

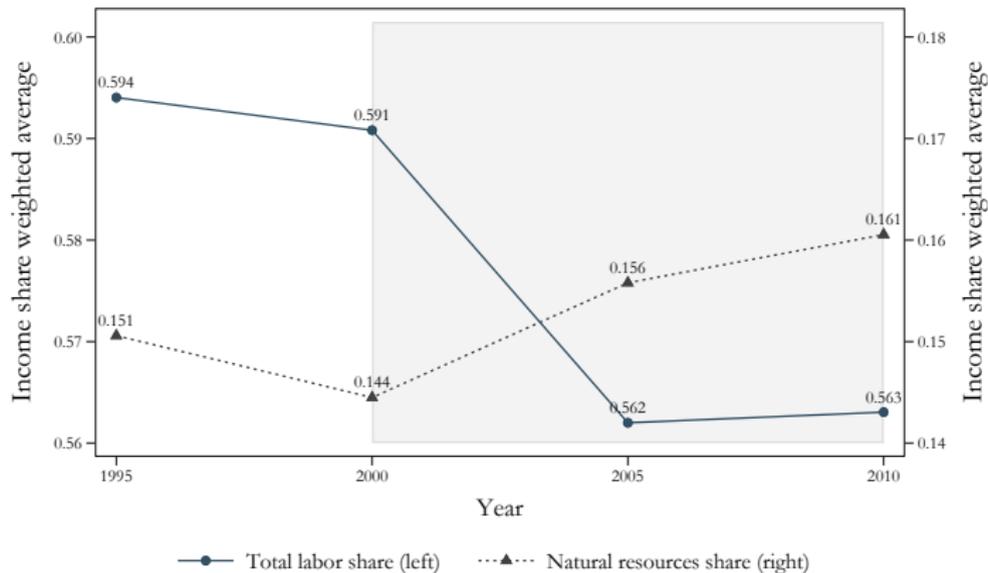
The Natural Resource Boom and The Uneven Fall of The Labor Share

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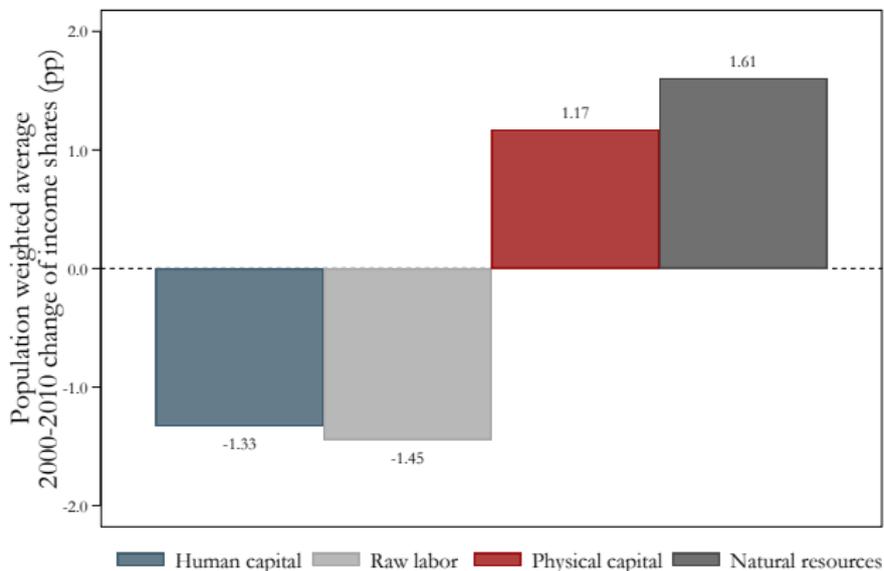
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Declining Labor Share and the Rise of Natural Resources



- **The labor share declined by 4.7%** between 2000 and 2010.
- **The natural resources share increased by 11.8%** during the same period, driven by the **commodity price boom** of the 2000s.
- **Are these two patterns related?**

Changes in the Functional Distribution of Income 2000-2010



- **Raw labor and human capital** shares fall in similar magnitudes.
- **The natural resources share grew more than the physical capital share**, a fact that has been overlooked by the literature.

What is the effect of a natural resource boom on the functional distribution of income?

- What is the effect of a sharp **price-induced** increase in natural resources income on **aggregate and relative factor shares**?
- Did the **commodity price boom** contribute to the **global decline of the labor share**?

