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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is the second of a two-module, second-semester graduate-core course in Advanced Macroeconomics, covering the last 7 weeks starting March 6, Wed 10-11:20 and over March 19-April 25 (on Tuesdays and Thursdays), with the first module covered by Professor Paco Buera. This module is devoted to dynamic general equilibrium fundamentals plus selected contemporary issues in growth theory as well as income, firm and world distribution. Topics include, but not limited to, macro dynamics, micro structures, and drivers of economic growth and development, income and wealth inequality, firm dispersion, and world disparities. An overview of quantitative macroeconomics focusing on basic principles will be provided at the end. The main purpose of this course is to help you strengthen essential core knowledge for Ph.D. learning and get ready for exploring the frontier of macroeconomic research should you elect to do so. Course materials will be uploaded in advance to my website: <https://sites.wustl.edu/pingwang/courses/macroeconomics-ii/>.

GRADING:

Your overall performance will be assessed based on (i) three homework assignments (20% each, about one every two weeks) and (ii) an 80-minute problem-solving quiz (40%; on April 26, time/location TBA). In observing the green paperless policy, all homework assignments should be submitted to me electronically via e-mail, copying your AI (be sure your photo/scan/e-file is legible). ***Honor code should be observed for all assignments and the quiz.*** As a general departmental policy, no reschedule of any deadlines will be given except medical or family emergency.

Your course grade will be the simple average of the grades received from the two modules.

I strongly encourage ***active participation*** by all of you throughout the semester as well as weekly discussion (as a habit) with your senior (AI) and class peers to ensure effective learning – ***peer learning has been found most rewarding*** in Ph.D. education.

TEXTS: (recommended but not required)

(AC) Daron Acemoglu, *Introduction to Modern Economic Growth*, Princeton University Press.

In addition, the following books may be useful at various occasions for methodologies and fundamentals (no more than one or two chapters per book though):

- Infinite-horizon continuous-time optimization: AH, BF, BS, GH
- Infinite-horizon discrete-time optimization: BF, SL
- Overlapping generations framework: AZ, GR
- Computational dynamic models: LS

(AH) Aghion, P. and P. Howitt (1998), *Endogenous Growth Theory*, MIT Press.

(AZ) Azaridis, C. (1993), *Intertemporal Macroeconomics*, Blackwell publisher.

(BF) Blanchard, O. and S. Fischer (1990), *Lectures in Macroeconomics*, MIT Press.

¹ Office hours start after the spring break, all in person.

- (BC) Boldrin, M., B. Chen and P. Wang (2004), *Human Capital, Trade and Public Policy*, Edwards-Edgar.
 (BS) Barro, R. and X. Sala-i-Martin (1995), *Economic Growth*, McGraw-Hill.
 (DR) Romer, D. (1996), *Advanced Macroeconomics*, McGraw-Hill.
 (DZ) Drazen, A. (2000), *Political Economy in Macroeconomics*, Princeton University Press.
 (GR) Galor, O. (2007), *Discrete Dynamical System*, Springer.
 (GH) Grossman, G. and E. Helpman (1991), *Innovation and Growth in Global Economy*, MIT Press.
 (LS) Ljungqvist, L. and T. Sargent (2000), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, MIT Press.
 (SL) Stokey, N., R. Lucas, E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*, Harvard Press.

TIMETABLE:

3/6	Wed	Lecture A-1: Exploring the World of Growth and Development	
3/19	Tue	Lecture A-2: Foundations of Dynamic Macroeconomic Analysis	
3/21	Thu	Lecture A-3: Endogenous Growth Theory	(HW#1 distributed)
3/26	Tue	Lecture A-3: Endogenous Growth Theory	(HW#1 due by 1 PM)
3/28	Thu	Lecture B-1: Technology and Growth	
4/2	Tue	Lecture B-1: Technology and Growth	
4/4	Thu	Lecture B-2: Human Capital and Growth	(HW#2 distributed)
4/9	Tue	Lecture B-2: Human Capital and Growth	(HW#2 due by 1 PM)
4/11	Thu	Lecture B-3: Demographic Transition and Growth	
4/16	Tue	Lecture C-1: Income and Wealth Distribution	
4/18	Thu	Lecture C-1: Income and Wealth Distribution	(HW#3 distributed)
4/23	Tue	Lecture C-2: Firm Distribution and Trade	(HW#3 due by 1 PM)
4/25	Thu	Lecture D: Quantitative Macroeconomics	
4/28	Fri	Quiz Coverage A-3 to C-2 excluding B-4	(Quiz 1-2:20)

READINGS: (* Required; + Recommended)²

A. Fundamentals in Growth Theory

1. Stylized Facts and Growth Empirics

*(AC), ch. 1.

