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CURRENT POSITION

Lecturer in Economics, Lancaster University (Sept. 2004 – present)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary International trade, Economic geography, Urban economics
Secondary Growth and development, Industrial economics

EDUCATION

- 2000-2005 **PhD in Economics**, London School of Economics
Dissertation title: The Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity
Supervisor: Stephen Redding
Examiners: David Greenaway, Oriana Bandiera
- 1999-2000 **MSc in Economics** with *Distinction*, London School of Economics
- 1997-1999 **BSc in Economics** with *First Class Honours*, University of London (External)
- 1996-1997 **Diploma in Economics** with *Distinction*, University of London (External)

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- “Does anyone use information from university rankings?” forthcoming, *Education Economics*.
- “The size and growth of state populations in the United States” *Economics Bulletin* 32(2) (2012): 1238-1249.
- “The gains from trade revisited” *International Review of Economics and Finance* 20(2) (2011): 193-201.
- “Some university students are more equal than others: Efficiency evidence from England” (joint with Ching-Fu Chen, National Cheng Kung University) *Economics Bulletin* 30(4) (2010): 2697-2708.
- “Does price matter? Overseas students in UK higher education” (joint with Caroline Elliot, Lancaster) *Economics of Education Review* 29(4) (2010): 553-565.
- “Relative endowments and the volume of trade” *Journal of Economic Integration* 24(4) (2009): 744-764.
- “From License Raj to Market Forces: The Determinants of Industrial Structure in India after Reform”, *Economica* 75(298) (2008): 222-243.
- “Can growth of a trading partner harm a country?” *Journal of Economic Integration* 23(1) (2008): 57-74.
- “Trade volume and country size in a Heckscher-Ohlin model” *Economics Bulletin* 6(1) (2008): 1-7.
- “Cost structure and productivity growth of the Taiwanese international tourist hotels” joint with Ching-Fu Chen (National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan), *Tourism Management* 28 (2007): 1400-1407.

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“Endogenous Economic Policy and the Structure of Production: Theory and Evidence”, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* 54(2) (2007): 220-253 (This paper won the Sir Alex Cairncross Prize as the best paper by a young economist in the Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference 2005).

“Zipf’s Law and urban growth in Malaysia”, *Urban Studies* 44(1) (2007): 1-14.

“Zipf’s Law for Cities: A Cross-country Investigation”, *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 35(3) (2005): 239-263.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Barriers to international trade with the EU: Evidence from textiles and leather goods firms in India” (joint with Sangeeta Khorana, Aberystwyth University), conditionally accepted, *International Journal of Indian Culture and Business Management*.

“Services trade in China and India”, *International Journal of China Studies*, forthcoming.

Book review of “Handbook of Development Economics Volume 4” by T. Paul Schultz and John Strauss (eds.), Elsevier, *Education Economics* 17(2) (2009): 284-285.

“Urban graduate unemployment and university reform in China”, *Facets of a Transforming China: Resource, Trade and Equity*, ed. Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh, Kuala Lumpur: Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, (2008): 133-148.

“China’s trade patterns: All about comparative advantage?” in *Emerging Trading Nation in an Integrating World*, eds. Evelyn Devadason and Kok-Kheng Yeoh, Kuala Lumpur: Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya (2007): 67-80.

“New debates over service outsourcing to China and India”, *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies* 42(1/2) (2006): 63-72.

COMPLETED RESEARCH PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“The gains from external economies and comparative advantage”, submitted, February 2012.

“Product durability and trade volatility” (joint with Dimitra Petropoulou, University of Sussex), submitted, February 2012.

“Zipf, Gibrat and Geography: Evidence from China, India and Brazil”, submitted, February 2010.

“The cost structure of Taiwanese bus companies” (joint with Ching-Fu Chen, National Cheng Kung University), submitted, November 2009.

“The factors determining postgraduate tuition fees: An application of hedonic pricing functions” (joint with Caroline Elliott, Lancaster University), July 2011.

“Student satisfaction and degree performance”, November 2010.