What We Do

1. Build a **Dutch disease model** \Rightarrow Set of equations that characterize how **natural resource windfalls** affect **equilibrium factor shares**.
2. **Measure income shares** accruing to **raw labor, human capital, physical capital, and natural resources** for a sample of 47 countries between 1995 and 2010.
3. **Estimate the response** of aggregate and relative factor shares to **changes in commodity prices**.
 - i. Two-way fixed effects strategy.
 - ii. Differential exposure design \Rightarrow “shift-share” instrument.
4. **Quantify the effect** of the commodity price boom of the 2000s on the **functional distribution of income**.
 - i. Effects on labor and physical capital income shares.
 - ii. Redistribution of the labor share in raw labor and human capital.

► Model preview

► Results preview

Contribution to the Literature

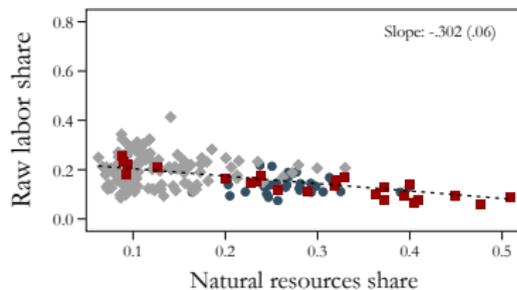
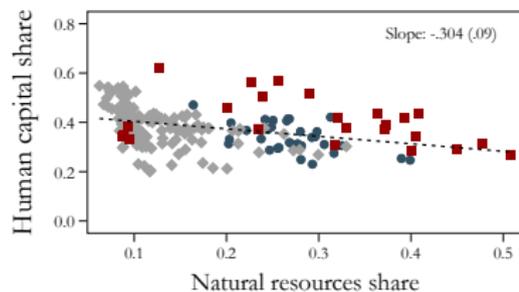
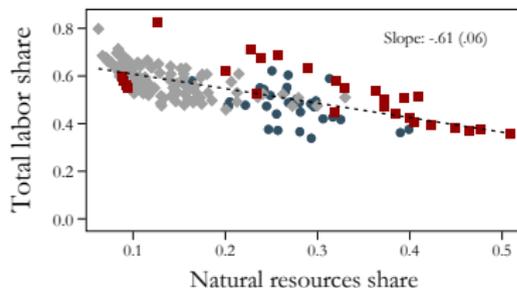
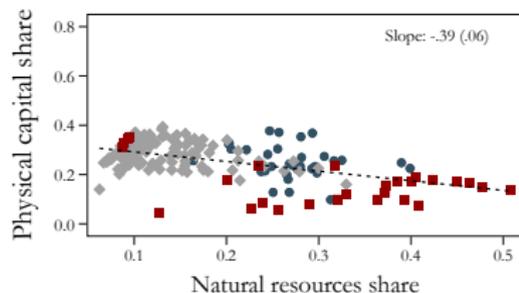
1. **Dutch disease** \Rightarrow effects on the sectoral composition of output and employment (Corden and Neary, 1982; Corden, 1984; Sachs and Warner, 1995, 2001).
2. **Fall of the labor share** \Rightarrow new explanation in commodity price booms.
 - Technical change, ICTs, robots and biased innovations (Karabarbounis and Neiman, 2013; Zuleta, 2008; Acemoglu and Restrepo, 2018; Grossman et al., 2021; Peretto and Seater, 2013; Zuleta and Young, 2013).
 - Rising concentration, markups and recomposition of value added (Autor et al., 2017, 2020; Barkai, 2020; De Loecker et al., 2020; Kehrig and Vincent, 2021).
 - Bargaining power of workers (Macpherson, 1990; Fichtenbaum, 2009, 2011; Young and Zuleta, 2013)
 - Measurement (Koh et al., 2020; Gutiérrez and Piton, 2020; Elsby et al., 2013; Rognlie, 2016, 2018).
3. **Resource booms effect on inequality** \Rightarrow functional distribution of income.
 - Abundance of natural resources favor production in sectors with greater inequality (Leamer et al., 1999; Sokoloff and Engerman, 2000).
 - **The effect of a natural resource boom on the distribution of labor earnings depends crucially on the relative factor intensity between the tradable and non-tradable sectors (Goderis and Malone, 2011).**

