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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Political Economy, Microeconomic Theory

EDUCATION

- 2008- pres. PhD in Economics, IDEA, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
 Dissertation Advisor: Caterina Calsamiglia
 Expected completion: June 2012
- 2006-2008 M. Phil. in Economic Analysis, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 2004-2006 M. Phil. in Quantitative Economics, DULBEA, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 2002-2003 Student Exchange Programme, Universitat de Valencia
- 2000-2004 B.A. in Economics (highest honours), Université Libre de Bruxelles

JOB MARKET PAPER

Decentralization as a Way to Avoid Secessionist Conflict: the Case of Interregional Inequality

Abstract: We study the use of partial decentralization as a way of avoiding wasteful secessionist conflict when there is interregional inequality and redistribution between regions. Although decentralizing allows regional governments to better target local preferences, which mitigates conflict, it also exacerbates interregional inequality, which in turn contributes to conflict. We show that, even though an increase in inequality fuels conflict in both regions, the probability of a secession occurring through conflict might be either increasing or decreasing in inequality, depending on whether unifying is socially efficient or not. It follows that, on the one hand, the range of decentralization levels such that the peaceful - decentralized - outcome is politically sustainable always increases with inequality, while on the other hand, the minimum and maximum levels of decentralization that prevent a conflict might be either smaller or bigger. Finally, we show that when decentralization is an irreversible process, it cannot prevent secessionist conflict for any level of inequality.

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

Interregional Transfers, Group Loyalty and the Decentralization of Redistribution (*in progress*)

Participation Quorums in Costly Meetings (joint with O. Troumpounis, *submitted*)

Heterogeneous Social Preferences in a Model of Voting on Redistribution (*in progress*)

Voting on Redistribution under Quasi-Maximin Altruism (*Master Thesis*)

RESEARCH REPORTS

The Regional Impact of Active Ageing Measures (in French), Research Report for the 4P/3U Convention, ULB-DULBEA (2006)

On the Regionalization of Wage Negotiations in Belgium (in French) (with L. Maron, M. Rusinek and I. Tojerow), Research Report for the 4P/3U Convention, ULB-DULBEA (2005)

Wage Differentials according to the Age and their Effect on Labour Demand (in French), Research Report for the 4P/3U Convention, ULB-DULBEA (2005)

TEACHING

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2010-2011 *Statistics I* (Lecturer), undergraduate (3 groups)

2009-2010 *Advanced Microeconomics II* (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Julen Berasaluce), undergraduate

Econometrics II (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Conxita Pinyol), undergraduate

2007-2008 *Microeconomics I* (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Caterina Calsamiglia), graduate

Macroeconomics I (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Juan Carlos Conesa), graduate

Université Libre de Bruxelles

2003-2004 *Statistics I* (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jean-Jacques Dreesbeke), undergraduate

Introductory Economics (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Robert Plasman), undergraduate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2012 Research Assistant, Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC)

2004-2006 Researcher in Applied Economics for the 4P/3U Convention (mainly Labour Economics and Belgian Social Security), DULBEA, Université Libre de Bruxelles

PRESENTATIONS IN SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

XXXVI Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía, Málaga (2011)

10th Anniversary of the Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Idep, Marseille (2011)

Brown Bag Seminar, Toulouse School of Economics (2011)

Annual Meeting of the Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (University of Alicante (2010), CEFAGE - University of Evora (2011))

Annual Meeting of the Irish Society of New Economists, Trinity College Dublin (2010)

III Summer School in Public Economics (Fiscal Federalism), Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (2010)

Doctoral Student Presentation Seminar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2009, 2010)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Urrutia Elejalde Foundation award for Excellence in Doctoral Studies (2010)

FPU Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Ministry of Sciences and Innovation, Spain (2007-2010)

Pre-doctoral fellowship, AGAUR, Generalitat de Catalunya (2007, declined)

Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2006-2007)

Medal and Honour Diploma of the Université Libre de Bruxelles awarded for Outstanding Academic Achievement (2004)

LANGUAGES

French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Dutch (basic)

REFERENCES

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