

# Does automation erode governments' tax basis?

An empirical assessment of tax revenues in Europe

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## Really?



# Today: Technology has changed



Many of the tasks executed by humans at work can now be done by machines.

In this paper, we ask:

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### Our research aim

Check the empirical validity of these claims!



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## Real-income

- ▶ Composite effect arising from changing price levels and factor incomes:
  - ▶ Productivity  $\uparrow$   $\rightarrow$  prices for final goods  $\downarrow$  s.t. market competition.
  - ▶ Aggregate factor revenues from capital and labor change.
  - ▶ Aggregate demand increases if positive real-income effect.

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## Our contribution

Opposite perspective: Taking AT adoption decisions as given,

What is the effect of AT on taxation?

## 3 research questions:

1. *What is the effect of AT diffusion on aggregate tax revenues at the country level in absolute terms and in relation to GDP?*
2. *What is the effect of AT diffusion on the composition of taxes by source distinguishing between taxes on labor, capital and goods?*
3. *How can these effects be traced back to the three effects through which AT impacts the structure and level of economic production?*

# The empirical reality of taxation

## Composition of taxation in Europe in 2016

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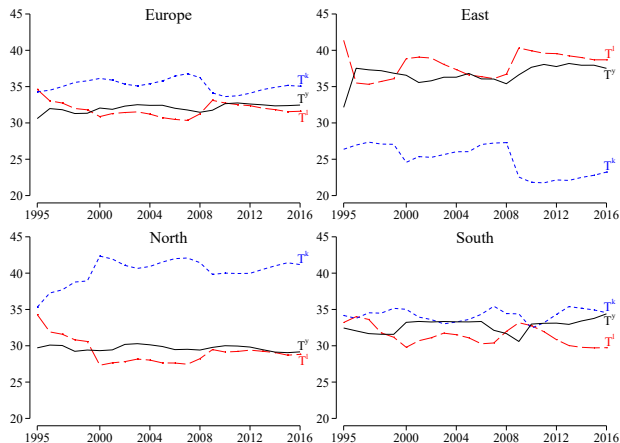
## Complexity as empirical challenge

- ▶ Aggregate accounts are composites of various sources (property, inheritance, SSC, wages, etc.) with different accounting standards across countries.
- ▶ Non-linearities arising from thresholds and exemptions.
- ▶ Countries differ by tax administration: local, federal, central government.

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# Structure of taxation in different EU countries



The structure of taxation is measured as taxes on different sources (labor  $T^l$ , capital  $T^k$ , goods  $T^y$ ) as percentage share in total taxation. The subsets of Eastern, Northern and Southern European countries are defined as follows: **East:** CZ; LT; LV; SI; and SK. **North:** AT; BE; DE; DK; FI; FR; IE; NL; SE; and UK. **South:** ES; GR; IT; and PT.



# A stylized model of taxation

Total tax revenue in country  $c$ :

$$T_c = \underbrace{t_c^l \cdot w_c L_c}_{\substack{\text{Taxes on labor} \\ T_c^l}} + \underbrace{t_c^k \cdot r_c K_c}_{\substack{\text{Taxes on capital} \\ T_c^k}} + \underbrace{t_c^y \cdot p_c Q_c}_{\substack{\text{Taxes on goods} \\ T_c^y}} \quad (1)$$

with:

- ▶  $L_c = \sum_{i \in I_c} L_i$ : aggr. labor as sum of labor in industries  $i \in I_c$  in  $c$ ,
- ▶  $K_c = \sum_{i \in I_c} K_i$ : aggr. capital stock incl. AT tech (i.e. robots & ICT),
- ▶  $p_c Q_c = \sum_{i \in I_c} p_i Q_i$ : aggr. demand,
- ▶  $w_c$ ,  $r_c$  and  $p_c$ : Wages, prices for capital and goods.

# Production at the micro-level

Industry-level production function in a generic form:

$$y_i = f_i(K_i, L_i, A_i) \quad (2)$$

with:

- ▶  $K_i$  and  $L_i$  as capital and labor,
- ▶  $K_i = K_i^n + K_i^a$  with  $K_i^n$  as non-AT and  $K_i^a = ICT_i + R_i$  as AT capital,  $R_i$  as industrial robots and  $ICT_i$  as ICT.

We assume:

- ▶  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial L_i} \geq 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial K_i} \geq 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial A_i} \geq 0$ ,
- ▶  $\frac{\partial L_i}{\partial w_i} \leq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial K_i}{\partial r_i} \leq 0$ .
- ▶ Note: Assumptions may not hold due to composition effects.

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## 3 effects of AT diffusion:

1. Replacement:  $\frac{\partial L_i}{\partial K_i^a} < 0$  &  $\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial K_i^a} \leq 0$  for  $i \in \{j | K_j^a > 0\}$ ,
2. Reinstatement:  $\frac{\partial L_i}{\partial K_i^a} > 0$ ,  $i \in \{j | K_j^a > 0\}$  &  $\frac{L_c}{\partial K_c^a} > 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial w_c L_c}{\partial K_c^a} > 0$ ,
3. Real-income:  $\frac{\partial (w_c L_c + r_c K_c)}{\partial K_c^a} \leq 0$  &  $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial K_i^a} \leq 0$ .

# Empirical strategy

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## Solution

Step-wise procedure:

1. Establish link between aggregate tax data and economic production.
2. Test for the 3 effects of AT diffusion.
3. Explain aggregate observations wrt taxation along the 3 effects.

Analysis at the industry- and country-level.

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- ▶ Tax data from OECD Global Revenue Statistics Database:
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- ▶ Additionally:
  - ▶ Industrial restructuring:  $HHI_c$  & employment/output share of services.
  - ▶ Exchange rate, debt, interest, public investm., net lending.

# Measuring AT diffusion

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## Empirical proxies

- ▶ Robots:  $R_{c,t} = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_c} \#Robots_{i,t}}{\sum_{i \in I_c} L_{i,t}}$  with robot-count data from IFR.
- ▶ ICT: Net ICT capital (by EUKLEMS) per  $L_{i,t}$ .

Both measures Z-score normalized.

# Establishing prerequisites:

## 1: Taxation and AT diffusion

$$\Theta \sim \beta_c^R R_{c,t} + \beta_c^{ICT} ICT_{c,t} + \beta_c^{RICTint} R_{c,t} \cdot ICT_{c,t} + \beta_c^Z Z_{c,t} + \epsilon_{c,t} \quad (4)$$

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## 2: Determinants of taxation

Same regression, but now focus on macroeconomic determinants of taxation.