+(BS), chs. 1, 2.

+(BC), ch. 1, "Introduction: A Quick Reference to Growth Theory."

+Levine, R. and Renelt, D. (1992), "A sensitivity analysis of cross-country growth regressions," *AER*, 82, 942-963.

Islam, N. (1995), "Growth empirics: a panel data approach," *QJE*, 110, 1127-1170.

de la Fuente (1997), "The Empirics of Growth and Convergence: A Selective Review," *JEDC*, 21, 23-73.

+Jones, L. and R. Manuelli (1997), "The Source of Growth," *JEDC*, 21, 75-114.

Sala-i-Martin, X., Doppelhofer, G. and Miller, R. (2000), "Determinants of long-run growth: a Bayesian Averaging of Classical Estimates (BACE) approach," NBER No. 7750.

Ghiglino, C. (2002), "Introduction to Economic Growth and General Equilibrium," *JET*, 105, 1-17.

Banerjee, A.V., Duffo, E. (2005), "Growth theory through the lens of development economics," *Handbook of Economic Growth*, 1, 473-552.

*Jones, C. (2015), "The Facts of Economic Growth," NBER working paper #21142.

Glandon, P., K. Kuttner, S. Mazumder and C. Stroup (2022), "Macroeconomic Research, Present

² The reading list is long, starting from many now-classic pieces to help you understand the originality of the ideas and the dynamic development of the literature. For the core knowledge, only refer to required papers marked with *'s.

and Past,” NBER working paper #29628.

+Comin, D. A., J. Quintana, T. G. Schmitz and A. Trigari (2023), “Revisiting Productivity Dynamics in Europe: A New Measure of Utilization-Adjusted TFP Growth,” NBER Working Paper No. 31006.

+Fernández-Villaverde, J., G. Ventura and W. Yao (2023), “The Wealth of Working Nations,” NBER Working Paper No. 31914.

*Wang, P. (2024), “Exploring the World of Growth and Development,” Lecture Notes, Washington University-St. Louis.

2. Fundamentals: Aggregate Production, Representative Agent, Welfare Theorems and Central Planner, Infinite-Horizon Optimization (Dynamic Programming and Optimal Control), Growth with Overlapping Generations, and Stochastic Growth

*(AC), chs. 5 (representative agent, welfare theorems and central planning)

*(AC), chs. 6-7 & 9 (dynamic programming, optimal control and growth with overlapping generations)

+(AC), chs. 16-17, appendix A,B (stochastic dynamic programming and stochastic growth)

(AZ), chs. 7, 13 (basic growth models in discrete time with finite or infinite lifetime)

(BS), ch. 2 (Solow-Swan-Ramsey exogenous growth models)

(DR), ch. 2 (Solow-Swan-Ramsey exogenous growth models)

(BS), secs. 4.1-4.3 (introduction to endogenous growth theory – AK model & variations)

+(SL), chs. 3-5, 9-10.

+ Daron Acemoglu, Martin Kaae Jensen (2015), “Robust Comparative Statics in Large Dynamic Economies,” JPE, 123, 587–640.

*Wang, P. (2024), “Foundations of Dynamic Macroeconomic Analysis,” Lecture Notes, Washington University-St. Louis.

3. Basic One-Sector Models: from Constant to Variable Returns

(AC), ch. 11.

(AH), ch. 5.

(BS), ch. 4.

+Rebelo, S. (1991), “Long Run Policy Analysis and Long Run Growth,” JPE, 99, 500-521.

Romer, P. (1986), “Increasing Returns and Long-run Growth,” JPE, 94, Oct. 1986, 1002-37.

Barro, R. J. (1988), “Government Spending in a Simple Model of Endogenous Growth,” JPE, 98, S103-S125.

Barro, R. J. and X. Sala-i-Martin (1992), “Public Finance in Models of Endogenous Growth,” RES, 59, 645-661.

*Jones, L. and R. Manuelli (1990), “A Convex Model of Equilibrium Growth: Theory and Policy Implications,” JPE, 98, 1008-1038.

