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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, 2015-
School of International Trade and Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, International Economics, Economic Development

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D., Economics 2015

M.A., Economics 2011

Master of Public Policy 2010

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

Bachelor of Engineering, Information Electronics and Engineering 2008

JOB MARKET PAPER

"Aggregate Implications of Occupational Inheritance in China and India"

This paper documents occupational inheritance—interpreted as children inheriting their parents' occupations—in China, India, and other countries. We categorize potential reasons of the prevalence of occupational inheritance in China and India into two main groups: (1) labor market frictions, e.g., household registration system (“hukou”), which ties rural families to agriculture in China, and the caste system, which restricts young workers' occupation choices in India, and (2) barriers to acquiring human capital, e.g., low availability of school education and workplace training. Based on a tractable occupation choice model, counterfactual experiments suggest that if the impediments mentioned above could be reduced to the US level, labor productivity would grow by 62 to 78% in China and over fourfold in India. In addition, China has realized 56 to 68% of this growth potential from the 1980s to 2009.

WORKING PAPER

"Behind Job Polarization: A Quiet Revolution"

"A Simple Theory of Efficient Innovation"

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Productivity Divergence in the US: 1987-2006"

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship 2015

Graduate Division Fellowship, UCLA 2010-2014

Outstanding Academic Achievement, Department of Public Policy, UCLA 2010

Wasserman Departmental Academic Achievement Fellowship, Department of Public Policy, UCLA 2009
Freshmen Scholarship, Tsinghua University 2005

Presentations

UCLA, CUFE, Nankai University (2015)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Professor Romain Wacziarg, UCLA Anderson School of Management December 2013-Present
Supervisor: Professor Robert Jensen, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

International Finance (CUFE) Fall 2015
Money and Banking (UCLA) Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Macroeconomics, Statistics for Economists, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Economic Growth, Statistical Methods of Policy Analysis I (Graduate Level)

Reader

Finance, International Finance, Money and Banking

PERSONAL

Nationality: China P.R.
Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent)
Programming: Matlab, Stata, C/C++, R