frankfurt (Germany)

- Directorate General Market Infrastructure & Payments; TARGET2 Analytical Team

German Council of Economic Experts (04/2013 - 07/2013)

Internship, Wiesbaden (Germany)

- Official government consulting board in Germany; Financial Markets Division

European Parliament (03/2013 - 04/2013)

Internship, Brussels (Belgium)

- Office of the MEP Thomas Mann

LANGUAGE & PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Languages

- German, Hungarian | *mother tongues*
- English, Spanish, French | *fluent*

Programming

- R, Python, Git, Markdown
- Stata, Matlab, Latex

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Founder & Leader of the Stress Management Group for PhD Students of the University of Zurich

Elected as delegate of the PostDocs and PhDs in the faculty meetings