*Xie, D. (1991), “Increasing Returns and Increasing Rates of Growth,” JPE, 99, 429-435.

*Wang, P. (2024), “Endogenous Growth Theory,” Lecture Notes, Washington University-St. Louis.

4. Basic Multi-Sector Models: from Balanced to Nonbalanced Growth

(AH), ch. 10.

(BS), ch. 5.

(GH), chs. 3, 4.

*Lucas, R. E., Jr. (1988), “On the Mechanics of Economic Development,” JME, 22, 3-42.

Syrquin, M. (1988), “Patterns of Structural Change,” in Hollis Chenery and T.N. Srinivasan, eds., *Handbook of Development Economics*, Vol. 1, Amsterdam and New York: North Holland, 1988, chapter 7, pp. 203–273.

- Rebelo, S. (1991), "Long Run Policy Analysis and Long Run Growth," JPE, 99, 500-521.
- *Lucas, R. E., Jr. (1993), "Making a Miracle," Econometrica, 61, 251-272.
- *Bond, E., P. Wang and C. Yip (1996), "A General Two-Sector Model of Endogenous Growth with Physical and Human Capital: Balanced Growth and Transitional Dynamics," JET, 68, 149-173.
- +Kongsamut, P., Rebelo, S., Xie, D. (2001), "Beyond balanced growth," RES, 68, 869-882.
- +Bond, E. W., K. Trask and P. Wang (2003), "Factor Accumulation and Trade: Dynamic Comparative Advantage with Endogenous Physical and Human Capitals," IER, 44, 1041-1060.
- +Acemoglu, D. and V. Guerrieri (2008), "Capital Deepening and Nonbalanced Economic Growth," JPR, 116, 467-498.
- *Wang, P. (2024), "Endogenous Growth Theory," Lecture Notes, Washington University-St. Louis.

5. Transitional Dynamics and Local Indeterminacy (Not to be lectured but for your reference only)

- Boldrin, M. (1992), "Dynamic Externalities, Multiple Equilibria, and Growth", JET, 58, 198-218.
- Galor, O. (1992), "A Two-Sector Overlapping-Generations Model: A Characterization of the Dynamical System", Econometrica, 60, 351-386.
- Benhabib, Jess and Roger Farmer (1994), "Indeterminacy and Increasing Returns," JET, 63, 19-41.
- Benhabib, J. and R. Perli (1994), "Uniqueness and Indeterminacy: On the Dynamics of Endogenous Growth," JET, 63, 113-142.
- Boldrin, M. and A. Rustichini (1994), "Indeterminacy of Equilibria in Models with Infinitely-lived Agents and External Effects," Econometrica, 62, 323-342.
- Xie, D. (1994), "Divergence in Economic Performance: Transitional Dynamics with Multiple Equilibria," JET, 63, 97-112.
- +Bond, E., P. Wang and C. Yip (1996), "A General Two-Sector Model of Endogenous Growth with Physical and Human Capital: Balanced Growth and Transitional Dynamics," JET, 68, 149-173.
- +Benhabib, J. Q. Meng and K. Nishimura (2000), "Indeterminacy under Constant Returns to Scale in Multisector Economies," Econometrica, 68, 1541-1549.
- Mino, K., K. Shimomura and P. Wang (2005), "Occupational Choice and Dynamic Indeterminacy," RED, 8, 138-153.
- +Mino, K., K. Nishimura, K. Shimomura and P. Wang (2008), "Dynamic Indeterminacy in a Discrete-time Socially Constant Returns Models," Economic Theory, 34, 1-23.
- Hirano T. and J. Stiglitz (2022), "The Wobbly Economy: Global Dynamics with Phase and State Transitions," NBER working paper #29806.

B. Sources of Economic Growth

1. Technological Changes, Adoption and Long-Run Growth

- *(AC), sec. 21.4.
- (AC), chs. 15, 18.
- (AH), chs. 2, 3.
- (GH), chs. 3, 4, 11, 12.
- *Romer, P. (1990), "Endogenous Technological Change," JPE, 98, 71-102.
- Rustichini and Schmitz (1991), "Research and Imitation in Long-Run Growth," JME, 271-292.
- Segerstrom, P. (1991), "Innovation, Imitation and Growth," JME, 25.
- *Aghion, P. and P. Howitt (1992), "A Model of Growth Through Creative Destruction," EC, 60, 323-351.
- +Parente, S. and E. Prescott (1994), "Barrier to Technology Adoption and Development," JPE, 102, 298-321.
- Jones, C. (1995), "R&D-based Models of Economic Growth," JPE, 103, 759-784.
- Jones, R. and A. Newmark (1995), "Adoptive Capital, Information Depreciation and Schumpeterian Growth," EJ, July, 897-915.