Data and Estimation of Factor Income Shares

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1. Country and year level estimates of the **total labor share**.
 - Data from UN Yearbook of National Account Statistics.
 - Employee compensation as a share of GDP minus indirect taxes.
 - Adjust for labor income of the self-employed using gross mixed income as in [Bernanke and Gürkaynak \(2001\)](#) and [Gollin \(2002\)](#). [▶ Details](#)
2. Separate the total labor share into compensation for **human capital** accumulation and for **raw labor**.
 - Microdata from SEDLAC and LIS to estimate Mincer regressions and recover the raw labor share of wages, as in [Krueger \(1999\)](#). [▶ Details](#)
 - What if the microdata is insufficient? Imputation or prediction (GBM).
3. Separate total capital share into **physical capital** and **natural resources** income shares.
 - Measures of the value of natural resources and physical capital stocks from the **World Bank's Wealth of Nation's Database (WND)** ([Gylfason, 2001](#); [Caselli and Feyrer, 2007](#); [Bhattacharyya and Hodler, 2010](#); [van der Ploeg, 2011](#); [Sturgill, 2012](#)). [▶ Details](#)
 - We follow [Caselli and Feyrer \(2007\)](#) to separate capital income. [▶ Details](#)

Natural Resources Share Correlation with Factor Shares



- Latin America and the Caribbean
- ◆ Northern America, Europe and Australia
- Africa and Asia

A Model of Natural Resource Booms and Factor Shares

Model - Production and Factor Income Shares

- **Sectors:** non-tradable (N), tradable (T), and natural resources (R).
- T and N sectors produce consumption goods with **three factors:** **physical capital** (K), **raw labor** (L), and **human capital** (H).
- The R sector output Y_R is a **commodity** produced with K , L and H , plus an exogenous and fixed **natural resources endowment** E .
- Perfect factor mobility and no assumptions on the market structure.
- **Sector-specific** factor income shares:

$$\alpha_{F,S} \equiv \frac{r_F F_S}{P_S Y_S} \quad \text{for } F \in \{K, L, H, E\} \quad \text{and} \quad S \in \{N, T, R\}. \quad (1)$$

- **Share of income** (Y) accruing to each factor:

$$\alpha_F \equiv \frac{r_F F}{Y} = \frac{r_F (F_N + F_T + F_R)}{Y} \quad \text{for } F \in \{K, L, H, E\}, \quad (2)$$

$$\alpha_E \equiv \alpha_{E,R} \cdot \frac{P_R Y_R}{Y}. \quad (3)$$

Model - Consumption

- Agents $i \in \{1, \dots, L\}$ have identical preferences

$$U_i = \ln C_{i,T} + \gamma \ln C_{i,N}. \quad (4)$$

- Households supply a unit of L **inelastically** and own H , K and E .
- Agents receive a share (ν_i) of the **rents from natural resources**.
- Each agent i can **own** ν_i of E , or **receive** its rents as a transfer from the government. Regardless, the **theoretical predictions hold**.
- Income from a **fixed endowment of factors**:

$$Y_i = r_H H_i + r_L + r_K K_i + \nu_i \alpha_{E,R} P_R Y_R, \quad (5)$$

with a budget constraint:

$$C_{i,T} + P_N C_{i,N} = Y_i, \quad (6)$$

where P_R and P_N are prices in terms of the tradable good price.

Conditions where all agents are **optimizing** and **markets clear**.

1. Market clearing condition: $C_N = Y_N$.
2. P_R is **exogenous**, determined in the **international markets**.

Model - Theoretical Predictions

Equilibrium factor income shares:

$$\alpha_F = \frac{1}{1 + \gamma} (\gamma \alpha_{F,N} + \alpha_{F,T}) + (\alpha_{F,R} - \alpha_{F,T}) \frac{P_R Y_R}{Y}.$$

- $\alpha_{F,R}$ is the income share of factor F within the R sector.
- $\alpha_{F,T}$ is the income share of factor F within the T sector.
- $\alpha_R \equiv \frac{P_R Y_R}{Y}$ is the natural resources sector share of output.

The **relative factor share** between factors F and F' is given by:

$$\alpha_{F-F'} = \frac{1}{1 + \gamma} (\gamma \alpha_{F-F',N} + \alpha_{F-F',T}) + (\alpha_{F-F',R} - \alpha_{F-F',T}) \frac{P_R Y_R}{Y}.$$

- $\alpha_{F-F',R}$: relative share of factors F and F' within the R sector.
- $\alpha_{F-F',T}$: relative share of factors F and F' within the T sector.
- Effects **within labor** α_{H-L} and **between labor and capital** α_{Z-K} .