# Prerequisites 1: Taxation and AT diffusion (1995-2016)

	Taxes in ln of nat. currency				Taxes as % of GDP				Taxes as % of total tax		
	$\ln T_{c,t}$	$\ln T_{e,t}$	$\ln T_{i,t}$	$\ln T_{r,t}$	$T_{c,t}$	$T_{e,t}$	$T_{i,t}$	$T_{r,t}$	$T_{c,t}$	$T_{e,t}$	$T_{i,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.019*	-0.039*	0.013	-0.014	-0.056	-0.323	0.322	-0.055	-0.922	0.801	-0.202
	(0.010)	(0.019)	(0.040)	(0.021)	(0.421)	(0.226)	(0.357)	(0.127)	(0.598)	(0.905)	(0.515)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.061***	-0.093	-0.122***	-0.047*	-1.620***	0.022	-1.794**	0.152	1.291	-2.695**	1.457**
	(0.011)	(0.095)	(0.038)	(0.024)	(0.544)	(0.353)	(0.641)	(0.165)	(0.903)	(1.118)	(0.608)
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	0.022*	0.022	0.048*	0.031*	0.429	-0.199	0.589**	0.040	-0.893**	1.067**	-0.196
	(0.005)	(0.034)	(0.017)	(0.012)	(0.290)	(0.153)	(0.269)	(0.077)	(0.363)	(0.429)	(0.291)
$R^2$	0.999	.998	.999	.999	.973	.985	.975	.96	.983	.972	.956
$N$	395	395	395	395	395	395	395	395	395	395	395
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.040*	-0.078	-0.108***	0.020	-0.683*	-0.223	-0.830**	0.370**	-0.104	-1.984**	1.315**
	(0.021)	(0.049)	(0.031)	(0.032)	(0.382)	(0.185)	(0.377)	(0.132)	(0.480)	(0.730)	(0.459)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.042	-0.163	-0.110*	-0.008	-0.856	0.275	-1.269	0.138	0.967	-2.616	0.873
	(0.027)	(0.123)	(0.057)	(0.028)	(0.701)	(0.468)	(0.760)	(0.187)	(1.024)	(1.510)	(0.997)
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	0.008	0.036	0.019	0.000	0.083	0.053	-0.025	0.054	0.254	0.170	0.107
	(0.017)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.016)	(0.567)	(0.267)	(0.415)	(0.092)	(0.423)	(0.681)	(0.624)
$R^2$	0.999	.998	.999	.999	.982	.988	.984	.972	.99	.986	.969
$N$	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.012	0.015	0.016	-0.058	0.210	0.233	0.196	-0.220	0.479	0.439	-0.901
	(0.023)	(0.025)	(0.059)	(0.034)	(0.758)	(0.405)	(0.539)	(0.238)	(0.925)	(0.956)	(0.776)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.019	-0.007	0.017	0.026	0.280	-0.118	0.137	0.261***	-1.274	0.519	0.731
	(0.036)	(0.050)	(0.034)	(0.056)	(0.466)	(0.623)	(0.318)	(0.058)	(1.056)	(0.753)	(0.657)
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	-0.020	-0.000	-0.016	-0.035	-0.149	-0.131	0.098	-0.117	0.399	-0.302	-0.135
	(0.024)	(0.031)	(0.039)	(0.033)	(0.647)	(0.376)	(0.605)	(0.095)	(0.595)	(0.736)	(0.535)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	.999	0.999	.986	.994	.989	.984	.992	.989	.982
$N$	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171

## Findings:

Negative impact of AT on total tax revenues, ICT (robots) at cost of capital (labor) taxes.

Relative shares of other tax sources weakly increased.

## Prerequisites 2: The determinants of taxation

### Main observations:

- ▶ Taxes in levels:
  - ▶ Robots: Total and labor taxes ↓
  - ▶ ICT: Total and capital taxes ↓
  - ▶ Depth of automation (ICT & Robots): moderating effect on total, capital and taxes on goods
- ▶ Taxes in pct. GDP:
  - ▶ Robots: no strong shifts in the structure
  - ▶ ICT: total and capital tax share ↓, weak effects on other factor shares

### Other findings:

- ▶ Indebted countries tend to raise more tax revenues.



# Replacement effect

	$\ln wL_{i,c,t}$	$\ln w_{i,c,t}$	$\ln L_{i,c,t}$	$\ln rK_{i,c,t}$	$\ln r_{i,c,t}$	$\ln K_{i,c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.031 (0.031)	0.026** (0.010)	-0.057** (0.027)	-0.053 (0.036)	-0.011 (0.007)	0.008 (0.027)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.020 (0.012)	0.005 (0.005)	0.015 (0.013)	0.026 (0.026)	-0.001 (0.010)	0.028 (0.023)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.007 (0.005)	0.005** (0.002)	-0.012** (0.005)	0.003 (0.009)	-0.004 (0.002)	0.006 (0.007)
$R^2$	.997	.996	.994	.972	.927	.996
$N$	4898	4898	4898	4843	4803	4803
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.006 (0.028)	0.016* (0.008)	-0.022 (0.027)	0.005 (0.050)	-0.002 (0.005)	0.020 (0.021)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.026** (0.010)	0.005 (0.005)	0.021* (0.010)	0.001 (0.027)	0.001 (0.010)	0.029 (0.017)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.002 (0.005)	0.001 (0.002)	0.001 (0.005)	-0.003 (0.015)	-0.000 (0.003)	0.008 (0.008)
$R^2$	.998	.997	.996	.975	.94	.998
$N$	2827	2827	2827	2790	2777	2777
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
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$R^2$	.999	.998	.998	.985	.918	.999
$N$	2070	2070	2070	2052	2025	2025

# Reinstatement effect

	$\ln w_{c,t}$	$\ln L_{c,t}$	$\ln r_{c,t}$	$\ln K_{c,t}$	$Services_{c,t}$	$Gini_{c,t}^w$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.128*** (0.032)	-0.006 (0.016)	-0.088*** (0.031)	-0.056** (0.026)	-0.941*** (0.269)	0.032*** (0.009)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.168*** (0.049)	-0.092** (0.040)	0.077 (0.047)	-0.006 (0.069)	0.527 (1.008)	0.038*** (0.013)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.075*** (0.023)	0.035** (0.016)	-0.032 (0.022)	-0.004 (0.037)	0.212 (0.464)	-0.008 (0.006)
$R^2$	.995	.999	.907	.999	.973	.762
$N$	395	395	395	395	395	395
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.145*** (0.040)	-0.040 (0.023)	-0.084** (0.029)	-0.065*** (0.026)	-1.539*** (0.497)	0.011 (0.011)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.301*** (0.052)	-0.142*** (0.023)	0.141*** (0.040)	-0.049* (0.024)	-2.427** (1.107)	0.018 (0.017)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.141*** (0.032)	0.040*** (0.011)	-0.065** (0.023)	0.017 (0.015)	1.215* (0.607)	-0.006 (0.010)
$R^2$	.998	.999	.923	0.999	.98	.878
$N$	224	224	224	224	224	224
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.034 (0.027)	0.018 (0.019)	-0.039 (0.028)	-0.004 (0.023)	-1.635** (0.562)	0.009* (0.004)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.011 (0.018)	0.008 (0.035)	0.046 (0.036)	0.100* (0.047)	2.054 (1.161)	0.006 (0.007)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.032** (0.013)	0.002 (0.021)	-0.036 (0.024)	-0.038 (0.034)	-0.467 (0.726)	0.008 (0.005)
$R^2$	.999	0.999	.822	0.999	.988	.948
$N$	171	171	171	171	171	171

