The Application for NBER Digitization Tutorial

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I Description of Courses Pursued During Graduate Study

I am now a 3rd year PhD student in Universitat Pompeu Fabra. My major is economics. I took Advanced Microeconomics, Advanced Macroeconomics and Advanced Econometrics in the first year. In the second year, I took some topic courses, in which we discusses lots of papers in the related areas. I took two courses about topics in economic theory, in which I got to know some revised decision making models like stochastic choice and reference-dependent models, besides, I learned some searching and matching models with market frictions, the trading and financial intermediation models with asymmetric information. I also took two courses in Applied Economics, which mainly concentrated on Political Economy, both theoretically and empirically. The contents covered in those courses are voting behavior, politicians behavior, inequality and mass media. I also took one math course, in which we use Walter Rudin's book and learn a lot about topology, convexity, fixed point theorem and so on. Besides, I took a banking theory class, in which we talk about some classic banking models.

II Research Interest

My research interest are Political Economy, Development Economics and Mass Media. I come from China, where the political institution is quite different from U.S and Europe, also the regulation of mass media is more severer than most developed countries. How these institution work, what are the influences of such arrangements and how they influence each other are interesting to me, and the development of internet and social media during these years could provide me more angles and tools dealing with this problem. I had a course project working on the influence of different media platforms in China and I hope I can keep it continue. I am now a research assistant for Professor Petrova and during this work, I

find there are lots of new research, both in ideas and methods are coming up in this field. I hope in this tutorial session I could learn some knowledge how we could use the huge data emerged nowadays, how should we analyze the difference among traditional media, internet and social media in the sense of economics, and what people are doing in this area.