Empirical Strategy

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Counterparts of the theoretical equations:

$$\alpha_{Fct} = \eta_c + \phi_{gt} + \beta \alpha_{Ect} + \mathbf{x}'_{ct} \gamma + \epsilon_{ct} \quad (7)$$

$$\alpha_{F-F'ct} = \eta_c^* + \phi_{gt}^* + \beta^* \alpha_{Ect} + \mathbf{x}'_{ct} \gamma^* + \epsilon_{ct}^*, \quad (8)$$

- η_c : country fixed effects.
- ϕ_{gt} : year and group-specific (region/income) flexible time trends.
- \mathbf{x}_{ct} : vector of controls (more on this later).
- β 's are the **parameters of interest**.
- Estimate the impact over α_Z , α_H , α_L , α_{H-L} , α_K , and α_{Z-K} of a **price-induced** increase in α_E .
- We use α_E as a proxy for $\alpha_R \equiv \frac{P_R Y_R}{Y} \Rightarrow$ recall $\alpha_E \equiv \alpha_{E,R} \cdot \alpha_R$.
- Our **identification challenge** is to **isolate variation** in α_E induced by **exogenous changes** in P_R .

Identification

- We construct a standard **shift-share** instrument for α_E . [▶ Details](#)
 - **Shift/shock**: the **upsurge in the price paid by China for commodities** included in the natural resources share. [▶ Details](#)
 - **Share/exposure**: country's **commodities' exports share** in 1995 weighted by **trade openness** (trade-to-GDP ratio). [▶ Details](#)
- **Fixed-effects** account for:
 - Time-invariant unobserved heterogeneity across countries.
 - Flexible time trends that are common within regions/income groups.
- We include **controls** for:
 - Baseline (1995) manufacturing value added \times year FE.
 - Weight of China's exports on each country's imports.
- Strong **first-stage**. [▶ Details](#)

The Natural Resource Boom Effect on Factor Shares

Effect on Total Labor Share

	Total Labor Share α_{Zct}					
	OLS		IV		OLS	
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Natural resources share α_{Ect}	-1.124*** (0.125)	-0.468*** (0.097)	-1.235*** (0.154)	-0.413* (0.241)	-1.099*** (0.159)	-0.415** (0.173)
F of excluded instruments		37.950		19.892		43.251
Observations	173	171	169	167	169	167
Countries	47	46	46	45	46	45
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓	✓				
Region specific time trend			✓	✓		
Income group specific time trend					✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total labor share α_{Zct} mean	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
Total labor share α_{Zct} SD	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09
Standardized coefficient	-0.11	-0.04	-0.12	-0.04	-0.11	-0.04

Effect on Human Capital Share

	Human Capital Share α_{Hct}					
	OLS		IV		OLS	
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Natural resources share α_{Ect}	-0.864*** (0.100)	-0.657*** (0.134)	-0.871*** (0.146)	-0.867*** (0.224)	-0.782*** (0.119)	-0.541*** (0.191)
F of excluded instruments		36.058		20.747		39.640
Observations	170	168	166	164	166	164
Countries	46	45	45	44	45	44
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓	✓				
Region specific time trend			✓	✓		
Income group specific time trend					✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Human capital share α_{Hct} mean	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Human capital share α_{Hct} SD	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.16
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Standardized coefficient	-0.08	-0.06	-0.08	-0.08	-0.07	-0.05

Effect on Raw Labor Share

	Raw Labor Share α_{Lct}					
	OLS		IV		OLS	
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Natural resources share α_{Ect}	-0.271*** (0.091)	0.195 (0.165)	-0.372*** (0.136)	0.440* (0.264)	-0.323*** (0.089)	0.153 (0.165)
F of excluded instruments		36.058		20.747		39.640
Observations	170	168	166	164	166	164
Countries	46	45	45	44	45	44
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓	✓				
Region specific time trend			✓	✓		
Income group specific time trend					✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raw labor share α_{Lct} mean	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.19
Raw labor share α_{Lct} SD	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.16
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Standardized coefficient	-0.03	0.02	-0.04	0.04	-0.03	0.01

Effect on Human Capital to Raw Labor Relative Share

	Human Capital to Raw Labor Relative Share α_{H-Lct}					
	OLS	IV	OLS	IV	OLS	IV
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Natural resources share α_{Ect}	-0.593*** (0.140)	-0.851*** (0.283)	-0.499** (0.233)	-1.307*** (0.425)	-0.459*** (0.135)	-0.694** (0.307)
F of excluded instruments		36.058		20.747		39.640
Observations	170	168	166	164	166	164
Countries	46	45	45	44	45	44
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓	✓				
Region specific time trend			✓	✓		
Income group specific time trend					✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relative factor share α_{H-Lct} mean	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.19
Relative factor share α_{H-Lct} SD	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.16
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Standardized coefficient	-0.06	-0.08	-0.05	-0.12	-0.04	-0.06

