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Current Employment

Assistant Professor (tenure track), RIGVC, UIBE

Jan 2018 - *present*

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Queen's University	2011 - 2017
M.A. Economics, Dalhousie University	2009 - 2011
B.Econ., School of Economics, Nankai University	2002 - 2006

Ph.D. Dissertation

“Heterogeneous Technological Changes and Their Impacts on Income Inequality and Productivity Growth” (Supervisors: Huw Lloyd-Ellis and Sumon Majumdar)

Primary Research Interests

technological change, income inequality, economic growth, patents

Publication

- “Hollowing Out and Slowing Growth: the Role of Process Innovations” (June 2021)

Review of Economic Dynamics, *accepted*.

Working papers

- “Skill-Replacing Technological Change and the Skill Premium: Theory and Evidence” (Apr 2021) **Canadian Journal of Economics**, *Revise and resubmit*.

Work in Progress

- “Cumulative Innovation, Economic Growth, and Optimal Patent Protection”, with Amy Sun
- “Radical Innovation and Labour Union Density”, with Kunyu Wang
- “Banking Crises and Energy Efficiency: Cross-Country Evidence”, with Kunyu Wang

Seminar and Conference Presentation

2019: Economic Fluctuation and Growth Research Workshop, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (April 2019), Macroeconomic Workshop, Nanchang University (May 2019),

Invited presentation, Department of Economics, Jinan University, Guangzhou (November 2019)

2018: ThReD 2018 conference, Milan, Italy (June 2018), China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Shanghai, China (June 2018), Mini Workshop on Macro-Finance, SHUFE, Shanghai, China (discussant, May 2018), International Trade and Finance Association Annual Conference, Beijing, China (May 2018)

2017: Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada (June 2017)

2016: Atlantic Canada Economics Association Meetings, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada (Oct 2016); Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (June 2016)

2015: Research Seminar, Centre for Research of Private Economy, School of Economics, Zhejiang University, China (invited talk, Dec 2015); Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (May 2015)

Honours and Awards

- John Deutsch Institute Doctoral Fellowship 2016-2017
- Bank of Canada Graduate Student Paper Award (finalist) 2016
“Skill-Replacing Technological Change and the Skill Premium: Theory and Evidence”
- Queen’s Graduate Award, Dept. of Economics, Queen’s University 2011-2016
- International Tuition Award, Queen’s University 2011-2014
- U.L.G. Rao Memorial Prize in Economics, Highest GPA, Dalhousie University 2011
- Research Grants (only one recipient), Dept. of Econ, Dalhousie University 2010-2011
- Scholarship for students with excellent academic records, Nankai University, 2002-2003, 2004-2005

Teaching Experience

- Instructor - UIBE
 - Global Production (graduate level), Spring 2021/2020
 - RIGVC Masters Math Camp, Summer 2020
- Instructor - Queen’s University
 - Macroeconomic Theory II, Fall 2017
 - Macroeconomic Theory I, Winter 2016
- Instructor - The Royal Military College of Canada
 - Macroeconomic Theory and Policy I, Fall 2013
- Teaching Assistant - Queen’s University
 - Macroeconomic Theory I (Head TA), 2013-2015
 - Natural Resource Economics, Microeconomic Theory I, 2011-2013
 - Macroeconomic Theory I, Macroeconomic Theory II
- Teaching Assistant - Dalhousie University
 - International Finance, Resource Economics, 2010-2011
 - Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

Referee for

Review of Economic Dynamics

Computer Skills

R, Stata, Python(SymPy), Matlab/Octave, Ox

Professional Experience

Nypro Inc., Tianjin Branch, China

2006 - 2008

Production and Material Planner (Supplychain Management)

References

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