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Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birth Year: 1975

Marital Status: married with two children

Current Position Associate Professor of Economics
Ryerson University
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DEGREES

Ph.D. Economics, Southern Methodist University, May 2003

Title: “Essays on the Linkages between Industry Structure and Trade Liberalization”
Committee: Kamal Saggi (Chair), Thomas Osang, Shlomo Weber, Akira Yamazaki.

M.A. Economics, Southern Methodist University, May 2000

B.A. Economics (with Honors), Middle East Technical University, 1998

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

July 2009- July 2010: Visiting Associate Professor, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

July 2008- July 2009: Graduate Program Director

July 2007 to present: Associate Professor of Economics (tenured), Department of Economics, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

July 2006 to July 2007: Assistant Professor of Economics (tenured), Department of Economics, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

July 2003 to July 2006: Assistant Professor of Economics (tenure track), Department of Economics, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

August 2000 to June 2003: Lecturer, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX USA.

August 1998 to May 2002: Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX USA.

ACADEMIC HONOURS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Faculty of Arts Research Assistant, 2004-2005. Amount: \$4,500.
- Faculty of Arts Travel Grant, 2012. Amount: \$1,000
- Ryerson Interdisciplinary Research Grant, 2007-2008, Amount: \$ 15,000
- SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2005-2008. Amount: \$20,330.
- Nominated for the Charles Polanyi Prize by the Dean of Graduate Studies (first time in Ryerson History).
- Faculty of Arts Research Grant, Ryerson University, 2004-2006. Amount: \$ 7,500.
- Internal SSHRC/SIG Research Grant, Ryerson University, 2005-2007. Amount: \$ 6,500.
- New Faculty SRC Development Grant, Ryerson University, 2004-2006. Amount: \$5,000.
- Faculty of Arts SRC Fund Travel Grant, 2005. Amount: \$ 1,000.
- Faculty of Arts Fall/Winter Research Assistant, 2004-2005. Amount: \$2,000.
- Dedman College Dissertation Fellowship, Southern Methodist University, 2002-2003.
- Full Tuition Scholarship, Southern Methodist University, 1998-2002.

RESEARCH AREAS

International Trade, Environmental Economics, Industrial Organization, Game Theory, Public Economics

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Publications in Refereed Journals

1. "Inter-regional Competition, Comparative Advantage and Environmental Federalism" (with Ida Ferrara and Paul Missios)", forthcoming *Canadian Journal of Economics*.
2. "Foreign Direct Investment and the Choice of Environmental Policy" (with Ida Ferrara and Paul Missios)", conditionally accepted by *Southern Economic Journal*.
3. "Some welfare implications of hub and spoke free trade agreements", *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, forthcoming, 2013.
4. "Foreign Direct Investment and Customs Union: Incentives for Multilateral Tariff Cooperation over Free Trade, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 22(2), 298-316,

5. 2013. "On the Relationship between Preferential and Multilateral Trade Liberalization: The Case of Customs Unions," (with Kamal Saggi and Alan Woodland), *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 5(1), 63-99, 2013.
6. "On the Relationship between Tariff Levels and the Nature of Mergers" (with Aysegul Ulus), under revision for the *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, Volume 12, Issue 1, December 2012.
7. "Free Trade, Autarky and the Sustainability of an International Environmental Agreement," (with Hassan Bencheekroun) *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 11/1 Article 9, 1-30, 2011.
8. "Bilateral Trade Agreements and the Feasibility of Multilateral Free Trade," (with Kamal Saggi), *Review of International Economics*, 19/2, 356-373, 2011.
9. "Bilateralism, pure multilateralism, and the quest for global free trade," (with Kamal Saggi), *Journal of International Economics*, 81 (1), pages 26-37, 2010.
10. "The Implications of a South-South Customs Union on Tariffs, Welfare and the Prospect of Global Free Trade," (with Hiranya Nath), *Journal of Business Strategies*, 27(1), 75-91, 2010.
11. "Trading Rules and the Environment: Does Equal Treatment Lead to a Cleaner World?" (with Ida Ferrara and Paul Missios), *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 58, 206–225, 2009.
12. "International Productivity Differences and Roles of Domestic Investment, FDI, and Trade" (with Gouranga Das and Hiranya Nath), *International Economic Journal*, vol. 23(1), pages 121-142, 2009.
13. "Optimal Tariffs of Preferential Trade Agreements and the Tariff Complementarity Effect" (with Kamal Saggi), *Indian Growth and Development Review*, vol. 2(1), pages 5-17, 2009.
14. "Sustaining Cooperation Among Asymmetric Countries: Does MFN Help?" (with Kamal Saggi and Faruk Sengul), *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 16(4), 543-562, 2007.
15. "The Role of MFN under Asymmetries in Environmental Standards" (with Paul Missios), *Economics Letters*, 93(2), 297-304, November 2006.
16. "On the International Linkages between Trade and Merger Policies," (with Kamal Saggi), *Review of International Economics*, 14 (2), 212-225, May 2006.
17. "Trade Liberalization, Nature of Mergers and Employment" (with Joao Ricardo Faria), *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 14 (1), 43-63, March 2005.
- cited by articles appeared in the following journals: *Review of International Economics*.
18. "An analysis of the MFN clause under asymmetries of cost and market structure." (with Kamal Saggi), *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 38 (1), 242-254, February 2005.

