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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, McGill University, expected May 2025 M.A. Economics, Xiamen University, China, 2018

B.A. Chemistry (Major) and Economics (Minor), Xiamen University, China, 2015

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Health Economics Secondary: Energy Economics

DISSERTATION

Three Essays on Health and Energy Economics

Committee: Prof. Erin Strumpf, Prof. Franque Grimard, Prof. Jill Baumgartner

JOB MARKET PAPER

"Household Heating Fuel Choice and Behaviours: Evidence from Rural China", Oct 2014, 68 pages

The Clean Heating Policy, aimed at encouraging households in Northern China to transition from coal to electricity or gas, marks a pivotal effort in combating air pollution. However, the effectiveness of household fuel substitution policies in fuel choices and heating behaviors has seldom been thoroughly assessed. This paper utilizes data from three rounds of a detailed panel dataset collected during the Coal to Electricity program in Beijing to explore the dynamics of heating fuel choice and behavior among rural households. By using a difference-in-differences (DID) approach, my analysis reveals a significant yet partial transition from coal to electricity among affected households and a spontaneous transition towards electricity in areas not directly targeted by the policy. I also study determinants influencing households' fuel choices and behaviors in the absence of coal ban policy. Employing a correlated random effects model to account for unobserved individual heterogeneity, I identify key variables such as fuel prices, household income, education, marital status, and house area that markedly influence these choices. Notable differences are observed in the determinants affecting fuel choices and usage patterns, particularly in the roles of coal prices and income. These findings indicate that choosing fuel types and determining usage levels might be governed by separate household decision-making processes.

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

"How Do Early-Life Shocks Interact with Subsequent Human Capital Investment? Evidence From Indonesia", work in progress

"The Impact of Clean Heating Policy on Sleep Patterns in Rural China", work in progress

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Mathematics for Economists, McGill University, Summer 2022 and Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant, Political Economy of Trade Policy, McGill University, Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomic Analysis and Application, McGill University, Winter 2024

Teaching Assistant, Labour Markets and Wages, McGill University, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomic Policy, McGill University, Winter 2023

Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomic Analysis and Application, McGill University, Winter 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomic Theory, McGill University, Fall 2018 to Fall 2021, Fall 2022

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Kyoichi Kageyama Award, McGill University, 2020-2021
MITACS Training Awards, McGill University, 2020-2021
Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, 2019-2021
McCall MacBain Fellowship, McGill University, 2018-2019
The Triple-A Student Award, Xiamen University, 2017
Notice of Scholarship for Cardysta Students, Viergen University, 2016

National Scholarship for Graduate Students, Xiamen University, 2016

Xue Ye Scholarship, Xiamen University, 2015-2017

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

CIREQ Lunch Seminar, McGill University, March 2024 BHET Research Group Meeting, McGill University, Feb 2024

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Stata, Matlab, Python, R, LaTex

REFERENCES

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