# Real-income effect

	$\ln wL_{c,t}$	$\ln rK_{c,t}$	$\ln (wL + rK)_{c,t}$	$\ln pQ_{c,t}$	$\ln Q_{c,t}$	$\ln p_{c,t}$	$\ln LProd_{c,t}$	$\ln TFP_{c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.131*** (0.039)	-0.133** (0.047)	-0.139*** (0.042)	-0.113** (0.040)	0.009 (0.029)	-0.099*** (0.029)	-0.006 (0.019)	-0.004 (0.014)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.068 (0.057)	-0.062 (0.058)	0.015 (0.055)	0.017 (0.049)	0.026 (0.032)	-0.019 (0.044)	0.093** (0.033)	-0.046 (0.030)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.033 (0.036)	0.005 (0.035)	-0.019 (0.036)	-0.026 (0.035)	-0.016 (0.026)	0.016 (0.021)	-0.049** (0.022)	0.027** (0.012)
$R^2$	.997	.996	.997	.997	.999	.916	.998	.869
$N$	395	395	395	395	309	309	309	309
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.193*** (0.038)	-0.147*** (0.041)	-0.180*** (0.037)	-0.133*** (0.038)	-0.060*** (0.015)	-0.114*** (0.023)	-0.017 (0.011)	0.009 (0.011)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.126*** (0.040)	-0.034 (0.066)	0.059 (0.049)	0.096* (0.054)	0.015 (0.018)	0.014 (0.047)	0.142*** (0.031)	-0.091*** (0.028)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.074** (0.028)	-0.048 (0.038)	-0.060* (0.032)	-0.085** (0.035)	-0.010 (0.015)	-0.015 (0.027)	-0.061** (0.020)	0.058*** (0.015)
$R^2$	.999	.998	.999	.999	0.999	.946	.999	.929
$N$	224	224	224	224	174	174	174	174
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.008 (0.030)	-0.035 (0.039)	-0.025 (0.024)	-0.006 (0.025)	0.066** (0.026)	-0.033** (0.014)	0.028 (0.026)	-0.003 (0.010)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.047 (0.034)	0.127* (0.061)	0.083* (0.037)	0.069 (0.054)	0.039 (0.029)	0.029 (0.020)	0.013 (0.022)	0.020*** (0.002)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.029 (0.030)	-0.063 (0.040)	-0.048 (0.029)	-0.049 (0.035)	-0.018 (0.026)	-0.026* (0.013)	-0.016 (0.019)	-0.002 (0.009)
$R^2$	.999	.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.875	0.999	.978
$N$	171	171	171	171	135	135	135	135

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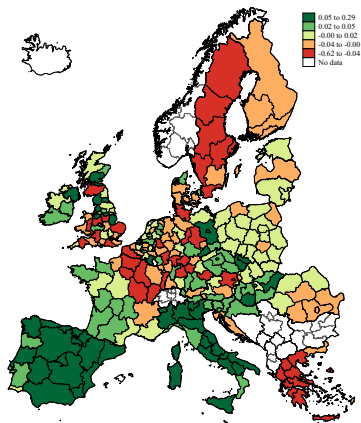
- ▶ Robots: factor incomes (K,L,Q) and Prices ↓
- ▶ ICT: factor incomes (K,L,Q) no effect. Labor productivity ↑; .
- ▶ In total: Labor replacing tech without efficiency gains ↓ on taxes and incomes

Labor augmenting tech with efficiency gains ↓ on taxes but ↑ productivity

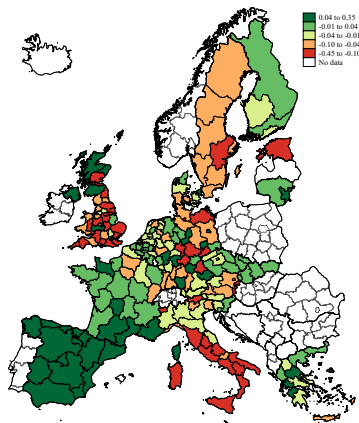
# Robustness checks

## Subnational results

- ▶ Country-level ATs used for NUTS0, NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions.
- ▶ Germany and the UK: Some regions exhibit strong negative, others strong positive impacts across ATs
- ▶ Spain, France and the Baltic countries are the beneficiaries of automation: Both, robots and ICT diffusion, exhibit positive effects on regional labor demand and corporate taxation.
- ▶ Sweden and Finland, have negative effects of robot diffusion on both, labor and taxes, and mixed effects of ICT.
- ▶ Contradicting effects for Italy and Greece across ATs: robots have a positive impact on labor and taxation in Italy, but we find a negative impact of ICT. The opposite pattern holds true for parts of Greece where ICT tends to exhibit a positive effect, but robots a negative one.



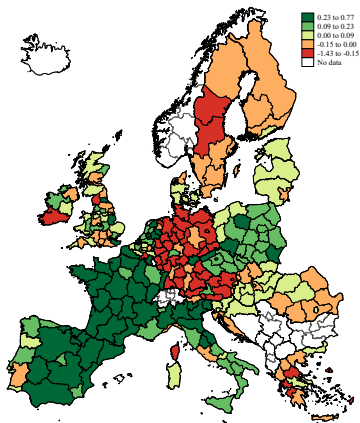
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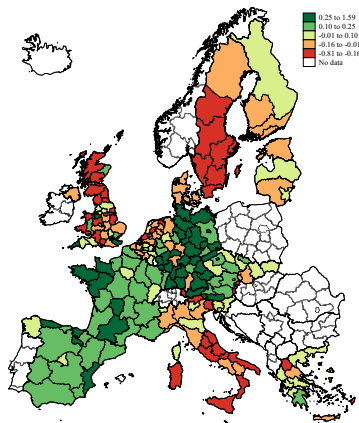
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Abbildung: Robots & ICT effects on Labor.





(a) Robots



(b) ICT

Abbildung: Robots & ICT effects on Taxes.

