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## WORKING PAPERS

### Immigration and Political Realignment

*Abstract:* This paper analyzes EU enlargement's impact on UK politics, showing how immigration reshapes voter preferences, party rhetoric, and political alignment. I employ a novel variation in immigration exposure based on industry-specific migrant flows and regional employment structures. Utilizing a shift-share instrument that leverages accession countries' migrant flows elsewhere in Europe, I find that immigration boosts support for right-wing UKIP and Brexit, driven by shifting social attitudes rather than economic factors. Further analysis indicates conservative legislators in affected areas intensified anti-immigration rhetoric. Results suggest EU enlargement catalyzed a political realignment in the UK, shifting focus from economic to cultural divides.

### Understanding multi-layered sanctions: A firm-level analysis

*Abstract:* This paper examines which types of firms are hit by multi-layered sanctions, quantifies the extent of the economic impact on the affected firms, and identifies the channels through which these effects are propagated. To this end, I use a text-based approach from computational linguistics to gauge the exposure of publicly listed Iranian firms to sanctions, validating this measure through its anticipated fluctuation over time and across industries. The findings reveal three key insights. First, Iranian firms report significant challenges due to sanctions, exceeding COVID-19 concerns by up to 20%. Second, politically-connected and non-connected firms suffer equally from sanctions; for every \$1 loss inflicted on connected firms, an externality of \$5 is imposed on non-connected firms, considering their economic scale. This contradicts the idea that sanctions only inflict harm on political decision-makers. Third, sanctions are hurtful; firms with higher exposure to sanctions endure greater losses in stock market value in the wake of unanticipated sanction events. Sanctions also lead to reduced sales, investment and hiring. Furthermore, the study reveals that sanctions impact firms via several mechanisms, the primary one being the limitation of access to export destinations.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<p><i>A New Order: How Food Delivery Platforms are Reshaping Urban Restaurants</i></p> <p><i>Labour Market Dynamics and Political Change in the Europe</i> (with Tim Besley and Torsten Persson)</p> <p><i>Can Environmental Activism Raise Public Awareness? Evidence from more than Thousand Protests</i> (with Azhar Hussain)</p>
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hub for Equal Representation</b>, (sponsored by the Gates Foundation) 2023</li> <li>• <b>Hayek Programme in Economics Grant</b> 2023</li> <li>• <b>LSE Graduate Fellowship in Economics</b> 2018-2023</li> <li>• <b>HAND Research Foundation Fellowship</b> 2018</li> <li>• <b>LSE Teaching Award</b> 2021</li> <li>• <b>LSE Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award</b>, nominated. 2020</li> <li>• <b>Ranked 1<sup>st</sup></b> in the Nationwide University Entrance Exam for MSc in Economics among more than 10000 participants, Iran. 2015</li> </ul>
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PRESENTATION (INC. SCHEDULED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024: <i>2nd Workshop on the Economics of Migration, Text-as-Data Liverpool Workshop, 3rd Junior Economists Meeting, CEP Juniors Internal Workshop, LSE Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies.</i> 2023: <i>LSE Economics, Princeton Economics, Princeton Development Finance Research Workshop, Princeton Politics.</i> 2022: <i>LSE Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies.</i> 2021: <i>LSE Economics, LSE Government, LSE Sen Club.</i> 2020: <i>LSE Economics, LSE Government.</i></li> </ul>
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