“The gains from increasing returns to scale and comparative advantage”, work in progress.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004-present **Lancaster University**
Current Undergraduate: International Trade, Business and International Macroeconomics
Current Postgraduate: International Business
- Past Undergraduate:** International Business, Urban and Regional Economics, Growth and Development, Applications of Economic Analysis
Past Postgraduate: Refresher course (statistics and economic growth component) for MSc International Business, Research Methods for MSc in International Business
- MSc dissertation Supervision:** MSc International Business, MSc Management, MBA.
Lancaster-Sunway MSc in Management: Economics for Managers (course delivered in Sunway, Malaysia)
- PhD student Supervision: Completed**
Mukhriz Azman Aziz (Jan 2008 – November 2010) Universiti Utara Malaysia.
Arlinah Abdul Rashid (Sept 2007 – June 2011, joint with Caroline Elliot) Universiti Teknologi MARA.
- PhD student Supervision: In progress**
Eny Sulistyaningrum (Oct 2009 – present, joint with Ian Walker)
Jinwon Lee (Oct 2009 – present, joint with Robert Read)
Fred Bankole Olayele (Jan 2012 – present, part-time)
- PhD Examining:**
Milton Salas-Martinez (Essex, December 2008): Passed subject to minor corrections.
Liyang Hou (Birmingham, May 2010): Passed subject to minor corrections.
Snorri Snorrason (Lancaster, August 2011): Passed subject to minor corrections.
- Training:**
Certificate in Academic Practice (CAP), Lancaster University, completed 2007.
Subject mentor for:
Nguyen Duy Viet, Associate Teacher Programme (ATP), Oct 2007 – April 2008
Swarnodeep Homroy, Associate Teacher Programme (ATP), Oct – Dec 2010.
Nyemba M' membe, Supporting Learning Programme (SLP), Jan – March 2012.
- 2000-2004 **London School of Economics and Political Science**
Undergraduate: Economics B (Introduction to Economics), International Economics, Summer School in International Economics (classes)
Postgraduate: September pre-session course in Statistics for MSc Economics (classes)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2010-present Editorial Board member, *International Journal of China Studies*
2009-present Part 1 Director of Studies, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
2009-present Economics Subject Coordinator, Sunway and GD Goenka, Lancaster University
2009-2011 IT Committee representative, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
2009-present Revision Lecturer, International Economics, LSE External Study, London
2009 Director of Refresher Course in Economics for MSc students, Lancaster University
2006 Guest editor, Special Issue of the Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies on Globalisation and the Emerging Economies
- April 2004 Visiting lecturer, Introduction to Economics, LSE External Study, HELP Institute (Malaysia)
2003-2004; 2006 Examiner, Introduction to Economics, LSE External Study
2000-2004 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, LSE
2000-2004 Occasional Research Assistant, Center for Economic Performance

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Cambridge (2012), GD Goenka World Institute (2011), Universities UK Workshop on “Fees and Pricing for International Students” (London, 2010), Taiwan Scientific Symposium at Lancaster University (2009, invited speaker), Young OR 16 Conference (Warwick, 2009), Asia-Pacific Trade Seminar (Sydney 2008), University of Malaya Conference: “Implications of a transforming China” (Kuala Lumpur, 2007), INFER Workshop on Integration and Globalisation (Coimbra, 2007), Nottingham University (January 2007), Birmingham University (February 2006), Vith Doctoral Meetings in International Economics (Geneva 2006), Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008), European Trade Study Group (Nottingham 2004, Dublin 2005, Vienna 2006, Copenhagen 2011), Lancaster University internal seminar (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011), Universiti Malaya (2005, 2008), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (2005), Lancaster University alumni conference, Kuala Lumpur (2005), Lancaster University Workshop in honour of Professor Jagdish Bhagwati (2004), LSE International Economics Field Seminar (2001, 2002, 2003)

AWARDS AND PRIZES

2005	Sir Alex Cairncross Prize for best paper by a young economist at the Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference
2002-2003	LSE Department of Economics teaching prize
2001-2003	Overseas Research Student Award Scheme (ORSAS)
2000-2003	LSE Research Studentship for MPhil/PhD in Economics
1999-2000	LSE External Study Scholarship for MSc in Economics
1999	University of London Gerstenberg Prize in Economics
1997-1999	University of London Award for Academic Achievement

REFEREE FOR:

Applied Economics Letters, ASEAN Economic Bulletin, *Economie Internationale*, Education Economics, Environment and Planning B, Economic Journal, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, European Journal of Operational Research, European Journal of Political Economy, International Economic Review, International Journal of Hospitality Management, International Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Trade and Development, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Manchester School, Papers in Regional Science, Portuguese Economic Journal, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Sunway Academic Journal, Tourism Management, Urban Studies, British Academy, ESRC, Blackwell Publishers, INFER Workshop on International Economics.

AFFILIATIONS

Royal Economic Society, Scottish Economic Society, INFER (International Network for Economic Research).

References available upon request