- +Stokey, N. (1995), "R&D and Economic Growth," RES, 62, 469-489.
- Laing, D., T. Palivos and P. Wang (1995), "R&D in a Model of Search and Growth," AER, Papers & Proceedings, May, 291-295.
- +Jovanovic, B. and Y. Nyarko (1996), "Learning by Doing and the Choice of Technology," Econometrica, 64, 1299-1310.
- Kortum, S. S. (1997), "Research, patenting, and technological change," Econometrica, 1389-1419.
- +Basu, S., Weil, D. (1998), "Appropriate technology and growth," QJE, 113, 1025-1054.
- +Galor, O. and O. Moav (1998), "Technological Progress, Mobility, and Economic Growth," AER, 87, 363-382.
- Caselli, F. (1999), "Technological Revolutions," AER, 89, 78-102.
- +Jovanovic, B. and D. Stolyarov (2000), "Optimal adoption of complementary technologies," AER, 90, 15-29.
- Thesmar, D. and M. Thoemig (2000), "Creative Destruction and Firm Organization Choice," QJE, 115, 1201-1237.
- Chen, B., J. Mo and P. Wang (2002), "Technology Adoption, Matching and Economic Growth with Market Frictions," JEDC, 26, 1927-1954.
- +Eeckhout, J. and B. Jovanovic (2002), "Knowledge Spillovers and Inequality," AER, 92, 1290-1307.
- Acemoglu, D. (2003), "Labor-and-capital-augmenting technical change," JEEA, 1, 1-37.
- Boldrin, M. and D. K. Levine (2004), "Rent-seeking and Innovation," JME, 127-160.
- +Aghion, P., N. Bloom, R. Blundell, R. Griffith, and P. Howitt (2005), "Competition and Innovation: An Inverted-U Relationship," QJE, 120, 701-728.
- *Atkeson, A. and P. Kehoe (2005), "Modeling and Measuring Organization Capital," JPE, 113, 1026-53.
- Bellettini, G. and G. I. P. Ottaviano (2005), "Special Interests and Technological Change," RES, 72, 43-56.
- +Jones, C. (2005), "The shape of production functions and the direction of technical change," QJE, 120, 517-549.
- Mokyr, J. (2005), "Long-term Economic Growth and the History of Technology," in P. Aghion and S. Durlauf (eds.), *Handbook of Economic Growth*, North-Holland.
- *Samaniego, R. M. (2006), "Organizational capital, technology adoption and the productivity slowdown," JME, 53, 1555-1569.
- Clark, G. (2007), *A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World*, Princeton Univ. Press.
- +Acemoglu, D., P. Aghion, and F. Zilibotti (2006). "Distance to Frontier, Selection, and Economic Growth," JEEA, 4, 37-74.
- +Aghion, P. and P. Howitt (2006), "Appropriate Growth Policy: A Unifying Framework," JEEA, 4, 269-314.
- +Caselli, F., Coleman, J. (2006), "The World Technology Frontier," AER, 96, 499-522.
- Acemoglu, D. and V. Guerrieri (2008), "Capital Deepening and Nonbalanced Economic Growth," JPR, 116, 467-498.
- Pastor, L. and P. Veronesi (2009), "Technological Revolutions and Stock Prices," AER, 99, 1451-1483.
- Chen, B., J. Mo and P. Wang (2012), "A Micro-Matching Foundation of Neutral Technical Progress," Economic Theory, 50, 445-462.
- Acemoglu, D., U. Akcigit, N. Bloom and W. Kerr (2012) "Innovation, Reallocation and Growth," working paper.
- +Jess Benhabib, Jesse Perla and Christopher Tonetti (2012), "Catch-Up and Fall-Back through Innovation and Imitation," Econometrica.
- Wang, P. (2013), "Distance to Frontier, Technological Choice and Growth," work in progress.
- Acemoglu, D. (2014), "Localized and Biased Technologies: Atkinson and Stiglitz's New View, Induced Innovations and Directed Technological Change," NBER Working Paper.
- Bianchi, F. and H. Kung (2014), "Growth, Slowdowns, and Recoveries," NBER Working Paper.
- Thomas J. Holmes, Ellen R. McGrattan, and Edward C. Prescott (2015), "Quid Pro Quo: Technology

