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Education

PhD Economics, Arizona State University, (PhD Candidate)
Advisor: Gustavo Ventura

MS Economics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada (2013)

MBA Finance, Sharif University of Technology, Iran (2011)

BS Biomedical engineering, Amir Kabir University, Iran (2008)

Research Interests Macroeconomics, Public finance

Research

If You Like It You Can Keep It: Gradual Tax Reforms

" This paper addresses the key practical challenge that tax reforms face: short run welfare consequences. I focus on a consumption-based tax reform for which, in spite of the long-run welfare gains it generates, welfare falls for some groups such as retirees, or the working poor during the transition. Using a life-cycle model with heterogeneous households, I show how to devise a transition path from the current U.S. Federal tax system to a consumption-based tax system that improves the welfare of current as well as future generations. In a nutshell, all households who are alive when the change of the tax policy happens get to choose when they want to switch to the new tax system, or if they want to switch at all. I find that implementing a tax reform with this feature improves the welfare of 95% of the population in the short-run, compared to less than a quarter of the population in the simple case with no choice. It would take about twenty years for half of the population to pay their taxes under the new tax code. "

Corporate Tax and Evolution of Organizational Form of Businesses in the U.S (working paper)

Publications

A comparison of heavy-tailed VaR estimates and Filtered Historical Simulation
International Review of Business Research Papers, Volume 6. Number 4. September 2010. (Pre-PhD)

Presentations

Arizona State Macroeconomic Workshop (2015 - 2016), 2016 Illinois Economic Association Annual Meeting,
2017 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Mid-west Macroeconomic Meeting 2017

Honors and Awards

Best Comprehensive Exam Award, ASU, 2016
Academic performance award , W.P.Carey school of business, ASU (2013 - 2014 - 2015 - 2016)
Graduate Travel Grant, ASU, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

Microeconomic Analysis I (PhD course, ASU), Fall 2014
Macroeconomic Analysis II (PhD course, ASU), Spring 2015
Macroeconomic Analysis I (PhD course, ASU), Fall 2015
Macroeconomic Analysis II (PhD course, ASU), Spring 2016
Honors Macroeconomics , ASU , Fall 2016
Economics of Education, ASU, Fall 2016
Principle of Macroeconomics, Simon Fraser University, Fall2012, Spring 2013
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Simon Fraser University, Summer 2013

Computer Skills

C++, Matlab, Stata, LaTeX

References

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