

Review of ECONJOURNAL-D-22-00059R1

Impact of an economic crisis on youth employment: Evidence from 2008 financial crisis in Spain

General Comments

The paper uses the Ghosh model to analyze the impacts of the 2008 economic crisis in Spain by focusing on the employment-related effects. It considers an interesting division of employment by age categories to obtain generational impacts. The results can be helpful to understand the Spanish labor market and the trends of Spanish unemployment, and this can be of interest for labor policy measures. Having acknowledged this positive contribution, the paper needs an important revision before being considered for publication. These are the issues that must be addressed:

- * First, the text and content should be re-organized to provide the information in a more logical way. For instance, the introduction is a description of the case-study more than a proper introduction to the model and the related literature. In addition, the conclusions contain information not corresponding to any results from the paper (i.e., not a proper conclusion content) but to a context or literature review. The description of the employment between 2005 and 2015 (Section 5) should be placed before the employment distribution (Section 4). The paragraph between pages 5 and 6 is not correctly placed.
- * Second, the model and simulations are not described with the detail and mathematical precision is required. Moreover, it is paramount to discuss the weaknesses of the Gosh model to analyze supply impacts. The authors might ignore the possible implausibility of the assumptions inherent to model used and this, at least, should be recognized.
- * Third, the authors should make an effort to synthesize and clarify the results, going further than the actual simple description and trying to draw regularities, tendencies and intuitions.
- * Fourth, I strongly recommend to improve the writing. An important part of the text does not contain any information (e.g., paragraphs announcing what is going to be presented in the next section or what has already been presented in the preceding one). While the language is grammatically correct in general, the style does not follow a proper academic piece of work. I would recommend to: i) reorganize the text following a logical sequence, ii) avoid reiterations and annunciations that add nothing and make the reading unpleasant, iii) improve the style, iv) go further than a simplistic description of results, and v) avoid paragraphs of a unique sentence. Writing is particularly poor in the abstract (e.g., which is the meaning of 'The results obtained allow the different policies to be focused on sectors most affected...?') and does not contain the main information to make a complete idea of the paper's content (i.e., which is the model used? and how it has been used?).

Specific Comments

- * The title should mention that the empirical application is for Spain.
- * Throughout the text, 'Multisectoral model' should be replaced by a more specific term (e.g., 'IO Gosh model'). The authors claim that they use a 'multisectoral model' and this is correct but not informative enough.
- * Page 21 contains a paragraph in Spanish.
- * Middle of Page 7: change 'work' by 'labour'.
- * Better use 'et al.' for the references in the text with more than two authors.