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Research Interests: International Trade, Environmental Economics

Academic Positions

09/2021–present   Assistant Professor, University of Stavanger Business School

Education

08/2015–05/2021   Ph.D., Economics, University of Zurich

Advisors: Ralph Ossa, Gregory Crawford

Main Fields: International Trade, Environmental Economics

08/2019–03/2020   Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley

Host: Meredith Fowlie

09/2013–07/2014   M.Sc. in International Trade, Finance and Development, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

10/2009–02/2013   B.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration, Goehte University Frankfurt

Working Papers

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

D. Simon, 2022

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. Contrary 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, 2022

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.

Work in Progress

A Quantitative Analysis of Sustainable Globalization

M. Le Moigne, S. Lepot, R. Ossa, M. Ritel, D. Simon, 2022

Abstract: We analyze the economic effects of optimal climate action induced by a worldwide tax on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We conduct this analysis in the context of a modern quantitative trade model, which allows us to put numbers on the idea of 'sustainable globalization'. We find that (i) a global carbon tax is remarkably efficient, (ii) a global carbon tax exacerbates between-country inequality, (iii) a global carbon tax has almost no effect on the trade-to-GDP-ratio, and (iv) international trade became initially browner and then again greener over the time period 1995-2018.

Academic Presentations

2022   Economics Seminar (Mainz), EAERE (Italy), Oslo Macro Group (Norway), ETSG (Netherlands), NAERE (Sweden), Samfunnsøkonomen (Norway), German Economists Abroad (Germany)

2021   NBER Summer Institute, NOITS (Iceland), Rare Voices in Economics (Geneva)

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)

Teaching

2021-present	Data Analytics, Master Course	University of Stavanger
2021-present	Research Methods, Master Course	University of Stavanger
2017, 2018	International Trade, Bachelor Course	University of Zurich
2018	Programming Practices, PhD Course	University of Zurich
2018	Econometrics, Master Course	University of Zurich

Grants and Awards

2019	Doc.mobility	Swiss National Science Foundation
2015-2020	PhD Funding	University of Zurich
2013	Partial Tuition Waver	Barcelona GSE

Work Experience

09/2014-05/2015	Trainee, European Central Bank	Frankfurt, Germany
04/2013-07/2013	Intern, German Council of Economic Experts	Wiesbaden, Germany
03/2013-04/2013	Intern, European Parliament	Brussels (Belgium)

Languages

- German, Hungarian - mother tongues
- English, Spanish, French - fluent
- Norwegian - hopefully soon fluent

Programming Skills

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

Extracurricular Activities

- Organizer of the weekly seminar series at the University of Stavanger
- Elected as delegate of the PostDocs and PhDs in the faculty meetings at the University of Zurich
- Founder Leader of the Stress Management Group for PhD Students of the University of Zurich