- Capital Transfers for Market Access in China,” RES, 82 (3): 1154-1193.
- Ana Maria Santacreu (2015), “Innovation, diffusion, and trade: Theory and measurement,” JME, 75, 1-20.
- *Acemoglu, D. and P. Restrepo (2018), “The Race between Man and Machine: Implications of Technology for Growth, Factor Shares, and Employment,” AER, 108(6), 1488–1542.
- *Wang, P., T.N. Wong and C. Yip (2018), “Technology Assimilation and Aggregate Productivity,” NBER working paper # 24960.
- Atkeson, A. and A. Burstein (2019), “Aggregate Implications of Innovation Policy,” JPE, 127, 2625-2683.
- +Aghion, P., A. Bergeaud, T. Boppart, P.J. Klenow, and H. Li (2019), "Missing Growth from Creative Destruction." AER, 109, 2795-2822.
- +Dessein, W. and A. Prat (2022), “Organizational Capital, Corporate Leadership, and Firm Dynamics,” JPE, 130, 1477-1536.
- +Trefler, D. and R. Sun (2022), “AI, Trade and Creative Destruction: A First Look,” NBER working paper #29980.
- Acemoglu, D. and J. Loebbing (2022), “Automation and Polarization,” NBER working paper #30528.
- *Crouzet, N., J. Eberly, A. Eisfeldt and D.s Papanikolaou (2022), “A Model of Intangible Capital,” NBER working paper #30376.
- +Ding, X., T. Fort, S. Redding and P. Schott (2022), “Structural Change Within versus Across Firms: Evidence from the United States,” NBER working paper #30127.
- +Ball, L. and G. Mankiw (2023), “Market Power in Neoclassical Growth Models,” REStud (forthcoming).
- *Acemoglu, D., D. Autor and C. Patterson (2023), “Bottlenecks: Sectoral Imbalances and the US Productivity Slowdown,” NBER working paper #31427.
- *Celik, M. A. (2023), “Does the Cream Always Rise to the Top? The Misallocation of Talent in Innovation,” JME, 133, 105-128.

2. Skills, Health and Long-Run Growth

- *(AC), secs. 10.3 & 10.8.
- Lucas, R. E., Jr. (1988), “On the Mechanics of Economic Development,” JME, 22, 3-42.
- Jovanovic and Rafael Rob (1989), “The Growth and Diffusion of Knowledge,” RES, 56, 569-582.
- Romer, P. (1990), “Human Capital and Growth: Theory and Evidence,” CR, 32, 251-286.
- Azariadis, C. and A. Drazen (1990), “Threshold Externalities in Economic Development,” QJE, 105, 501-526.
- Stokey, N. (1991), “Human Capital, Product Quality, and Growth,” QJE, 106, 587-616.
- +Lucas, R. E., Jr. (1993), “Making a Miracle,” Econometrica, 61, 251-272.
- Young, A. (1993), “Invention and Bounded Learning by Doing,” JPE, 101, 443-472.
- Benhabib, J. and Spiegel, M.M. (1994), “The role of human capital in economic development: evidence from aggregate cross-country data,” JME, 34, 143-173.
- Tallman, E. and P. Wang (1994), “Human Capital Evolution and Endogenous Growth: Evidence from Taiwan,” JME, 34, 101-124.
- *Laing, D., T. Palivos and P. Wang (1995), “Learning, Matching and Economic Growth,” RES, 62, 115-129.
- Bond, E., P. Wang and C. Yip (1996), “A General Two-Sector Model of Endogenous Growth with Physical and Human Capital: Balanced Growth and Transitional Dynamics,” JET, 68, 149-173.
- +Acemoglu, D. (1996), “A Microfoundation for Social Increasing Returns in Human Capital Accumulation,” QJE, 111, 779-804.
- Ferschtman, C., K. Murphy and Y. Weiss (1996), “Social Status, Education, and Growth,” JPE, 104, 108-132.

