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FIELDS

Development Economics, Health Economics (aging), Labor and Demographic Economics, Applied Econometrics

EDUCATION

2013	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Southern California (Expected) "The Dynamics of Health and Its Determinants among Older Adults" Advisor: Professor John Strauss
2009	M.A. in Economics, University of Southern California
2006	B.A. in Economics (2nd ranked student in the graduating class), Ewha Womans University, Korea

JOB MARKET PAPER

The Dynamics of Health and Its Determinants among Older Adults

Abstract: This paper examines the determinants of chronic health conditions and explains their persistence, using a panel data set from the Indonesian Family Life Survey (IFLS). I incorporate dynamics into a health demand function, finding strong correlations between lagged and current health measures when nothing else is controlled. This could represent the influence of lagged health or fixed unobserved factors such as genetic endowments and childhood health. To disentangle these, I estimate the influence of lagged health by using first-difference two-step generalized method of moments (FD-GMM), where the first-differencing removes the fixed unobserved factors and keeps only lagged health. I found that it is this fixed effect, representing both genetic endowments and childhood health, that is most important in explaining later life chronic conditions. The impact of past health conditioning on the fixed effect, captured by the coefficients on lagged health measures, is weak, with estimated coefficients relatively close to zero. These results are robust to potential measurement errors in health and to sample attrition. Socio-economic status also has very little influence on current health, again conditioned on the fixed effect and on the influence of lagged health. In order to investigate if past health has different impacts across demographic or economic groups, I disaggregate the sample across age, household per capita expenditure level (PCE), and years of education. The results show that those with less education tend to show more persistency, compared to those with higher education.

OTHER PAPERS

[1] *Intergenerational Correlations of Health among Older Adults: Empirical Evidence From Indonesia*, with John Strauss, Firman Witoelar and Bondan Sikoki (RAND working paper, WR-879)

[2] *Does Retirement Affect Mental Health?: Empirical Evidence From Korea* (Work In Progress)

[3] *Intra Marriage Bargaining Power and Women Empowerment in Developing Countries*, with Vlad Radoias (Work In Progress)

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2012 – 2013	Research Fellowship, University of Southern California
2012	Asian Population Association Conference Scholarship
2011 – 2012	Advanced Fellowship, University of Southern California
2009, 2011	Summer Research Fellowship, University of Southern California
2007 – 2011	Teaching Assistantship, University of Southern California
2006	Research Fellowship, Ewha Womans University, Korea
2006	Teaching Assistantship, Ewha Womans University, Korea

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007 – 2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC
Undergraduate: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics
Money,credit and Banking
Graduate: Econometric Methods (1st year Ph.D. core course)

2004 Teaching Assistant, Department of Policy Sciences, Ewha Womans University
Graduate: Understanding Korean Economy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2012 – 2013	Editorial Assistant, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*
2004	Research Internship (Winter) in Samsung Economic Research Institute (SERI), Korea

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nov. 2012	The Gerontological Society of America's 65th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego
Sep. 2012	Development Economics Seminar, University of Southern California
Aug. 2012	Asian Population Association Conference, Bangkok, Thailand
July 2012	Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conference, San Francisco
June 2012	European Population Conference, Stockholm University, Sweden
Mar. 2011	Pacific Development Economics Conference, UC Berkeley, San Francisco

SUMMER SCHOOL AND WORKSHOPS

2011	RAND Summer Institute, Workshop on Aging and the Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists, Santa Monica
2010	Workshop on Panel Data Analysis: Its Application to IFLS 2007 Data, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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