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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Labor Economics.

Secondary: Development Economics, International Trade, Health Economics.

EDUCATION

Curtin University, Australia.

PhD Candidate in Economics, Aug 2015 to present

- Dissertation Topic: Essays on Economics of Immigration.
- Advisors: Prof. Alan Duncan, Prof. Mark Harris, A.Prof. Astghik Mavisakalyan.
- Expected completion date: Aug 2019

Erasmus University Rotterdam and University of Economics Ho Chi Minh city.

M.A, Development Economics, 2015.

Vietnam National University at Ho Chi Minh city - Bach Khoa University

B.Eng (Hons), Computer Science, 2011. *Talent Program*

PUBLICATIONS

"Trade diversion as firm adjustment to trade policy: Evidence from EU antidumping duties on Vietnamese footwear," (with Hoai T Nguyen and Van H Pham), **The World Economy**, vol.40, no.6, June 2017, pp.1128-1154

"The impact of intergenerational financial transfers on health and wellbeing outcomes: A longitudinal study," (with Rachel Ong and Garth Kendall), **Social Science & Medicine**, Vol 214, October 2018, pp.179-186 .

WORKING PAPERS

"Can employer-sponsored immigration complement points-based system in addressing regional labour shortages?," (with Alan Duncan, Mark Harris, and Astghik Mavisakalyan), Revisions requested at the **European Economic Review**

WORK IN PROGRESS

The labor market impact of immigration.

Natural disasters, climate change, and firm productivity. With Manh-Hung Nguyen, TSE and N.T. Khuong Truong, McMaster.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Consultant at Cosatech Ltd (2014-2015)

- Developed software applications (Pl/SQL, Java, Big Data) for Chicago Board Options Exchange's Regulatory Surveillance System.

Software Engineer at DXC(2011-2014)

- Developed software applications (Java/Cobol/JQuery/SQL/Javascript/html5) for insurance and health-care sectors.

Associate Software Engineer at DXC (2011)

- Developed software applications (Java/Cobol/JQuery/SQL/Javascript/html5) for insurance and health-care sectors.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING Spatial Econometrics Summer School (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*), Vienna, Austria, 2016.

TEACHING/ACADEMICS Teaching Assistant Economics 1000 (Curtin University).

EXPERIENCE Research Assistant for Prof. Mark Harris
Research Assistant for Prof. Siobhan Austen
Research Assistant for Prof. Rachel Ong

PRESENTATIONS 5th Workshop on the Economics of Migration, Luxembourg (scheduled)
UWA school of economics, Perth, Australia, 2018.
Royal Economic Society Annual Conference at the University of Sussex, Brighton, 2018.
Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, Canberra, Australia, 2017.
BCEC Research Development Seminar Series, Curtin University, Perth, Australia, 2017.
Vietnam Annual Economists Meeting (VEAM), Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, 2017.
Vietnam Annual Economists Meeting (VEAM), Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, 2014.
International Conference on Advanced Computing and Applications (ACOMP2010), Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, 2010.

AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS Vietnamese National Foundation of Science and Technology (NAFOSTED), "Globalization, Climate Change, and Impacts" (Co-investigator, AUD 49,000), with *Etienne Espagne, Chon Van Le, Tuan-Anh Luong, and N.T. Khuong Truong*, Jan 2019.

BCEC / CIPRS PhD scholarship 2015-2019 (around AUD 250,000).
Curtin Business School Conference Travel Fund (AUD 2,500).
BCEC Conference Travel Fund (AUD 9,000).
DXC Pinnacle Award for Outstanding Employees, 2011.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS Java, Gauss (moderate), R(beginner), Stata, Python (beginner), C++(moderate), PL/SQL, Hadoop, Oracle, Amazon AWS (moderate).

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PUBLICATIONS AND
ABSTRACTS

"Trade diversion as firm adjustment to trade policy: Evidence from EU antidumping duties on Vietnamese footwear," (with Hoai T Nguyen and Van H Pham), **The World Economy**, vol.40, no.6, June 2017, pp.1128-1154

This paper evaluates the impact of the 2006 European Union antidumping action on Vietnamese footwear in three markets: imports to the EU, footwear producers in Vietnam, and the trade diversionary adjustment of Vietnamese firms in the U.S. market. We find that the AD action reduced Vietnamese footwear imports to the EU by as much as 65%. This is economically significant considering that the EU makes up almost two-thirds of Vietnam's footwear exports and footwear is among the top four export industries for Vietnam. Consistent with predictions of our model, we also find evidence of trade diversion by Vietnamese producers from the EU to the U.S. market. Our difference-in-difference estimates of the AD actions on the value of Vietnamese footwear exports to the U.S. ranged from 69-71% over the period 2004-2007 and 69-72% in terms of quantity. These results highlight the (perhaps unintended) indirect effects of trade policy in third markets that can result from firms adjusting to trade barriers. Our results are robust to triple difference specifications where we adjust for trend-differences and a series of placebo specifications.

"The impact of intergenerational financial transfers on health and wellbeing outcomes: A longitudinal study," (with Rachel Ong and Garth Kendall), **Social Science & Medicine**, Vol 214, October 2018, pp.179-186 .

This paper estimates the impacts of intergenerational financial transfers on the physical health, mental health and perceived financial security of Australian adults. We distinguish between two key sources of intergenerational financial transfers inheritances and inter vivos parental cash transfers. Taking nationally representative data from the 2001-2015 Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey, we develop a two-stage modelling strategy controls for potential bias in reported health and wellbeing responses that arise due to unobserved heterogeneity. In the first stage, propensity score matching is applied to achieve matched treatment and control groups, where the former is comprised of intergenerational financial transfer beneficiaries while the latter is made up of non-beneficiaries with a matched set of characteristics to the beneficiaries. This is followed by the application of fixed effects regression models that further control for unobservable heterogeneity, so that the coefficients on the intergenerational financial transfer predictors can attributed to the effect of the transfers on health and wellbeing. We do not find systematic evidence of a causal link between receipt of intergenerational financial transfers and health and wellbeing outcomes. This applies to both inheritances and inter vivos parental cash transfers, and for both females and males.

WORKING PAPERS

"Can employer-sponsored immigration complement points-based system in addressing regional labour shortages?," (with Alan Duncan, Mark Harris, and Astghik Mavisakalyan), Revisions requested at the **European Economic Review**

Using data from Australia during the commodity cycle 2001 to 2015 as a quasi-natural experiment, we explore a mutual relationship between employer-sponsored (permanent) and points-based immigration. We find that the commodity boom triggered significant wage growth in commodity-rich states, suggesting higher demand for workers. Employer-sponsored immigration varied in line with commodity prices, with commodity-rich states witnessing greater growth rates than commodity-poor states. The evidence does not support a similar trend for points-based immigrants. Moreover, employers located in commodity-rich states reduced sponsorship in the postboom period. The evidence suggests that employer-sponsored schemes can complement points-based systems, in alleviating local labour shortages.