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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, United States of America
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M.A., Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea, August 2019

B.A., Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea, August 2017

Dissertation

"Three Essays on Macroeconomic Development"

Dissertation Supervisor: Joseph P. Kaboski

Abstract

This paper examines the impact of financial frictions on the process of structural transformation. The financial constraints within the manufacturing sector impede both the paths of industrialization and de-industrialization by stimulating capital accumulation. Through numerical simulations, two key findings emerge: firstly, the presence of financial frictions slows down the pace of structural transformation, and secondly, it incentivizes capital accumulation, which is crucial for economic development. Building on these foundational insights, this paper conducts an examination of South Korea's developmental narrative during the 1970s. This case study serves as an illustration of how industrial policies interact with financial constraints to influence the trajectory of structural transformation. By dissecting South Korea's policies and their outcomes within the context of market imperfections, this paper finds that while the effect of the short term policy to hasten the industrialization is limited, the timing of the industrial policy was crucial in alleviating the financial frictions and encouraging structural transformation.

Research Interest

Macroeconomic Development, Economic Growth, Macroeconomic Theory

Research

"Structural Transformation and the Role of Financial Friction"

"Structural Transformation and the Role of Industrial Policy"

"The Borrowing Cost Channel of Monetary Transmission" (with Irakli Shalikashvili)

"The Rise of the Automated Economy: Evidence from the 20th Century United States" (with Young Se Kim), August 2019

Awards and Scholarships

Scholarships

Teaching Assistantship, University of Notre Dame, 2019
Hyundai Commerce Graduate Research Fellowship, Sungkyunkwan University, 2017
Graduate Fellowship, Sungkyunkwan University, 2017
Graduate Scholarship, Oneness Mission Club, 2017
Undergraduate Scholarship, Sungkyunkwan University, 2015
Undergraduate Scholarship, Korean Student Aid Foundation, 2015

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistantship

Graduate Microeconomic Theory I (4.5/5.0)
Graduate Microeconomic Theory II (4.6/5.0)
Statistics for Economics (5.0/5.0)
University of Notre Dame: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Housing Economics, Money, Banking and Housing Markets, Econometrics, Macroeconomic Expectations
Sungkyunkwan University: Mathematics for Economists, Economics Research in Practice, Financial Economics, Economics Research in Practice (in English, jointly with Samsung Asset Management, Fall 2018)

Tutorship

Macroeconomics, for International Students (Fall 2018)

Skills

Citizenship South Korea

Language Korean(Native), English(Fluent), Japanese (Fluent)

Programming Matlab, Stata, Python, R, Java, C++, Julia

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