# Robustness checks

## Endogeneity

- ▶ 2 types of lagged data on robot- and ICT-intensity from  $t - 1$  instead of contemporaneous diffusion measures as explanatory variable. Deeper lags from  $t - 1$ ,  $t - 2$  and  $t - 3$  are used as explanatory variables on the first stage to instrument contemporaneous AT diffusion.
- ▶ IVs: AT imports to other countries driven by technological advances in ATs, but are entirely exogenous from the economic dynamics in country  $c$ . For this we use robot and ICT products imports by all countries in the world except  $c$  as in instrument for robot and ICT diffusion in country  $c$ .
- ▶ We obtain qualitatively consistent point estimates for the coefficients

# Robustness checks

## Further tests

- ▶ Sensitivity to changes in tax systems:
  - ▶ KPMG data on country level tax rates (additional controls on tax regressions)
  - ▶ Effective tax rates (ETR) by Eurostat for non-financial corporations
- ▶ Trade: Include imports ( $Imports_{c,t}^{\%GDP}$ ) and exports ( $Exports_{c,t}^{\%GDP}$ ) as percentage of GDP (OECD) (on top of exchange rates already included)
- ▶ Distributional effects:
  - ▶ Gini coefficients from industry level distribution of hourly wage ( $Gini_{c,t}^W$ ) and labor in terms of hours worked ( $Gini_{c,t}^L$ )
  - ▶ dispersion measures computed as the 90/10 percentile ratio from the industry level distribution of hourly wage ( $Dispersion_{c,t}^W$ ) and labor in terms of hours worked ( $Dispersion_{c,t}^L$ ) (EUKLEMS).
- ▶ Tax progressiveness: tax regressions with the Gini coefficient from industry level distribution of labor in terms of hours worked ( $Gini_{c,t}^L$ ).

## 3 questions - 3 answers

### 1. *What is the effect of AT diffusion on aggregate tax revenues at the country level in levels and in relation to GDP?*

- ▶ Theory: Dependent on income effects of AT: If negative  $\rightarrow$  taxes  $\downarrow$
- ▶ We observed: Negative impact of robots and ICT (esp.  $\leq$  2007)
- ▶ Taxes in %GDP more stable, but negatively dep. on factor income affected, i.e.  $\downarrow$  in labor for Robots,  $\downarrow$  in capital for ICT.

## 3 questions - 3 answers

*2. What is the effect of AT diffusion on the composition of tax revenues by source distinguishing between taxes on labor, capital and goods?*

- ▶ We observed:
  - ▶ Robots: Weak shift from taxes on labor to taxes capital (likely policy response).
  - ▶ ICT: Strong shift from taxes on capital to labor and goods.

## 3 questions - 3 answers

*3. How can these effects be traced back to the three effects through which AT affects the structure and level of economic production?*

- ▶ Robots: Labor-replacing tech without clear efficiency gains. All factor incomes ↓ and so do the levels of taxes. Support for so-so automation hypothesis and tax distortions towards capital. Policy response weakly altered these effects.
- ▶ ICT: Labor-augmenting tech with efficiency gains (productivity ↑). ICTs erode tangible capital (and its taxes) without any factor income affected. Support for the effects of intangible transition  $\approx$  creative destruction and potentially some profit shifting of intangibles.

# Limitations and open issues

## Limitations & (potential) ways forward:

- ▶ Tax burdens unequally distributed: The poor pay less taxes on labor and more on goods.
- ▶ Tax micro-data for firms, industries
- ▶ Missing work on large MNEs for Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) across the sample

## Final Remark

- ▶ Sustainability of public finances affected when technologies are labor or capital replacing. Demographics, skills, mobility and competitive landscape need to be the focus of governments.
- ▶ If ICTs evolve in a similar manner to Robots (through AI) public finances will be affected further (beyond the capital effects already observed).
- ▶ Beyond labor substitution, these are tough times for tax policies with ICT acceleration and remote work ↑. Harder to draw regional boundaries of labor and (intangible) capital.
- ▶ Reallocation policies of AT benefits should be considered as an integral part of the EU digital agenda.



# Conclusion

Thank you for attending.

# Prerequisites 1: Taxation and AT diffusion North (1995-2016)

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	$\ln T_{c,t}$	$\ln T'_{c,t}$	$\ln T''_{c,t}$	$\ln T_{e,t}$	$T'_{c,t}$	$T''_{c,t}$	$T'_{e,t}$	$T''_{e,t}$	$T'_{t,t}$	$T''_{t,t}$	$T'_{e,t}$	$T''_{e,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>												
$R_{c,t}$	-0.025 (0.021)	0.023 (0.043)	-0.010 (0.032)	-0.020 (0.029)	0.684 (0.437)	-0.368** (0.137)	0.875* (0.451)	0.177 (0.264)	-1.376*** (0.402)	1.165 (0.711)	0.098 (0.622)	
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.007 (0.028)	-0.255 (0.220)	-0.159** (0.052)	0.084 (0.049)	-0.254 (1.217)	1.247*** (0.337)	-2.716*** (0.637)	1.215* (0.658)	3.084** (0.959)	-5.947*** (1.052)	2.706* (1.346)	
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	-0.012 (0.017)	0.140 (0.128)	0.062 (0.037)	-0.050 (0.035)	-0.603 (0.773)	-0.974*** (0.131)	1.139* (0.511)	-0.768 (0.434)	-1.696*** (0.509)	2.971*** (0.897)	-1.140 (0.923)	
$R^2$	0.999	.997	.998	.999	.974	.995	.974	.956	.994	.984	.942	
$N$	214	214	214	214	214	214	214	214	214	214	214	
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>												
$R_{c,t}$	-0.046** (0.016)	0.103 (0.076)	-0.128*** (0.032)	-0.001 (0.031)	-1.067* (0.488)	0.250 (0.451)	-1.635*** (0.472)	0.318 (0.361)	1.408 (0.945)	-3.054** (0.963)	1.448 (1.203)	
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.012 (0.035)	-0.962* (0.452)	-0.078 (0.076)	0.027 (0.074)	-0.049 (1.200)	0.428 (0.927)	-1.121 (1.203)	0.644 (0.711)	1.328 (2.125)	-2.963 (1.933)	1.794 (2.591)	
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	0.018 (0.023)	0.557** (0.238)	0.026 (0.046)	-0.015 (0.046)	0.278 (0.790)	0.384 (0.585)	0.200 (0.739)	-0.306 (0.485)	0.707 (1.334)	0.512 (1.190)	-1.251 (1.659)	
$R^2$	0.999	.997	.999	.999	.988	.995	.986	.972	.995	.989	.965	
$N$	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>												
$R_{c,t}$	-0.007 (0.029)	-0.043 (0.071)	0.018 (0.083)	-0.068*** (0.020)	0.100 (1.358)	0.186 (0.462)	0.904 (0.926)	-0.989*** (0.221)	1.499 (1.020)	0.953 (1.508)	-2.605*** (0.719)	
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.073 (0.063)	0.381 (0.250)	0.075 (0.157)	0.043 (0.033)	-1.555 (1.830)	-0.462 (0.545)	-0.876 (1.597)	-0.217 (0.275)	-0.792 (1.947)	-0.192 (2.511)	0.506 (1.597)	
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	-0.051* (0.027)	-0.153 (0.143)	-0.082 (0.084)	-0.057*** (0.011)	-1.586** (0.672)	-0.222 (0.442)	-0.434 (0.433)	-0.930*** (0.211)	1.782 (1.419)	-0.727 (1.385)	-0.890 (0.528)	
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.989	.998	.992	.985	.997	.995	.977	
$N$	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	