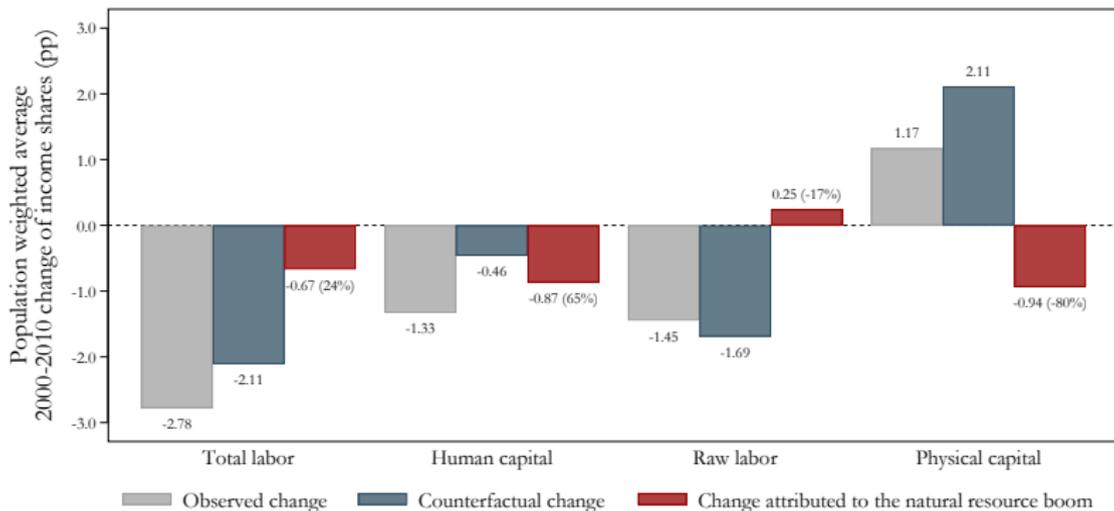
Effect on Physical Capital Share

	Physical Capital Share α_{Kct}					
	OLS	IV	OLS	IV	OLS	IV
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Natural resources share α_{Ect}	0.124 (0.125)	-0.532*** (0.097)	0.235 (0.154)	-0.587** (0.241)	0.099 (0.159)	-0.585*** (0.173)
F of excluded instruments		37.950		19.892		43.251
Observations	173	171	169	167	169	167
Countries	47	46	46	45	46	45
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓	✓				
Region specific time trend			✓	✓		
Income group specific time trend					✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physical capital share α_{Kct} mean	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.27
Physical capital share α_{Kct} SD	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09
Standardized coefficient	0.01	-0.05	0.02	-0.06	0.01	-0.06

Effect on Total Labor to Physical Capital Relative Share

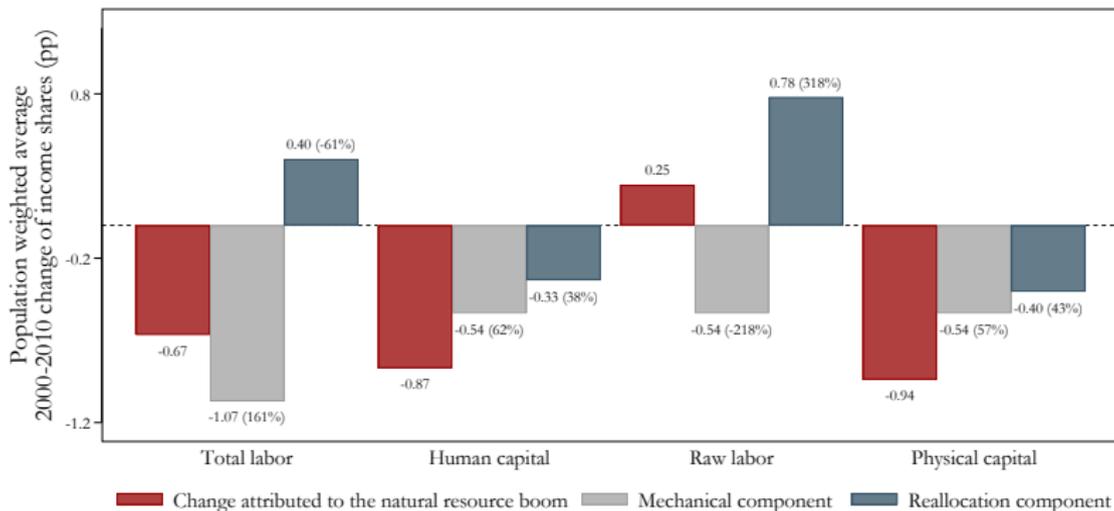
	Total Labor to Physical Capital Relative Share α_{Z-Kct}					
	OLS		IV		OLS	
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Natural resources share α_{Ect}	-1.248*** (0.251)	0.064 (0.194)	-1.470*** (0.307)	0.173 (0.482)	-1.198*** (0.318)	0.169 (0.346)
F of excluded instruments		37.950		19.892		43.251
Observations	173	171	169	167	169	167
Countries	47	46	46	45	46	45
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓	✓				
Region specific time trend			✓	✓		
Income group specific time trend					✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relative share α_{Z-Kct} mean	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.29
Relative share α_{Z-Kct} SD	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09
Standardized coefficient	-0.12	0.01	-0.15	0.02	-0.12	0.02