Working Papers

"Do South-South Preferential Trade Agreements Undermine the Prospects for Multilateral Free Trade?" (with Paul Missios), under revision for *Canadian Journal of Economics*

Free Trade Agreements versus Customs Unions: Implications for Global Free Trade (with Kamal Saggi and Paul Missios)", submitted.

"External Trade Diversion, Exclusion Incentives and the Nature of Preferential Trade Agreements" (with Paul Missios and Kamal Saggi), submitted

"On the different geographic characteristics of Free Trade Agreements and Customs Unions" (with James Lake), submitted

"Trade Liberalization and Sustainability of an International Environmental Agreement," (with Hassan Bencheikroun)

"Revisiting Endogenous Merger Formation: Rise of International Mergers, Merger Policy and Trade Liberalization" (with Hikmet Gunay)

"National versus International Mergers and Trade Liberalization", *The Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei Note di Lavoro Series*, No. 56, June, 2003.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES AT CONFERENCES

- External Trade Diversion, Exclusion Incentives and the Nature of Preferential Trade Agreements
 1. Southern Economic Association Meetings, Tampa, Florida, November 2013.
- *Regionalism and the choice between Free Trade Agreements and Custom Unions*
 2. Midwest International Economics and Economic Theory Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2013
- *Free Trade Agreements versus Customs Unions: Implications for Global Free Trade*
 3. Econ Anadolu, Anadolu International Conference in Economics, Eskisehir Turkey, June 2013.
 4. Midwest International Economics and Economic Theory Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2012
 5. Canadian Economics Association, University of Calgary, Canada, June 2012
 6. Department of Economics, Gaziantep University (invited).
- "Foreign Direct Investment and the Choice of Environmental Policy"
 7. Department of Economics, UQAM, Montreal, Canada, February 2012.
- "On the Relationship between Preferential and Multilateral Trade Liberalization: The Case of Customs Unions,"
 8. Department of Economics, York University, Toronto, Canada, April 2011.

- *“Bilateralism, pure multilateralism, and the quest for global free trade,”*
- 9. Departmental Seminar at Middle East Technical University, December 21, 2009
- 10. Departmental Seminar at TOBB ETU, Ankara, November 19, 2009
- 11. Galatasaray University and Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, October 16, 2009
- 12. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and Southern Methodist University Joint Conference on “Globalization, Political Economy and Trade Policy”, April 24-25, 2009
- 13. Conference on International Economics and Economics Research - 7th Annual Economics Research Symposium, University of Saskatchewan, October 2008
- 14. Southern Economic Association Meetings, Charleston, South Carolina, November 2006.
- 15. University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada, November 27, 2006

- *“Implications of South-South Customs Union with FDI Incentives,”*
- 16. Canadian Economics Association, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, June 2007

- *“Welfare effects of preferential trade agreements under optimal external tariffs,”*
- 17. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, December 2005

- *“Bilateral Trade Agreements and Feasibility of Multilateral Free Trade,”*
- 18. Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, April 2007
- 19. Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 2006
- 20. University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, February 2006
- 21. European Trade Study Group Conference, University College Dublin, September 2005
- 22. University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy, May 2005
- 23. Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, June 2005
- 24. Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2005
- 25. Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, May 2005

- *“Article XXIV of the GATT: Good, Bad, or Both?”*
- 26. York University, Toronto, Canada, January 2005
- 27. Midwest International Economics and Economic Theory Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2004
- 28. Canadian Economics Association, Ryerson University, June 2004

- *“Trade Liberalization, Nature of Mergers and Employment,”*
- 29. School of Social Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, June 2003

- *“National versus International Mergers and Trade Liberalization,”*
- 30. Ryerson University, Toronto, March 2003
- 31. National University of Singapore, Singapore, March 2003
- 32. Coalition Formation Theory Meeting, Aix en Provence, France, January 2003
- 33. Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, November 2002
- 34. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, October 2002

- *“An analysis of the MFN clause under asymmetries of cost and market structure,”*
- 35. Interdisciplinary Research Symposium, SMU, Dallas, February 2002

- *“On the International Linkages between Trade and Merger Policies,”*

36. Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2002

37. Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, May 2002

38. Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2002

39. Midwest International Economics and Economic Theory Meeting, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, May 2002

40. Southern Economic Association Meetings, Tampa, Florida, November 2001

Discussant and Session Chair

- Canadian Economics Association, University of Calgary, Canada, June 2012
 - Discussant for the following paper:
“Should Smaller Countries Be More Protectionist? The Diversification Motive for Tariffs”, presented by J. Gaisford.
- Annual Meeting of Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Study Group, October, 2008
 - Chaired the session “Political Economy”.
- International Conference on Business Management & Economics, Yasar University, Cesme, Izmir, June 2005
 - Chaired the session “Foreign Direct Investment”.
- Canadian Economics Association, Ryerson University, June 2004
 - Discussant for the following papers:
“A Positive Explanation of European Union Enlargement,” presented by Daniel Brou.
“The Effects of Non-Marginal Changes in the Tariff Level on Horizontal Mergers,” presented by Amrita Ray Chaudhuri.
- Midwest International Economics Meeting, Northwestern University, May 2002
 - Discussant for “Trade Liberalization and Compensation” presented by Carl Davidson .