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	$\ln T_{c,t}$	$\ln T'_{c,t}$	$\ln T^k_{c,t}$	$\ln T^l_{c,t}$	$T_{c,t}$	$T'_{c,t}$	$T^k_{c,t}$	$T^l_{c,t}$	$T'_{c,t}$	$T^k_{c,t}$	$T^l_{c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.030 (0.029)	-0.042** (0.012)	0.037 (0.056)	-0.062* (0.029)	-0.294 (0.553)	-0.220 (0.218)	0.468 (0.404)	-0.542** (0.181)	-0.568 (0.807)	2.044* (0.924)	-1.416** (0.457)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.024 (0.048)	0.096* (0.040)	-0.063 (0.083)	-0.001 (0.075)	2.337 (1.205)	1.701* (0.793)	0.154 (0.479)	0.482 (0.442)	2.672 (1.634)	-1.343 (0.913)	-1.310 (1.443)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.009 (0.009)	-0.019 (0.010)	0.024 (0.014)	0.033 (0.018)	-0.100 (0.278)	-0.405* (0.178)	0.081 (0.106)	0.224 (0.114)	-1.171** (0.380)	0.368 (0.179)	0.807 (0.395)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	.999	0.999	.948	.977	.845	.901	.962	.917	.909
$N$	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.022 (0.022)	-0.037 (0.032)	-0.014 (0.030)	0.000 (0.021)	-0.524 (0.504)	-0.123 (0.153)	0.115 (0.102)	-0.516 (0.270)	0.291 (0.245)	0.541 (0.278)	-0.861** (0.198)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.031 (0.115)	0.030 (0.139)	-0.044 (0.085)	0.060 (0.152)	3.108 (1.653)	1.105 (1.233)	0.295 (0.779)	1.709 (1.208)	0.068 (2.888)	-1.872 (2.125)	1.833 (3.833)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.002 (0.018)	0.013 (0.022)	-0.029 (0.020)	-0.002 (0.024)	-0.432 (0.232)	0.073 (0.172)	-0.346* (0.132)	-0.159 (0.204)	0.679 (0.508)	-0.599 (0.363)	-0.031 (0.725)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.973	.991	.9	.913	.99	.962	.932
$N$	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	0.008 (0.013)	0.018 (0.039)	0.076 (0.056)	-0.047 (0.023)	1.161 (0.969)	0.526 (0.408)	0.733 (0.528)	-0.099 (1.063)	0.048 (1.804)	1.712 (1.217)	-1.633 (1.768)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.143 (0.078)	0.036 (0.122)	0.285* (0.105)	0.184* (0.077)	1.163 (3.117)	-0.387 (1.413)	1.146*** (0.150)	0.404 (1.616)	-3.195 (5.180)	3.875* (1.700)	-0.952 (2.422)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.011 (0.018)	0.028 (0.030)	-0.018 (0.052)	-0.036 (0.033)	0.960 (0.565)	0.316 (0.200)	0.152 (0.190)	0.492 (0.434)	-0.167 (0.349)	-0.307 (0.672)	0.526 (0.507)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	.999	0.999	.977	.982	.932	.936	.959	.949	.944
$N$	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45

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	$\ln T_{c,t}$	$\ln T_{i,t}^R$	$\ln T_{c,t}^L$	$\ln T_{c,t}^S$	$T_{c,t}$	$T_{i,t}^R$	$T_{c,t}^L$	$T_{c,t}^S$	$T_{c,t}^T$	$T_{i,t}^T$	$T_{c,t}^T$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.158 (0.068)	-0.173 (0.126)	0.020 (0.105)	-0.272 (0.132)	-5.660** (1.758)	-2.091 (1.250)	-0.575 (0.990)	-2.994 (1.281)	-2.005 (3.209)	3.854 (2.798)	-5.622 (3.480)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.032 (0.018)	-0.084* (0.028)	-0.006 (0.045)	-0.022 (0.032)	-0.708 (0.302)	-0.719** (0.148)	0.120 (0.290)	-0.109 (0.239)	-1.770** (0.454)	1.216 (0.703)	0.158 (0.946)
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	0.011 (0.032)	0.020 (0.037)	-0.054 (0.055)	0.076 (0.040)	0.773 (0.426)	0.376 (0.353)	-0.420 (0.182)	0.817* (0.291)	0.270 (0.762)	-2.347** (0.677)	2.533* (0.877)
$R^2$	0.999	.999	.999	.999	.971	.967	.972	.959	.955	.935	.971
$N$	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.428** (0.125)	-0.388 (0.245)	-0.784 (0.380)	-0.182 (0.242)	-12.186** (3.262)	-2.540 (2.450)	-8.536* (2.830)	-1.111 (2.351)	3.842 (3.875)	-11.378 (7.832)	8.483 (8.293)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.140 (0.077)	-0.236** (0.066)	-0.280 (0.155)	0.098 (0.091)	-5.795* (2.388)	-3.293** (1.021)	-3.255 (1.796)	0.753 (1.118)	4.770** (1.385)	-5.327 (4.020)	7.326 (3.980)
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	-0.013 (0.030)	-0.071 (0.045)	0.023 (0.060)	-0.034 (0.038)	1.345* (0.423)	-0.057 (0.436)	1.199* (0.493)	0.203 (0.444)	-1.695 (0.789)	1.470 (1.588)	-0.860 (1.445)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.981	.976	.99	.975	.981	.981	.992
$N$	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>											
$R_{c,t}$	-0.329* (0.139)	-0.152 (0.117)	-0.546 (0.384)	-0.194 (0.267)	-11.876** (3.600)	-1.525 (1.220)	-7.294* (2.476)	-3.057 (1.657)	6.052 (3.201)	-9.334 (4.689)	4.973 (6.883)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.039 (0.031)	-0.006 (0.024)	0.046 (0.076)	0.091** (0.028)	1.605 (0.893)	0.025 (0.198)	0.735 (0.796)	0.845** (0.228)	-2.092* (0.881)	-0.063 (1.872)	1.298 (1.178)
$R + ICT_{c,t}$	-0.066* (0.021)	-0.094* (0.039)	-0.084 (0.047)	-0.004 (0.058)	-1.393 (0.703)	-0.727 (0.346)	-0.705 (0.465)	0.039 (0.494)	-0.550 (1.159)	-0.199 (1.370)	1.862 (2.353)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.992	.994	.99	.993	.986	.974	.993
$N$	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36

## Findings:

Negative impact of AT on total tax revenues, ICT (robots) at cost of capital

(labor) taxes.

