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# Bian Xiaochen

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- PhD in Economics from NUS specialising in Applied Microeconomics and Labour Economics; skilled at applying non-experimental methods like PSM, Diff-in-diff, duration modelling to estimate a causal effect for program evaluations.
- 4 years of teaching experience, as a Teaching Assistant, at NUS Department of Economics and NUS Business School; taught
  Microeconomics at 2000 and 3000 level to ~1200 undergraduate and MBA students.
- Skilled at Matlab, Stata, LTFX; Python (beginner level); Fluent in English and Chinese.

## **EDUCATION**

Phd in Economics, National University of Singapore, SingaporeAug 2012 - Dec 2017Master of Economics, Zhejiang University, ChinaSep 2010 - Jun 2012Bachelor of Economics, Zhejiang University, ChinaSep 2006 - Jun 2010

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow Sep 2020 — Present

Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

- Applied difference-in-differences to estimate the short-term Impact of special economic zones in Indonesia, for the forth-coming chapter, titled "The impact of Special Economic Zones: Evidence from Indonesia"
- Estimated the impact of Covid-19 on the labour productivity of listed firms on U.S. market, using difference-in-differences.
- · Adjusted seasonality using moving average estimates to get unbiased estimates of the Covid-19 impact on firm productivity.
- Cleaned raw data from the ORBIS database to obtain information on labour productivity and financial indicators for ~6000 firms

Postdoctoral Fellow Mar 2018 — Aug 2020

Centre for Family and Population Research, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

- Programmed in MATLAB to estimate the average expected duration of the employed vs unemployed spell to conclude that additional education years can significantly decrease the duration for an unemployed spell.
- Applied duration model to estimate how long the average Indonesian youth stays single before getting married for the first time; further estimated average expected length of marriages among Indonesians.
- Using STATA cleaned large data-set, the Indonesia Family Life Survey (IFLS), where I link individuals with information on the higher levels, such as family characteristics and community-level characteristics, to get complete data-set
- Matched ~8,000 individuals across 5 waves between 1993 to 2015, using STATA, to obtain complete migration, marriage and employment history for Indonesia.
- Convert the cleaned wide-format data to long-format data to get multiple-state panel data for dynamic analysis of job transitions between the sectors and marriage decisions.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Visiting Fellow August 2022 — Present

Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

- Taught Labour Economics I.
  - Overall, the overall score of the teacher report is **4.2** out of 5.
- Taught Microeconomics Analysis I, Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis and Foundations for Econometrics and Environmental Economics.

Teaching Assistant Sep 2021 — July 2022

Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

- Taught Microeconomics Analysis II to 258 undergraduate students across 13 tutorial groups.
- Held interactive sessions guiding students step-by-step to the correct solutions.
- Connected the tutorial questions to the lecture notes thus enabling students to better apply the theorems taught in class.
- Summarize the take-away for each tutorial to highlight key concepts.
- · Conducted weekly office hours to clarify lingering misconceptions.
- Mentored students regarding career choice decisions and their final year papers.

## WORKING PAPER & FUTURE WORK

"Income Premium in the Formal Sector: Evidence from Indonesia" with John C. Ham

"Income Premium in the Firm Size: Evidence from Indonesia" with John C. Ham

"Job Transition Between the Formal and Informal Sector" with John C. Ham, John Strauss, and Firman Witoelar

"The Impact of Migration on Marriage Decisions: A Duration Model of Marriages in Indonesia" with John C. Ham and Wei-jun Yeung "The Impact of Time Allocation in Early Years on Future Labour Market Outcome: Evidence from Indonesia" with John C. Ham and Yobin Timilsena

"The Early Effects of Special Economic Zones on Investments and Economic Development in Indonesia" with LIEW Wan Yin, Doris

## **CONFERENCES**

Western Economic Association International 2019 Conference "Income Premium in the Formal Sector: Evidence from Indonesia"

2019 China Meeting of the Econometric Society

"Income Premium in the Formal Sector: Evidence from Indonesia"

**Singapore Economic Review Conference 2019** 

"Income Premium in the Formal Sector: Evidence from Indonesia"

2019 International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference

"Migration and Marriage Timing: Evidence from Indonesia"

The Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics

"Job Transition Between the Formal and Informal Sector"

Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Canceled due to Covid19)

"The Impact of Migration on Marriage Decisions: A Duration Model of Marriages in Indonesia"

March 2019

Tokyo, Japn

June 2019 Guangzhou, China

August 2019

Singapore

August 2019

New York, USA

December 2019

Singapore

April 2020

Washington D.C., USA