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, Journal of Business Strategies, 2009 - Present

Tenure and Promotion Committee (2007-2010), Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

External Reviewer (2008), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Standard Grant, Canada

Professional Member: American Economics Association (AEA), Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Study Group (CREE), European Trade Study Group (ETSG), Southern Economic Association (SEA)

Journal Refereeing: Bulletin of Economic Research, Canadian Journal of Economics (three times), Economic Theory, Energy Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review (twice), Indian Growth and Development Review, International Economic Journal, International Game Theory Review, International Journal of Business and Economics, Japan and the World Economy, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of International Economics (three times), Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, METU Studies Development, Open Economies Review, Review of International Economics (twice), Research in Economics (twice), Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Southern Economic Journal (twice).

Other Refereeing Activities:

- Outside assessor of a tenure and promotion application from York University.
- Reviewed Standard SSHRC Grant applications internally at Ryerson University.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMIC TRAINING

Research Assistants

September 2008 – May 2009, Robert McKeown, student at the MA program in International Economics and Finance, Ryerson University.

May 2008 – September 2008, Chul Woo Hong, student at the MA program in International Economics and Finance, Ryerson University.

September 2007 – November 2007, Mikhail Gurvits, student at the MA program in Economics (PhD stream), University of Toronto.

June 2007- September 2007, James Corpuz, student at the MA program in International Economics and Finance, Ryerson University.

March 2007- June 2007, Margarita Pivovarova, PhD student at the Department of Economics, University of Toronto.

Completed MA Theses

“Free trade stability and Bilateralism versus Multilateralism”, by Omnya Nawar, September 2013 (primary supervisor).

“Production Efficiency and Discrimination in Export Tax”, by Jason Adams, September 2013 (primary supervisor).

“Lobbying Activities for Weaker Environmental Policy: Political Rent Destruction Analysis”, by Yuliya Cherevko, September 2013 (advisor).

“Is MFN more beneficial towards increasing World Welfare than Tariff Discrimination under ‘No-FTA’ and ‘FTA’ scenarios?” by Hani Ali Aqdas, September 2012 (primary supervisor).

“Most Favored Nation Clause, and Sustainability of Global Free Trade in a Comparative Advantage Model” by Jouanna Labib, September 2012 (primary supervisor).

“The Political Economy and the Stability of Trade Agreements” by Samuel Girma, September 2012 (primary supervisor).

“Are Trade Costs Responsible for the Formation (Regional, Non-Regional, and Free Trade) of Free Trade Agreements?” by Parisa Pourkarimi, September 2012 (primary supervisor).

“Value of Free Trade Agreements when Countries are Politically Motivated”, by Renzo Loli, September 2011 (primary supervisor).

“The Role of Article XXIV of GATT under the Competing Importers Framework”, by Valeriya Seleznova, September 2011 (primary supervisor).

“Growth in Trade and Labor Reallocation during Trade Liberalizations”, by Hakan Toksoy, September 2011 (advisor).

“An Overall Outlook of Turkish Economy 1980-2010”, by Gozde Uzun, September 2011 (advisor).

“Is Multilateral Trade Liberalization Inherently Responsible for the Dead End of Multilateralism?” by Sandra Jelovac, September 2008 (primary supervisor).

“Trade Liberalization and equilibrium market structure in an international oligopoly” by Chul Woo Hong, September 2008 (primary supervisor).

“A Comparison of the Effects of Carbon Taxes and Carbon Tariffs” by Sunita Chander, September 2008 (advisor).

“The Impact of Trade on the Environment: the case of China”, by Yueh-Hsiao (Henry) Liu, September 2008 (advisor).

“Trade Liberalization and Development Infrastructure: The Case of Slovak Republic” by Agnes Okyere, September 2008 (advisor).

“Welfare Implications of Free Trade Areas under Political Economy Considerations” by James Corpuz, September 2007 (primary supervisor).

“Firm-Specific Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment: An Analysis for Fortune 100 Companies” by Vefa BuyukalPELLI, September 2007 (advisor).

“Banking Development in Former Yugoslavian Republics” by Jelena Raonic, September 2006 (advisor).

“Optimal Investment for Institutional Investors under Value-at-Risk (VaR) Constraint” by Zhengxiong Chen, September 2006 (advisor).

Completed Undergraduate Theses

I have supervised more than 30 undergraduate theses.