Relative shares of other tax sources weakly increased.

# Replacement effect - North

	$\ln w_{i,c,t}$	$\ln w_{i,c,t}$	$\ln L_{i,c,t}$	$\ln rK_{i,c,t}$	$\ln r_{i,c,t}$	$\ln K_{i,c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.006 (0.036)	0.007 (0.009)	-0.013 (0.033)	-0.012 (0.047)	-0.010 (0.010)	0.057 (0.037)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.006 (0.013)	0.004 (0.004)	0.002 (0.013)	0.029 (0.020)	0.001 (0.013)	0.007 (0.015)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.002 (0.008)	0.005* (0.002)	-0.007 (0.008)	0.009 (0.012)	-0.004 (0.003)	0.014* (0.008)
$R^2$	.997	.998	.997	.947	.901	.994
$N$	2958	2958	2958	2925	2958	2958
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	0.041 (0.031)	0.010 (0.007)	0.031 (0.027)	0.096 (0.076)	0.002 (0.007)	0.071*** (0.023)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.008 (0.009)	0.001 (0.005)	0.007 (0.011)	0.004 (0.034)	0.002 (0.015)	0.019 (0.017)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.003 (0.009)	-0.001 (0.003)	0.004 (0.008)	-0.001 (0.024)	-0.001 (0.004)	0.010 (0.007)
$R^2$	.998	.999	.998	.953	.92	.998
$N$	1742	1742	1742	1718	1742	1742
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.053** (0.022)	-0.005 (0.012)	-0.048** (0.020)	0.003 (0.074)	0.000 (0.004)	-0.023 (0.023)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.060 (0.041)	0.024 (0.015)	-0.085* (0.038)	-0.165 (0.128)	-0.011 (0.006)	-0.086 (0.080)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.011 (0.014)	-0.001 (0.006)	-0.010 (0.012)	0.052 (0.036)	-0.002 (0.002)	0.022 (0.013)
$R^2$	.999	.999	.999	.971	.918	.998
$N$	1215	1215	1215	1206	1215	1215



# Replacement effect - East

	$\ln wL_{i,c,t}$	$\ln w_{i,c,t}$	$\ln L_{i,c,t}$	$\ln rK_{i,c,t}$	$\ln r_{i,c,t}$	$\ln K_{i,c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.012 (0.022)	0.031 (0.019)	-0.043*** (0.014)	0.036 (0.023)	0.002 (0.003)	-0.029 (0.031)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.014 (0.020)	-0.006 (0.021)	0.021 (0.013)	0.021 (0.023)	-0.012*** (0.002)	0.043* (0.022)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.009 (0.007)	0.010 (0.007)	-0.019*** (0.004)	0.004 (0.007)	0.002** (0.001)	-0.016 (0.009)
$R^2$	.998	.997	.992	.985	.99	.998
$N$	909	909	909	909	814	814
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.038 (0.043)	-0.029 (0.037)	-0.009 (0.029)	-0.017 (0.053)	-0.004 (0.002)	-0.009 (0.022)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.008 (0.043)	-0.011 (0.034)	0.019 (0.030)	-0.000 (0.042)	-0.007*** (0.002)	0.043*** (0.013)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.030 (0.056)	0.057 (0.045)	-0.027 (0.035)	0.055 (0.069)	0.009* (0.004)	-0.004 (0.043)
$R^2$	.998	.997	.992	.984	.993	.998
$N$	459	459	459	459	409	409
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	0.010 (0.016)	0.017 (0.016)	-0.007 (0.010)	-0.038 (0.041)	0.005 (0.004)	-0.002 (0.015)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.013 (0.017)	-0.003 (0.019)	-0.010 (0.018)	0.072 (0.058)	0.001 (0.009)	0.011 (0.043)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.001 (0.007)	0.006 (0.007)	-0.005 (0.003)	-0.018 (0.016)	0.004** (0.002)	-0.007 (0.009)
$R^2$	.999	.999	.997	.992	.976	0.999
$N$	450	450	450	450	405	405

# Replacement effect - South

	$\ln w_{i,c,t}$	$\ln w_{i,c,t}$	$\ln L_{i,c,t}$	$\ln rK_{i,c,t}$	$\ln r_{i,c,t}$	$\ln K_{i,c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.017 (0.072)	0.079* (0.041)	-0.096 (0.073)	-0.239 (0.186)	-0.033*** (0.010)	-0.036 (0.052)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.068*** (0.016)	0.035 (0.024)	0.033 (0.022)	-0.065 (0.064)	0.011** (0.005)	0.020 (0.012)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.023 (0.024)	0.014 (0.012)	0.010 (0.024)	0.067 (0.062)	0.015*** (0.005)	-0.050** (0.020)
$R^2$	.996	.967	.995	.952	.987	.997
$N$	981	981	981	959	981	981
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	0.026 (0.020)	0.052** (0.022)	-0.026 (0.023)	-0.085* (0.046)	-0.007 (0.006)	-0.003 (0.029)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.090* (0.042)	0.097 (0.062)	-0.007 (0.045)	-0.378 (0.232)	-0.009 (0.008)	0.054 (0.036)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	-0.013 (0.009)	-0.017** (0.007)	0.005 (0.007)	-0.048* (0.025)	0.004* (0.002)	-0.017* (0.009)
$R^2$	.998	.97	.998	.959	.992	.999
$N$	576	576	576	563	576	576
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{i,c,t}$	-0.068 (0.159)	0.184 (0.131)	-0.252 (0.151)	-0.710 (0.547)	-0.055 (0.035)	-0.052 (0.084)
$ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.084** (0.029)	0.048 (0.029)	0.036 (0.033)	0.114 (0.097)	0.029** (0.013)	0.036 (0.023)
$R * ICT_{i,c,t}$	0.099* (0.053)	0.007 (0.031)	0.092 (0.052)	0.202 (0.140)	0.025* (0.011)	-0.103** (0.041)
$R^2$	.998	.972	.998	.978	.874	.999
$N$	405	405	405	396	405	405



