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Current Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College, July 2009 – present

Research and Teaching Fields

International Trade, International Macroeconomics, Economic Growth

Courses Taught: International Macroeconomics and Finance (undergraduate)

Education

- 2008 University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. in Economics
Dissertation: “Essays on International Trade and Prices”
Advisor: Professor Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
- 2003 London School of Economics
MSc. in Global Market Economics (with Distinction)
- 2000 Northwestern University
B.A. in Economics (with Honors and Magna Cum Laude)

Previous Employment

IES Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Princeton University, 2008 – 2009

Graduate Student Instructor and Researcher, U.C. Berkeley, 2004 – 2007

International Monetary Economics (Fall 2005)

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Summer 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005)

Research support for Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chang-Tai Hsieh, and Charles Jones

Research Assistant, Center for Global Development, 2003

Junior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2000 – 2001

Fellowships and Awards

2011	Rockefeller Center McNulty Fund Research Award
2009	Burke Research Award, Dartmouth College
2007-2008	Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley
2006-2007	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley
2006-2007	Graduate Division Summer Grant, U.C. Berkeley
2001-2003	British Marshall Scholarship
2000	Deibler Award for Superior Honors Thesis in Economics, Northwestern University
2000	Phi Beta Kappa

Journal Publications

"Accounting for Intermediates: Production Sharing and Trade in Value Added"
with Guillermo Noguera
Journal of International Economics (forthcoming)

"Trade and Prices with Heterogeneous Firms"
Journal of International Economics (Vol. 86, Issue 1, January 2012)

"Vertical Linkages and the Collapse of Global Trade"
with Rudolfs Bems and Kei-Mu Yi
American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings (Vol. 101, No. 2, May 2011)

"Demand Spillovers and the Collapse of Trade in the Global Recession"
with Rudolfs Bems and Kei-Mu Yi
IMF Economic Review (Vol. 58, No. 2, December 2010)

Working Papers

"Fragmentation and Trade in Value Added Over Four Decades" (January 2012)
with Guillermo Noguera

"Proximity and Production Fragmentation" (December 2011)
with Guillermo Noguera

"Trade in Intermediate Inputs and Business Cycle Comovement" (Revised: June 2011)

"Factor Trade Forensics with Traded Intermediate Goods" (August 2008)

"Transport Costs and Trade in the Interwar Period" (November 2006)

Work in Progress

"Measuring Real Exchange Rates with Vertical Specialization in Trade" with Rudolfs Bems

"A Quantitative Model of Production Fragmentation" with Andreas Moxnes

Other Published Writing

"The value added content of trade"
with Guillermo Noguera
VoxEU.org (June 7, 2011)

"The Role of the Composition Effect and Intermediate Goods in the Great Trade Collapse"
with Rudolfs Bems and Kei-Mu Yi
Box 4.1 in Chapter 4 of the IMF's World Economic Outlook (October 2010)

"The collapse of global trade: An update on the role of vertical linkages"
with Rudolfs Bems and Kei-Mu Yi
VoxEU.org (November 27, 2009)

Seminars and Presentations

"Fragmentation and Trade in Value Added Over Four Decades"

2012 AEA Annual Meetings (scheduled), International Monetary Fund (scheduled)
University of Colorado (scheduled), University of Houston (scheduled)

"Trade in Intermediate Inputs and Business Cycle Comovement"

2011 AEA Annual Meetings, Dallas Federal Reserve, Johns Hopkins SAIS,
Penn State University, St. Louis Federal Reserve,
Stanford University, UC Santa Cruz, University of Michigan
2010 FREIT/EIIT Conference

"Demand Spillovers and the Collapse of Trade in the Global Recession"

2010 SUNY Albany

"Accounting for Intermediates: Production Sharing and Trade in Value Added"

2011 University of Cape Town, World Bank Conference on Value Added Trade
2010 AEA Annual Meetings, Harvard University, NBER ITI Summer Institute
2009 Federal Reserve Board, FREIT/EIIT Conference, Hamilton College, IMF
Research Department, Philadelphia Federal Reserve, Princeton University, U.S.
International Trade Commission, Wesleyan University

"Trade and Prices with Heterogeneous Firms"

2008 Boston University, Columbia, Dartmouth, Federal Reserve Board, Georgetown,
Harvard, LSE, Maryland, MIT, Northwestern, Pompeu Fabra (CREI), Rochester,
U.C. Berkeley, Virginia, World Bank DERG, Yale, SED Annual Meeting
2007 U.C. Berkeley

Conference Discussions

"On the Fragmentation of Production in the US" by T. Fally. Philadelphia Federal Reserve Trade Workshop, November 2011.

"Welfare Gains from Economic Integration: Theory and Evidence from U.S. Agriculture" by A. Costinot and D. Donaldson. NBER/ITI Summer Institute, August 2011.

"Product Differentiation and the Impact of International Trade" by A. Gervais and J. Thurk. Notre Dame Kellogg Institute Conference, April 2011.

"Trade Adjustment and Productivity in Large Crises" by G. Gopinath and B. Neiman. AEA Annual Meetings, January 2011.

"The Great Trade Collapse of 2008-09: An Inventory Adjustment?" by G. Alessandria, J. Kaboski, and V. Midrigan. NBER/ITM Summer Institute, July 2010.

"The Elasticity of Trade: Estimates and Evidence" by I. Simonovska and M. Waugh. AEA Annual Meetings, January 2010.

"Machines and Machinists: The effect of imported capital on wage inequality" by M. Csillag and M. Koren. FREIT/EIIT Conference, November 2009.

"Quality Competition versus Price Competition Goods: An Empirical Classification" by R. Baldwin and T. Ito. SNB/CEPR Conference on Product Heterogeneity and Quality in International Trade, Zurich, August 2009.

Refereeing Activity

American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Economic Systems, Economic Systems Research, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Income and Wealth, Review of International Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics

Other Information

Memberships: American Economic Association

Citizenship: United States

Languages: English (native), Italian (advanced), Spanish (basic)