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• ECON 200 (Introductory Microeconomics)

Seattle University, Seattle, WA

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Average Course Rating: 4.4/5

• ECON 2110 (Principles of Microeconomics) Autumn 2017, 2018 • ECON 2130 (Principles of Macroeconomics) Winter, Spring 2019

♦ All my teaching evaluations can be accessed here.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Seattle University

• INST 4901: International Studies Honors Program Mentor

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AWARDS AND **HONORS**

University of Washington

 Graduate Student Scholarship, Department of Economics 	2014-Present
 Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Washington 	2018
• Graduate Teaching Award for Best TA in PhD Class, Department of Economic	cs 2017
 Dean's Letter for Outstanding Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences 	2016
• Steven Langton Award for Undergraduate Teaching, Department of Economic	es 2016
 Corkery Fellowship, Department of Economics 	2013

Boston University

• Research Assistant Mentor Program Fellowship

2011-2012

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Excellent Bachelor's Degree Thesis Award	2011
National Undergraduate Innovational Program Grant	2010-2011
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- Computer Skills: Stata, R, Matlab (Dynare), Mathematica, Python, LATEX, GAUSS
- Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent), German (beginner)

PAPER **ABSTRACTS**

• Optimal Tariff with Firm Heterogeneity, Variable Markups and FDI (Job Market Paper)

Variable markups and multinational production have gathered considerable attention in the trade literature, both because of their empirical prevalence and their welfare implication. In this paper, I study the optimal tariff in the presence of variable markups and foreign direct investment. I then identify conditions under which protectionist trade policy, by changing the distribution of markups, and by inducing tariff-jumping FDI, may affect welfare. Three policy implications stand out from the analysis. First, if the initial protection level is sufficiently high, an increase in home's tariff will increase the number of tariff-jumping foreign multinationals and decrease the number of foreign exporters, driving down the average markup in the home market, and creating a pro-competitive effect. Second, whether zero tariff is socially optimal depends on consumer's preference. Third, the promotion of FDI can reduce the non-cooperative tariff through a novel channel: reducing the misallocation in the economy.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

• Determinants of Business Cycle Comovement: A Bayesian Model Averaging Analysis

In this paper, I seek to find robust empirical evidence for the recent emphasis (*e.g.* Ghironi (2017)) on the importance of micro-foundation in the open economy macroeconomics. I aim to contribute to the empirical literature on the cross-country business cycle synchronization by introducing Bayesian Model Averaging (BMA) analysis. BMA allows inferences to be based on a number of competing models, each weighted by its quality. The procedure naturally delivers a posterior distribution for each candidate regressor, whose mean is a smoothed estimate derived from all relevant models. This methodology resolves the model uncertainty issue surrounding the international business cycle comovement literature. Besides the conventional variables, I plan to extend the data set in Baxter and Kouparistsas (2005) to incorporate the following indices that have been highlighted in the recent theoretical literature: (i) horizontal and vertical FDI; (ii) labor market institutions; (iii) financial market conditions; (iv) trade policy.

• Financing Friction in Firm's Life-Cycle Dynamics: Evidence from Indonesia (with Mu-Jeung Yang)

We seek to study the impact of financial frictions on firm life-cycle dynamics in emerging market economies. We plan to explore long-panel data (1976-2009) from an establishment-level survey in Indonesia. More specifically, in our empirical analysis, we ask: (i) is the leverage ratio a desirable measure of financial friction? (ii) does the traditional pecking order theory hold for emerging market economies? (iii) does the financing pattern of firms change over their life-cycle? We also plan to build a heterogeneous firm, stochastic growth model with firms facing constraints on external equity financing to explain the empirical findings.

- Market Power and Structural Change with Heterogeneous Firms (with Guillermo Gallacher)
- Trade, Input-output Linkages, and Business Cycle Comovement: A BMA Analysis