# Reinstatement effect North

	$\ln w_{c,t}$	$\ln L_{c,t}$	$\ln r_{c,t}$	$\ln K_{c,t}$	$Services_{c,t}$	$Gini_{c,t}^w$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.078*** (0.012)	-0.036** (0.011)	-0.134*** (0.028)	-0.034* (0.018)	-0.883*** (0.229)	-0.003 (0.008)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.170** (0.061)	-0.070 (0.040)	0.034 (0.116)	0.046 (0.073)	1.564 (1.811)	0.103** (0.034)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.070* (0.035)	0.036 (0.029)	-0.013 (0.068)	0.004 (0.050)	0.289 (0.979)	-0.050** (0.021)
$R^2$	.999	0.999	.945	.999	.96	.92
$N$	214	214	214	214	214	214
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.037 (0.023)	-0.026 (0.020)	-0.083** (0.033)	0.023 (0.019)	-1.947** (0.746)	-0.012 (0.008)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.055 (0.053)	-0.053 (0.037)	0.082 (0.097)	-0.102 (0.072)	1.579 (1.827)	0.099*** (0.023)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.022 (0.027)	0.007 (0.024)	-0.006 (0.051)	0.077* (0.036)	-1.217 (0.804)	-0.034** (0.013)
$R^2$	.999	0.999	.955	0.999	.971	.966
$N$	124	124	124	124	124	124
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	0.032* (0.017)	-0.041 (0.041)	-0.017 (0.041)	-0.031 (0.021)	-0.329 (0.721)	0.012** (0.005)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.001 (0.010)	0.038 (0.052)	-0.048 (0.074)	0.068 (0.052)	7.653** (2.442)	-0.013 (0.010)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.015** (0.006)	0.000 (0.035)	0.033 (0.058)	0.050 (0.030)	-2.464* (1.164)	0.020* (0.009)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	.877	0.999	.983	.974
$N$	90	90	90	90	90	90





# Reinstatement effect East

	$\ln w_{c,t}$	$\ln L_{c,t}$	$\ln r_{c,t}$	$\ln K_{c,t}$	$Services_{c,t}$	$Gini^w_{c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.145*** (0.018)	0.053** (0.015)	-0.113*** (0.022)	0.023 (0.017)	0.216 (0.394)	0.057* (0.026)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.274** (0.090)	-0.064 (0.040)	0.232** (0.068)	-0.023 (0.034)	-5.645** (1.662)	0.008 (0.058)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.030* (0.013)	0.005 (0.008)	-0.013 (0.009)	-0.012* (0.005)	0.522 (0.317)	-0.011 (0.011)
$R^2$	.999	.998	.948	0.999	.978	.825
$N$	97	97	97	97	97	97
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.118* (0.045)	-0.021 (0.014)	-0.039 (0.054)	-0.048** (0.016)	0.102 (0.405)	0.055** (0.019)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.596*** (0.107)	-0.165*** (0.027)	0.279 (0.135)	-0.043 (0.060)	-10.135*** (1.581)	0.128 (0.066)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.094** (0.022)	0.028*** (0.002)	-0.035 (0.034)	0.012 (0.011)	1.121** (0.377)	-0.024* (0.010)
$R^2$	.999	.999	.947	0.999	.991	.933
$N$	52	52	52	52	52	52
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.057* (0.025)	0.025 (0.026)	-0.031 (0.023)	0.007 (0.026)	-1.018 (0.502)	0.006 (0.008)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.158 (0.114)	0.182** (0.057)	0.000 (0.080)	0.112 (0.100)	-1.852 (1.968)	-0.033* (0.015)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.031*** (0.006)	-0.020 (0.030)	-0.038 (0.018)	-0.022 (0.021)	-0.810** (0.212)	0.007* (0.003)
$R^2$	0.999	.999	.883	0.999	.995	.909
$N$	45	45	45	45	45	45



# Reinstatement effect South

	$\ln w_{c,t}$	$\ln L_{c,t}$	$\ln r_{c,t}$	$\ln K_{c,t}$	$Services_{c,t}$	$Gini_{c,t}^w$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.163 (0.083)	-0.034 (0.040)	0.018 (0.061)	-0.084** (0.019)	-3.596* (1.304)	-0.021 (0.030)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.030 (0.015)	0.043** (0.013)	-0.044* (0.017)	0.099*** (0.006)	0.712 (0.355)	0.002 (0.005)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.034 (0.017)	-0.064** (0.014)	-0.031* (0.010)	-0.031*** (0.005)	0.944* (0.401)	0.010 (0.007)
$R^2$	.997	0.999	.982	0.999	.995	.926
$N$	83	83	83	83	83	83
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	-0.181* (0.058)	-0.053 (0.057)	-0.054 (0.090)	-0.111** (0.031)	-0.455 (2.112)	-0.118 (0.080)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.018 (0.046)	-0.015 (0.030)	-0.000 (0.061)	0.045*** (0.007)	2.840 (1.340)	-0.082 (0.037)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.014 (0.016)	-0.048* (0.018)	-0.012 (0.030)	-0.019* (0.007)	0.353 (0.359)	0.018 (0.017)
$R^2$	.998	0.999	.989	0.999	.997	.945
$N$	47	47	47	47	47	47
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>						
$R_{c,t}$	0.262*** (0.041)	0.112 (0.050)	0.309* (0.105)	0.101* (0.042)	0.011 (2.620)	0.017 (0.033)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.006 (0.011)	-0.050 (0.032)	-0.110** (0.033)	0.031* (0.012)	1.791* (0.643)	0.005 (0.008)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.022 (0.012)	0.015 (0.027)	-0.004 (0.034)	0.019 (0.009)	0.394 (0.684)	0.010 (0.008)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	.946	0.999	.996	.976
$N$	36	36	36	36	36	36

