

# Dóra Zsuzsanna Simon

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## EDUCATION

### **PhD in Economics** (08/2015 - present)

*University of Zurich, Department of Economics*

- ▶ Supervisors: Ralph Ossa, Gregory Crawford
- ▶ Main Fields: International Trade, Environmental Economics
- ▶ Expected completion: Summer 2021

### **Visiting Scholar** (08/2019 - 03/2020)

*University of California, Berkeley*

- ▶ Host: Meredith Fowlie

### **M.Sc. in International Trade, Finance and Development** (09/2013 - 07/2014)

*Barcelona Graduate School of Economics*

- ▶ Supervisors of Master Project: Fernando Broner and Jaume Ventura

### **B.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration** (10/2009 - 02/2013)

*Goethe University Frankfurt*

- ▶ Supervisor of Bachelor Thesis: Michael Binder

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade, Environmental Economics

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### **To Beef or Not To Beef: Trade, Meat, and the Environment**

*D. Simon, 2020, Job Market Paper*

Abstract: Two popular, supposedly eco-friendly consumption behaviors are buying local and vegetarianism. How can consumers reduce the emissions of the agricultural sector? To answer this question, I estimate a model of meat demand using purchasing data of meat and other protein rich products from a European retailer. I combine the purchasing data with data on production and transport emissions. The counterfactual exercises include autarky and vegetarianism and represent the reaction of consumers to different food consumption policies. I find that buying local increases emissions by around 5%, while vegetarianism decreases emissions by around 15%. Consuming no beef products including meat and cheese yields the highest decrease in emissions of around 18%.

### **Consumption Slowdown after the Great Recession**

*D. Simon, V. Sulaja, 2020*

Abstract: The consumption growth in the US has considerably decreased since the last financial crisis. We argue that this happened due to controls imposed on banks that were facing foreclosure issues. Those banks that faced foreclosure issues have faced controls by government institutions, which increased their costs and decreased their supply of mortgage loans. As a result, counties more exposed to controlled banks faced a slower recovery of house prices and therefore wealth. Using data on

employment and consumption we argue that it is the wealth effect originating from bank controls that decreased consumption growth. Banks decrease their mortgage loan origination by issuing lower number of loans and not by decreasing the average amount of loan.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2020: Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference (University of California, Berkeley), HSG-ZRH International Trade Workshop (University of Zurich), Doctoral Microeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich), Doctoral Macroeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich)

2019: Brown Bag Seminar (World Trade Institute, University of Bern), Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar University of California, Berkeley), Doctoral Macroeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich)

2018: Doctoral Macroeconomics Seminar (University of Zurich)

## TEACHING

**International Trade** (2017, 2018 Fall Semester)

*Bachelor Course, University of Zurich*

- ▶ Teaching assistance with weekly 90 minute tutorials

**Programming Practices for Research Students** (2018 September)

*PhD Short Course, University of Zurich*

- ▶ Independent preparation & teaching of the R module

**Cross Section and Panel Data Econometrics** (2018 September)

*Master Course, University of Zurich*

- ▶ Teaching assistance with weekly 90 minute tutorials

**Supervision of Bachelor and Master Theses** (2017 Fall Semester)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**European Central Bank** (09/2014 - 05/2015)

*Trainee, Frankfurt (Germany)*

- ▶ Directorate General Market Infrastructure & Payments; TARGET2 Analytical Team

**German Council of Economic Experts** (04/2013 - 07/2013)

*Internship, Wiesbaden (Germany)*

- ▶ Official government consulting board in Germany; Financial Markets Division

**European Parliament** (03/2013 - 04/2013)

*Internship, Brussels (Belgium)*

- ▶ Office of the MEP Thomas Mann

## LANGUAGE & PROGRAMMING SKILLS

### Languages

- ▶ German, Hungarian | *mother tongues*
- ▶ English, Spanish, French | *fluent*

### Programming

- ▶ R, Python, Git, Markdown
- ▶ Stata, Matlab, Latex

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Founder & Leader of the Stress Management Group for PhD Students of the University of Zurich

Elected as delegate of the PostDocs and PhDs in the faculty meetings