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Education

B.C. International Trade & Logistics, Pukyong National University, South Korea, 2014.

M.A. Economics, University of Seoul, South Korea , 2017.

Ph.D. Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA, 2021 (expected).

Research Interest

Public Economics, Labor economics

Research

Working Papers

1. Behavioral Responses to Changes in Enforcement Priorities. [Job Market Paper]

Abstract: A criminal behavior is often measured as a binary: whether or not a person commits a crime. The marginal deterrence theory expands the behavior to where a potential criminal chooses the degree of harmful activity along a spectrum of severity of punishment. An offender may progress from weapons possession to acts of intimidation to actual violence. This study empirically tests the effectiveness of criminal sanction in the context of the marginal deterrence. In 2013, the Justice Department of the United States instructed federal prosecutors to decline to charge the mandatory minimum sentence for drug criminals who do not possess a weapon. This policy lowers the expected punishment of a drug offense conditioning on the offender does not carry weapon. A rational criminal would choose not to carry weapon. The Regression Discontinuity Design estimates the probability of weapon possession of drug offenders fell by 11 percentage points in counties near the state line. This can be interpreted as a harsher sanction on more harmful activity lowers the degree of harmful activity that criminals choose.

2. Refugee and crime in Germany.

Abstract: This study examines the underlying mechanism of how the arrival of refugees affects the aggregate crime rate in Germany. When the country received over 476,000 refugees in 2015, the crimes committed by refugees increased by 45,000. However, the volume of refugee crime did not increase the aggregate crime rate of the country; the overall crime rate dropped by 0.1% in 2015. This study disentangles the effect of refugee arrival on the aggregate crime rate through perpetrator-level analysis. I estimate the impact of the refugee influx on criminal activities by the immigration status of accused parties. For the causal inference, this study uses the presence of vacant military facilities, which are converted to emergency shelters for refugees as the number of incoming refugees exceeds the capacity of the existing accommodation, as an instrument for refugee populations. I find that one additional refugee crime for every ten incoming refugees. However, the refugee arrival did not

increase the overall crime rate in Germany, because the increase in crimes committed by refugees was offset by a statistically and economically significant reduction in the number of crimes committed by natives.

Research Assistant

Marianne Wanamaker, 2020-2021 Department of Economics, University of Tennessee.

Teaching (the University of Tennessee)

Primary Instructor (overall instructor rating average: 4.4/5.0)

Econ 311: Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2021.

Econ 211: Principles of Microeconomics, Sum 2020.

Econ 311: Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2020.

Econ 322: The Global Economy: Trade and Development, Fall 2019.

Econ 213: Principle of Macroeconomics, Sum 2019.

Teaching Assistant

Econ 305: Markets, Ethics and Capitalism, Fall 2020.

Econ 583: Elements of Econometrics II (graduate), Spring 2019.

Econ 481: Elements of Economic Forecasting, Spring 2019.

Econ 582: Elements of Econometrics I (graduate), Fall 2018.

Econ 201: Introductory Economics, Survey Course, Spring 2018.

Econ 201: Introductory Economics, Survey Course, Fall 2017.

Fellowships and Awards

Charles B. Garrison Award for Best Graduate Assistant, University of Tennessee, 2019.

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, University of Tennessee. (2017-present)

Scholarship for Excellent Achievement, University of Seoul 1st semester of 2015.

Scholarship for Excellent Achievement, University of Seoul 2nd semester of 2015.

Conference and Seminar Presentations (* scheduled)

2021 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE)*, Southern Economic Association (SEA)*, University of Tennessee Brown Bag Workshop, Eastern Economic Association Conference (EEA).

2018 University of Tennessee Brown Bag Workshop.

Professional Experience

The United Nations Secretariat, Chile.
Internship at Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC).

Skills

Language: English (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), Korean (native).

Computing: Stata, R, Python, EViews, \LaTeX .

Reference

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