## Real-income effect North

	$\ln wL_{c,t}$	$\ln rK_{c,t}$	$\ln (wL + rK)_{c,t}$	$\ln pQ_{c,t}$	$\ln Q_{c,t}$	$\ln p_{c,t}$	$\ln LProd_{c,t}$	$\ln TFP_{c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.158*** (0.038)	-0.140 (0.078)	-0.166** (0.058)	-0.141** (0.052)	-0.029 (0.019)	-0.051*** (0.006)	-0.000 (0.015)	0.029** (0.011)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.117 (0.077)	-0.038 (0.077)	0.068 (0.083)	0.064 (0.071)	-0.002 (0.037)	0.025** (0.010)	0.068* (0.034)	-0.005 (0.030)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.071 (0.055)	-0.029 (0.069)	-0.066 (0.065)	-0.076 (0.058)	-0.001 (0.021)	-0.022** (0.008)	-0.043* (0.020)	0.030 (0.018)
$R^2$	.998	.993	.997	.997	0.999	.992	0.999	.885
$N$	214	214	214	214	171	171	171	171
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.059* (0.029)	0.021 (0.062)	-0.025 (0.036)	-0.003 (0.039)	-0.034 (0.022)	-0.045*** (0.008)	0.015 (0.015)	0.018 (0.010)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.019 (0.094)	-0.189 (0.168)	-0.093 (0.116)	-0.084 (0.114)	0.029 (0.056)	0.019 (0.013)	0.061 (0.045)	-0.025 (0.016)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.038 (0.051)	0.055 (0.077)	0.053 (0.057)	0.045 (0.057)	-0.011 (0.034)	-0.012 (0.009)	-0.007 (0.025)	0.028** (0.009)
$R^2$	.999	.997	.999	.999	0.999	.992	0.999	.92
$N$	124	124	124	124	99	99	99	99
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	0.001 (0.030)	-0.082 (0.115)	-0.061 (0.062)	-0.093 (0.055)	0.025 (0.027)	-0.005 (0.019)	-0.003 (0.020)	0.017 (0.012)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.041 (0.051)	-0.008 (0.171)	0.019 (0.094)	0.018 (0.070)	0.028 (0.018)	0.023 (0.018)	-0.041* (0.021)	0.038** (0.016)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.020 (0.034)	0.020 (0.105)	0.014 (0.067)	-0.025 (0.046)	0.030 (0.021)	-0.035** (0.012)	0.015 (0.019)	0.015 (0.014)
$R^2$	0.999	.998	.999	0.999	0.999	.962	0.999	.989
$N$	90	90	90	90	72	72	72	72

# Real-income effect East

	$\ln wL_{c,t}$	$\ln rK_{c,t}$	$\ln (wL + rK)_{c,t}$	$\ln \rho Q_{c,t}$	$\ln Q_{c,t}$	$\ln p_{c,t}$	$\ln LProd_{c,t}$	$\ln TFP_{c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.106*** (0.021)	-0.059 (0.044)	-0.086** (0.029)	-0.084 (0.041)	0.059** (0.018)	-0.090*** (0.013)	-0.009 (0.019)	-0.002 (0.011)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.016 (0.061)	-0.186 (0.113)	-0.098 (0.067)	-0.026 (0.102)	-0.007 (0.038)	-0.198** (0.050)	0.049 (0.035)	-0.185** (0.048)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.010 (0.014)	0.022 (0.028)	0.016 (0.018)	0.008 (0.025)	-0.016 (0.009)	0.036* (0.014)	-0.024 (0.011)	0.026* (0.011)
$R^2$	.999	.999	.999	.999	0.999	.983	0.999	.933
$N$	97	97	97	97	76	76	76	76
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.181* (0.066)	-0.040 (0.038)	-0.130* (0.052)	-0.106 (0.063)	-0.063* (0.023)	-0.089 (0.046)	-0.055 (0.028)	-0.032* (0.013)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.138 (0.134)	-0.542*** (0.117)	-0.126 (0.117)	-0.106 (0.160)	-0.031 (0.064)	-0.151 (0.093)	0.144 (0.080)	-0.241** (0.043)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.000 (0.034)	0.102** (0.034)	0.045 (0.033)	0.052 (0.045)	0.013 (0.013)	0.021 (0.018)	-0.020 (0.016)	0.043** (0.010)
$R^2$	.999	.999	.999	.999	0.999	.99	0.999	.988
$N$	52	52	52	52	40	40	40	40
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.032 (0.036)	0.006 (0.040)	-0.016 (0.031)	0.012 (0.036)	0.072** (0.022)	-0.022 (0.010)	0.019 (0.016)	-0.018* (0.006)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.292 (0.161)	0.093 (0.124)	0.164 (0.109)	0.157 (0.098)	0.089 (0.112)	-0.019 (0.033)	-0.065 (0.116)	0.017 (0.019)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.080* (0.032)	-0.062** (0.019)	-0.069* (0.026)	-0.057* (0.022)	-0.021 (0.009)	-0.016 (0.008)	-0.006 (0.017)	-0.013* (0.005)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.917	0.999	.985
$N$	45	45	45	45	36	36	36	36

# Real-income effect South

	$\ln wL_{c,t}$	$\ln rK_{c,t}$	$\ln (wL + rK)_{c,t}$	$\ln pQ_{c,t}$	$\ln Q_{c,t}$	$\ln p_{c,t}$	$\ln LProd_{c,t}$	$\ln TFP_{c,t}$
<b>Panel A: full period 1995-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.193 (0.140)	0.176** (0.040)	-0.055 (0.082)	0.010 (0.045)	-0.008 (0.041)	-0.036 (0.041)	0.039 (0.022)	0.056 (0.021)
$ICT_{c,t}$	0.055 (0.023)	0.092** (0.021)	0.070** (0.013)	0.097*** (0.015)	0.092 (0.053)	0.084** (0.019)	0.027 (0.033)	-0.006 (0.016)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.017 (0.038)	-0.162** (0.030)	-0.071* (0.023)	-0.103*** (0.014)	-0.078* (0.018)	0.009 (0.014)	-0.021 (0.016)	-0.016 (0.009)
$R^2$	.999	.999	.999	0.999	0.999	.998	.999	.994
$N$	83	83	83	83	61	61	61	61
<b>Panel B: sub-period 1995-2007</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	-0.275*** (0.038)	0.129 (0.141)	-0.122* (0.039)	-0.130* (0.051)	-0.242 (0.170)	0.045 (0.087)	-0.122 (0.208)	-0.013 (0.079)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.073 (0.050)	0.297** (0.063)	0.064 (0.043)	0.078** (0.024)	0.060* (0.017)	0.022 (0.013)	0.033 (0.029)	-0.048* (0.014)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	-0.035* (0.013)	-0.075 (0.036)	-0.050** (0.014)	-0.047** (0.012)	0.002 (0.064)	-0.040 (0.034)	0.042 (0.081)	-0.009 (0.029)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.999
$N$	47	47	47	47	34	34	34	34
<b>Panel C: sub-period 2008-2016</b>								
$R_{c,t}$	0.292* (0.110)	0.366* (0.122)	0.315** (0.084)	0.303* (0.098)	0.340** (0.059)	0.123 (0.070)	0.121 (0.063)	0.066* (0.018)
$ICT_{c,t}$	-0.029 (0.035)	-0.058 (0.033)	-0.040 (0.020)	-0.051 (0.026)	-0.113* (0.029)	0.076 (0.032)	-0.028 (0.024)	-0.017 (0.017)
$R * ICT_{c,t}$	0.036 (0.037)	-0.071 (0.035)	-0.005 (0.023)	0.012 (0.028)	-0.022 (0.016)	0.003 (0.013)	-0.006 (0.017)	0.002 (0.009)
$R^2$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	.97	0.999	.997
$N$	36	36	36	36	27	27	27	27