- Redding, S. (1996), "Low-Skill, Low-Quality Trap: Strategic Complementarities between Human Capital and R&D, EJ, 106, 458-471.
- Topel, Robert (1999), "Labor markets and economic growth, in *Handbook of labor economics*. Volume 3C, Amsterdam; New York and Oxford: North-Holland, 2943-2984.
- Bils, M. and Klenow, P. J. (2000), "Does schooling cause growth?," AER, 90, 1160-1183.
- Hanushek, E. A. and Kimko, D. D. (2000), "Schooling, labor-force quality, and the growth of nations," AER, 90, 1184-1208.
- *Tamura, Robert (2001), "Teachers, growth, and convergence," JPE, 109, 1021-1059. 369-393.
- Galor, O. and O. Moav (2004), "From Physical to Human Capital Accumulation: Inequality and the Process of Development," RES, 71, 1001-1026.
- +Laing, D., T. Palivos and P. Wang (2003), "The Economics of New Blood," JET, 112, 106-156.
- *Grossman, G. (2004), "The Distribution of Talent and the Pattern and Consequences of International Trade," JPE, 209-239.
- +MacDonald, G. and M. Weisbach (2004), "The Economics of Has-Beens," JPE, 112, S289-S310.
- Acemoglu, D. and S. Johnson (2007), "Disease and Development: The Effect of Life Expectancy on Economic Growth," JPE, 115, 925-985.
- Cunha, F. and J. Heckman (2007), "The Technology of Skill Formation," AER, 97, 31-47.
- Ghatak, M., M. Morellib and T. Sjostromc (2007), "Entrepreneurial talent, occupational choice, and trickle up policies," JET, 137, 27-48.
- Newman, A. (2007), "Risk-bearing and entrepreneurship," JET, 137, 11-26.
- Weil, David N. (2007), "Accounting for the Effect of Health on Economic Growth," QJE, 122, 1265-1306.
- Chen, B., S. Peng, and P. Wang (2009), "Intergenerational Human Capital Evolution, Local Public Good Preferences, and Stratification," JEDC, 33, 745-757.
- Kambourov, G. and I. Manovskii (2009), "Occupational Mobility and Wage Inequality," RES, 76, 731-759.
- +Erosa, A., Koreshkova, T., Restuccia, D. (2010), "How important is human capital? a quantitative theory assessment of world income inequality," RES, 77, 1421-1449.
- +Manuelli, R., A. Seshadri and Y. Shin (2010), "Lifetime Labor Supply and Human Capital Accumulation," Working Paper.
- +Chen, B., H. Chen and P. Wang (2011), "Public Policy and Human Capital Accumulation in an Endogenously Growing Economy with Labor-Market Frictions," IER, 52, 131-160.
- +Bowlus, Audra J., and Chris Robinson, (2012) "Human Capital Prices, Productivity, and Growth," AER, 102, 3483-3515.
- Schoellman, T. (2012), "Education quality and development accounting," RES, 79, 388-417.
- +Jones, Benjamin F. (2014) "The Human Capital Stock: A Generalized Approach." *American Economic Review*, 104(11): 3752-77.
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- +Wang, Y. and P. Wang (2016), "Barriers to Health and Poverty Trap," NBER #19263.
- +Charles I. Jones (2016), "Life and Growth," JPE, 124, 539-578.
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- +Lise, J. and J.-M. Robin (2017), "The Macrodynamics of Sorting between Workers and Firms," AER, 107, 1104-35.

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- +Cheng, W.J. (2017), “Explaining Job Polarization: The Role of Heterogeneity in Capital Intensity,” Academia Sinica working paper.
- +Lester, B., A. Shourideh, V. Venkateswaran, and A. Zetlin-Jones (2019), “Screening and Adverse Selection in Frictional Markets,” JPE, 127, 338-377.
- Abbott, B. G. Gallipoli, C. Meghir, and G. L. Violante (2019), “Education Policy and Intergenerational Transfers in Equilibrium,” JPE, 127, 2569-2624.
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- +Lazear, E.P. (2019), “Productivity and Wages: Common Factors and Idiosyncrasies Across Countries and Industries,” NBER working paper #26428.
- Yuen, K. and P. Wang (2019), “Minimum Wage in a Multi-Tier Search and Wage-Posting Model with Cross-Market Substitutions,” NBER working paper #26378.
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- *David E. Bloom, D. Canning, R. Kotschy, K. Prettnner and J. J. Schünemann (2019), “Health and Economic Growth: Reconciling the Micro and Macro Evidence,” NBER working paper #26003.
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