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**EMPLOYMENT**

University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Assistant Professor of Economics, 8/2016-present

**EDUCATION**

Vanderbilt University, Ph.D., Economics, 2016  
Southern Methodist University, M.A., Economics  
Nankai University, M.A., Economics  
Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, B.A., Economics

**RESEARCH FIELDS**

International Trade, Industrial Organization, Economic Development, Economics of Innovation

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

“Tariff Barriers and the Protection of Intellectual Property in the Global Economy,” (with Kamal Saggi), **European Economic Review** 144, 104074, 2022

“Trade and Innovation: Unraveling a Complex Nexus,” (with Raja Kali), **International Journal of Innovation Studies** 5(1), 23-34, 2021

“Optimal Price Regulations in International Pharmaceutical Markets with Generic Competition,” (with Kamal Saggi), **Journal of Health Economics**, 71, 102315, 2020

“International Agreements on Product Standards under Consumption Externalities: National Treatment versus Mutual Recognition,” **Economic Inquiry** 57 (3), 1284-1301, 2019

“International Effects of National Regulations: External Reference Pricing and Price Controls,” (with Kamal Saggi), **Journal of International Economics** 109, 68-84, 2017

“Is There a Case for Non-Discrimination in the International Protection of Intellectual Property?” (with Kamal Saggi), **Journal of International Economics** 97 (1), 14-28, 2015

“The Nature of Innovative Activity and the Protection of Intellectual Property in Asia,” (with Kamal Saggi), **Asian Economic Policy Review** 10 (1), 71-91, 2015

“Identifying the Unique Polarization Index: A Mean-Preserving Axiomatic Approach,” **Journal of Public Economic Theory** 14 (5), 791-812, 2012

## **BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Trade, Foreign Direct Investment, and Innovation: the Emergence of Developing Countries in the Global Economy,” (with Kamal Saggi), **Encyclopedia of International Economics and Global Trade**, edited by Francisco L. Rivera-Batiz, 2020

“The US-Asia Economic Relationship: Policy Implications of Recent Trends in Trade, Foreign Direct Investment, and Patenting,” (with Kamal Saggi), **proceedings of the conference on the US Pivot to Asia, RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy**, 2017

“Foreign Direct Investment and International Technology Diffusion,” (with Kamal Saggi), **Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance**, edited by Avinash K. Dixit, accepted, 2019

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Tariffs, Product Standards and National Treatment at the WTO,” 2023

“National Treatment versus Mutual Recognition: Does the Nature of Regulatory Standards Matter?” (with Doyoung Park), 2023

“Bilateralism, Multilateralism, and Most Favored Nation in International Regulatory Cooperation,” 2023

“Mutual Recognition in the International Protection of Intellectual Property,” (with Kamal Saggi), 2022

## **EDITORIAL POSITION**

Board of editors, International Journal of Innovation Studies, 2018-present

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Arkansas, Instructor

International Trade and Development I (Ph.D.): Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2023

International Trade (undergraduate): Fall 2016 - 2022; Spring 2017-2023

International Economic Policy (MBA): Spring 2017

Vanderbilt University, Teaching Assistant

International Trade (Graduate): Spring 2014

International Finance (Undergraduate): Fall 2013

Trade and Development (Graduate): Spring 2013, 2014

Strategic Analysis (Undergraduate): Spring 2013; Fall 2013

Economics Statistics (Undergraduate): Fall 2011, 2012; Spring 2012

Statistical Analysis (Graduate): Fall 2011

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICES**

University of Arkansas

Recruitment committee (International trade), 2018-2019

Committee for Macroeconomics comps, 2016-present

Committee on the Department Diversity and Inclusion plan, 2019

Committee on CIRANO-Walton Workshop, 2019

OLLI instructor on “Understanding Trade Agreements”, Spring 2019

Undergraduate advising: Thesis: Katherine Pearson (2019); Senior writing requirement: Taryn Iden (2018), Bryce Geels, Manuel Navarro Paz (2020); Independent study: Maha Amer (2020)

## **GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

Summer Research Funding, Walton College of Business, University Arkansas, 2020, 2022, 2023

Departmental Travel Grant, Department of Economics, University of Arkansas, 2016-present  
New Faculty Commendations for Teaching Excellence, University of Arkansas, 2017

Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2014

Graduate Research Assistantship, Vanderbilt University, 2014-2016

Faculty/Graduate Student Collaborative Research Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2013

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Vanderbilt University, 2011-2014

University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2010-2016

Graduate Research Day Award, Southern Methodist University, 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Southern Methodist University, 2007-2010

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

American Economic Association, 2023 (session chair); Southern Economic Associations Annual Meeting 2016, 2019, 2021, 2023 (session chair, scheduled); Fall Midwest International Economics Group Conference 2013, 2019; Spring Midwest International Economics Group Conference 2015, 2017; 3rd InsTED workshop 2016; Indiana University; University of Arkansas-Fayetteville; Vanderbilt University; Peking University

## **REFEREEING SERVICES**

*Applied Economics, Asian Development Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, China Economic Review, Cogent Economics and Finance, Econometrica, Economics Bulletin, Economic Inquiry, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Estudios de Economia, International Economic Review, International Journal of Health Policy and Management, International Journal of Innovation Studies, International Trade Journal, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of World Intellectual Property, Review of Development Economics, Review of International Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Choice and Welfare, Southern Economic Journal, Sustainability*