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CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Lecturer in Economics, Lancaster University (Aug. 2019 – present) Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (July 2018 – present)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Lecturer in Economics, Lancaster University (Sept. 2004 – July 2019) Adjunct Lecturer, Sunway University (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2017) Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (2007 – 2018)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary	International	trade and	Economic	Geography.

Secondary Economics of higher education; Urban and regional economics.

EDUCATION

2000-2005	PhD in Economics, London School of Economics Dissertation title: The Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity
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)

CITATIONS and ESTEEM

903 citations as of July 2019 (source: Google Scholar:

https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=medCLSIAAAAJ&hl=en)

I am ranked in the top 20% of UK economists, and in the top 13% of European economists, according to IDEAS

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

"International trade and the division of labour", *Review of International Economics* 26(2) (2018): 322-338. DOI: 10.1111/roie.12333/epdf

"The gains from trade in intermediate goods: A Ricardo-Sraffa-Samuelson model", *International Review of Economics and Finance* 54 (2018): 244-261. DOI: 10.1016/j.iref.2017.08.013

"Country size and trade in intermediate goods", *The World Economy* 41(2) (2018): 634-652. DOI: 10.1111/twec.12538

"Innovation across cities", Journal of Regional Science 58(2) (2018): 295-314. DOI: 10.1111/jors.12352

"Indivisibilities in the Ricardian model of trade", *Economic Modelling* 63 (2017): 311-317. DOI: 10.1016/j.econmod.2017.02.023

"Grades across universities over time" (joint with Geraint Johnes, Lancaster University), *Manchester School* 85(1) (2017): 106-131. DOI: 10.1111/manc.12138

"The returns to an MBA degree: The impact of programme attributes" (joint with Caroline Elliott, University of Huddersfield), *Education Economics* 24(4) (2016): 427-443. DOI: 10.1080/09645292.2015.1113233

"Intra-industry trade: A Krugman-Ricardo model and data", *Economica* 83 (330) (2016): 338-355. DOI: 10.1111/ecca.12173

"Zipf, Gibrat and Geography: Evidence from China, India and Brazil", *Papers in Regional Science* 93(1) (2014): 159-181. DOI: 10.1111/j.1435-5957.2012.00477.x

"The gains from external scale economies and comparative advantage", Economics Bulletin 34(1) (2014): 84-88.

"The international market for MBA qualifications: The relationship between tuition fees and applications" (joint with Caroline Elliott, Lancaster), *Economics of Education Review* 34(1) (2013): 162-174.

"Does anyone use information from university rankings?" Education Economics 21(2) (2013): 176-190.

"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 Elliott, 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.

"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

"Recent trends in graduate unemployment and higher education in China", *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations*, 1(3) (2014): 637-661.

"Barriers to international trade with the EU: Evidence from textiles and leather goods firms in India" (joint with Sangeeta Khorana, Aberystwyth University), *International Journal of Indian Culture and Business Management* 7(2) (2013): 261-277.

"Services trade in China and India", International Journal of China Studies 3(1) (2012): 25-42.

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

"Multinationals do not export jobs, and other related results", September 2018, Lancaster University Economics Working Paper Series 2018 No.18.

"It's a jungle out there: International trade when bargaining power matters", September 2017, Lancaster University Economics Working Paper Series 2017 No.24.

"Are hamburgers harmless? The Big Mac index in the twenty-first century", September 2016, Lancaster University Economics Working Paper Series 2016 No.14.

"The impact of diversity on group and individual performance" (joint with Swarnodeep Homroy, Lancaster University), August 2014, Lancaster University Economics Working Paper Series 2014 No.13.

"Product durability and trade volatility" (joint with Dimitra Petropoulou, University of Surrey), November 2011, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute Working Paper No.94.

"Salience and the optimal amount of trade liberalisation", in progress.

"The direct and indirect effects of city size and globalisation on prices and incomes across countries", in progress.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2004-present

Lancaster University (* indicates Module Convenor)

Current Undergraduate: International Trade* (Overall Module Evaluation 2018/19: 4.38/5.0, 2017/18: 4.58/5.0, 2016/17: 4.36/5.0, 2015/16: 4.14/5.0, 2014/15: 4.59/5.0), International Business.

