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Personal Information

Citizenship: Spanish
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Education

- 2007- present: **PhD Candidate, Universitat Pompeu Fabra**, Expected completion: June 2010
Thesis title: “*The Effect of Product Market Competition on Job Instability*”
Thesis advisor: Libertad González Luna
- 2009: **Visiting Ph.D. Student, Columbia University**, (April 2009)
- 2008-2009: **Visiting Ph.D. Student, Toulouse School of Economics**
(September 2008-January 2009)
Tutor: Gilles Saint-Paul
- 2004-2006: **First and Second year PhD courses in Economics, Universidad Carlos III**
- 1999-2004: **Undergraduate degree in Economics, Universidad de Murcia**, Average grade: A

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary: Labor Economics
Secondary: Applied Econometrics, Industrial Organization.

Research Papers

“*The Effect of Product Market Competition on Job Instability*” (**Job Market Paper**)

This paper assesses the impact of product market competition on job instability. Product market competition is measured by the price-cost margin, and job instability is proxied by the intensity of the use of temporary contracts. Using both worker data from the Spanish Labor Force Survey and firm data from the Spanish Business Strategies Survey, job instability is shown to rise with competition. In particular, one standard deviation increase in the level of competition decreases the probability that a temporary worker becomes permanent in a given year by more than 40%. The effect is identified by means of exogenous shifts in competition within sectors brought about by changes in legislation.

“Estimating Transition Probabilities in a Multi-Destination Setup using Repeated Cross-Sections”
(Working paper)

This paper proposes an econometric estimation method for the analysis of transition probabilities at the individual level in a multi-destination setting in the absence of panel data. The estimation method builds on the method-of-moments estimator in Güell and Hu (2003, *Journal of Econometrics*). The estimator improves on Güell and Hu (2003) in that it accounts for the possibility of exit to different states. As in Güell and Hu (2003), it improves on previous estimators in that it estimates the probability of the transition at the individual level and it does not rely on stationarity of the inflow composition over time.

“Identifying Network Effects on Immigrant Employment” (Working paper)

This paper addresses the role of immigrant networks on the employment opportunities of their members. The theoretical model on social networks by Calvò-Armengol and Jackson (2004, *Journal of Economic Literature*) is adapted to analyze immigrant networks. According to the model, the number of network members (network size), the number of employed members and the number of self-employed members (network quality), as well as the time of residence of the network in the host location (network age) increase immigrant employment probabilities. Empirical results obtained using Census data show that immigrants benefit from bigger, better quality and older networks.

Teaching Experience

- 2006- 2009: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics and Business
Instructor: Computer tools, STATA (Master)
Teaching Assistant: Labor Economics, Human Resources, Wage Setting Systems, Public Finance, Introduction to Economics (undergraduate)
- 2005-2006: Universidad de Murcia, Department of Applied Economics.
Instructor: Labor Economics (undergraduate)
- 2004-2006: Universidad Carlos III, Department of Economics.
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics, Introduction to Microeconomics, Spanish Economy (undergraduate)

Fellowships and Awards

- 2007- present: Spanish Ministry of Education Fellowship for Graduate Studies
- 2007: Advanced Studies Diploma, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*
- 2007: Catalan Government Fellowship for Graduate Studies
- 2006-2007: Fellowship for Graduate Studies, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*
- 2005-2006: Ramón Areces Foundation Fellowship for Graduate Studies
- 2004-2005: Fellowship for Graduate Studies, *Universidad Carlos III*
- 2004 Undergraduate Studies Extraordinary Award, *Universidad de Murcia*
- 2003-2004: Research Assistantship, Department of Applied Economics, *Universidad de Murcia*

Conference presentations

- 2009: 24th Jornadas de Economía Industrial, Vigo, Spain
- 2009: 64th European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009: XXIII Annual Conference of The European Society for Population Economics, Seville, Spain
- 2008: XXIII Symposium of Economic Analysis, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2008: XI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada, Salamanca, Spain

Seminar presentations

2009: Labor Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2009: Student Labor Workshop, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2008: Brown Bag Seminar, Toulouse School of Economics
2008: Student Labor Workshop, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2007: Student Labor Workshop, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2006: Student Labor Workshop, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Language and computer skills

Native: Spanish, Advanced: English, Italian, and Galician, Intermediate: German, Beginner: French
STATA, Matlab, Gauss, LaTeX, Html, Office

References

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