Thinh Dao

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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, York University, Toronto, Canada — 2027 (expected)
Committee: Tasso Adamopoulos (Supervisor), Chaoran Chen and Georgios Stefanidis

M.A. in Economics, Simon Fraser University, Canada — 2021

M.Sc. in Economics, University of the West of England, United Kingdom — 2012

B.A. in Banking and Finance, National Economics University, Vietnam — 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Misallocation, Financial Frictions, Economic Development and Growth

RESEARCH

- *Size-dependent Subsidies and Financial Frictions: The Case of Vietnam's Lending-rate Cap for SMEs (Job Market Paper)*

  Motivated by Vietnam's 2012 policy capping short-term lending rates for small and medium-sized enterprises, I develop a general equilibrium model integrating size-dependent financial subsidy and borrowing constraints, in which firms below an employment threshold receive a discounted price of capital. I find that the subsidy expands output and relaxes financial frictions, but at the cost of lower allocative efficiency.

- *Misallocation in Vietnam: A Structural Analysis Across Industries and Ownership Structures (Working Paper)*

  I develop a structural general equilibrium model with firm, ownership, and industry layers to quantify resource misallocation in Vietnam from 2011 to 2020. Misallocation is substantial and rising, driven mainly by distortions among firms and across industries rather than across ownership types, and labour distortions matter more than capital distortions.

PRESENTATIONS

2026

- The 2026 Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- The 8th Asia Conference on Business and Economic Studies, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- The 17th Vietnam Economists Annual Meeting, Hue, Vietnam.
- The 60th Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

2024

- The 2024 Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- Development and Policies Research Center (DEPOCEN) Workshop, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- The 58th Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Doctoral Fellowship, York University — 2021–2026
Academic Excellence Fund, York University — 2024, 2026
Herbert G. Grubel Graduate Award and Research Grant Stipend, Simon Fraser University — 2021
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship, Simon Fraser University — 2020
Rolls-Royce Harold Myers Memorial Prize, University of the West of England — 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Tasso Adamopoulos, York University 2023–2025
Cleaned and analyzed household-level data from the World Bank's Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) for several Sub-Saharan African countries; produced empirical analysis and data visualizations on inequality and food security.

Research Assistant to Professor Jun Zhao, York University 2022–2024
Retrieved and compiled procurement data from a public Government of Canada website, and conducted data analysis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, York University 2021–Present

F = Fall, W = Winter, S = Summer

ECON 4020 – Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	S22
ECON 2450 – Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory II	W26
ECON 1010 – Introduction to Macroeconomics	S23, F23, W24, S24, F24
ECON 4129 – International Trade Policy and Economic Integration	W23
ECON 4190 – Topics in International Trade	W23
ECON 3150 – International Trade	S25
ECON 4140 – Financial Econometrics	S22
ECON 3880 – The Economics of Cryptocurrencies	F22
ECON 3411 – Managerial Economics and Strategy	W25
ECON 3480 – Introductory Statistics for Economists II	W26
ECON 2500 – Introductory Statistics for Economists I	S26, F26
ECON 1530 – Introductory Mathematical Economics I	F21, F25
ECON 1540 – Introductory Mathematical Economics II	W22
ECON 1000 – Introduction to Microeconomics	S23, F23, W24, S24, F24

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Short-term Consultant, World Bank Group 2020, 2021
Data Analysis Consultant (2020) and Pension Data Analysis and Policy Support Consultant (2021).

Senior Officer, Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam 2012–2020
Held roles in corporate credit analysis, business planning, and human resources, most recently as Senior Human Resources Officer.

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Programming: R, Python, Julia, MATLAB, LaTeX.
Training: Professional Certificate in Data Science, HarvardX (edX)
Languages: Vietnamese (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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