Past Undergraduate: Principles of Economics* (Overall Module Evaluation 2015/16: 3.85/5.0, 2014/15: 4.01/5.0), Applied Macroeconomics, Business and International Macroeconomics*, International Business, Urban and Regional Economics, Growth and Development, Applications of Economic Analysis

Past Postgraduate: Business Economics for the Executive MBA* (delivered in Sunway University) (Overall Module Evaluation 2015/16: 3.44/5.0 (Group 1), 4.15/5.0 (Group 2)), International Business*, Refresher course (statistics and economic growth component) for MSc International Business*, Research Methods for MSc in International Business

MSc dissertation Supervision: MSc Money, Banking and Finance, MSc International Business, MSc Management, MBA.

Lancaster-Sunway MSc in Management: Economics for Managers* (course delivered in Sunway, Malaysia), April 2010.

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.

Eny Sulistyaningrum (Oct 2009 – June 2013, joint with Ian Walker) Universitas Gadjah Mada.

Fred Bankole Olayele (Jan 2012 – Dec 2015) University of Regina.

Jinwon Lee (Oct 2009 – April 2018, part time, joint with Robert Read) Republic of Korea Prime Minister's Department.

PhD student Supervision: In progress

Huan Yang (Oct 2017 – present), joint with Pavel Chakraborty.

PhD Examining:

Milton Salas-Martinez (Essex, December 2008): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Liyan Hou (Birmingham, May 2010): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Snorri Snorrason (Lancaster, August 2011): Passed subject to minor corrections.

G. Kumar (SRM University, December 2014): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Abdul Farooq (National College of Business Administration and Economics, Lahore, September 2015): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Julio Prado (Lancaster, April 2016): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Xichen Wang (Lancaster, November 2016): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Zhenxiong Li (Lancaster, April 2018): Passed subject to minor corrections.

Alexander Lubis (Cranfield, scheduled September 2019)

Training:

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Advancing Teaching: Lancaster Accreditation Scheme (ATLAS), Lancaster University, completed 2018.

ATLAS mentor for Olivier Cardi

Postgraduate 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-sessional course in Statistics for MSc Economics (classes)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2019-2022	External Examiner, BSc in Economics, Middlesex University
2019-present	Part 1 Director of Studies, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
2019-present	Reviewer, ATLAS programme, Lancaster University
2019	Developed blended learning materials for module in Managerial Economics on the MSc in
	Management at LU Ghana
2017	Pioneered the use of blended learning on the Executive MBA, which is to be implemented across
	all modules in all locations
2014-present	Editorial Board member, Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations
2013-present	Academic Tutor for BSc in Business Studies students, Lancaster University
2012-2017	Editorial Board member, COGENT Economics and Finance
2010-2014	Editorial Board member, International Journal of China Studies
2013-14	Careers officer, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
2013-14	Undergraduate Open Days representative, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
2012-13	Interview panel member for Teaching Fellow and Lecturer positions, Department of Accounting
	and Finance
2009-12	Revision Lecturer, International Economics, LSE External Study, London

2009-12	Part 1 Director of Studies, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
2009-11	IT Committee representative, Department of Economics, Lancaster University
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)
2003-06	Examiner, Introduction to Economics, LSE External Study
2000-04	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, LSE
2000-04	Occasional Research Assistant, Center for Economic Performance

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Aston University (2018), Sunway University (2017), Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Bristol, 2017), The Work Foundation (October 2014), Bradford University (April 2013), 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, Birmingham 2013, Munich 2014, Warsaw 2018), Lancaster University internal seminar (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016), 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

2016	Nominated by the Department of Economics for the Lancaster University Pilkington Teaching Award
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:

Annals of Regional Science, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, ASEAN Economic Bulletin, Cities, COGENT Economics and Finance, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Economics of Education Review, *Economic Internationale*, Education Economics, Empirical Economics, Environment and Planning A, 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 Regional Science Review, International Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Trade and Development, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences, Manchester School, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Papers in Regional Science, Portuguese Economic Journal, Quantitative Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Review of Regional Studies, Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies, SAGE Open, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Sunway Academic Journal, Tourism Management, Urban Geography, Urban Studies, British Academy, ESRC, Blackwell Publishers, INFER Workshop on International Economics, Pearson, Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology.

AFFILIATIONS

Royal Economic Society, Scottish Economic Society, European Economic Association.

References available upon request