Counterfactual



- **Counterfactual:** predicted change in the respective factor share if the **natural resource share was fixed at the level of 2000**.
- The **contribution** of the **natural resource boom** to the **global decline of the labor share** between 2000 and 2010 is about **-0.67 pp**, around **24%** of the observed change.

Decomposition: Mechanical and Reallocation Forces



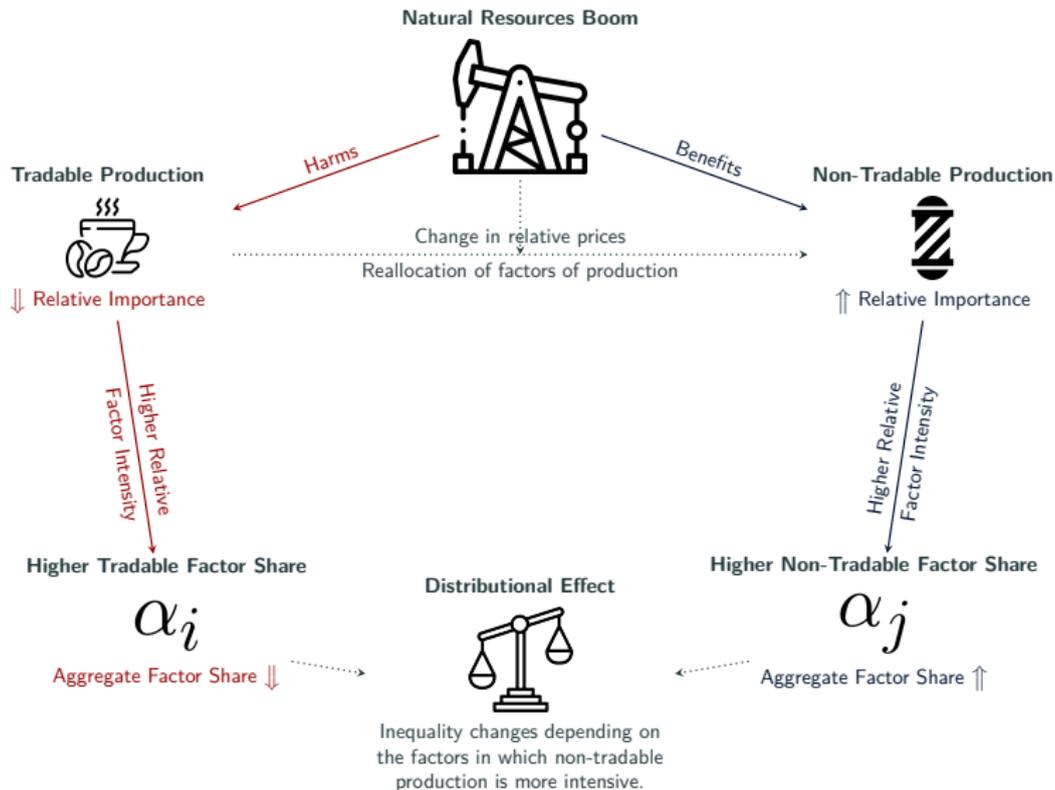
- **Mechanical:** uniform-**homogeneous** compensation.
- **Reallocation:** general equilibrium **heterogeneous** adjustments.
- The **Dutch disease** mechanism that fuels **reallocation** is the explanation for the consequences on **inequality**.

Conclusions

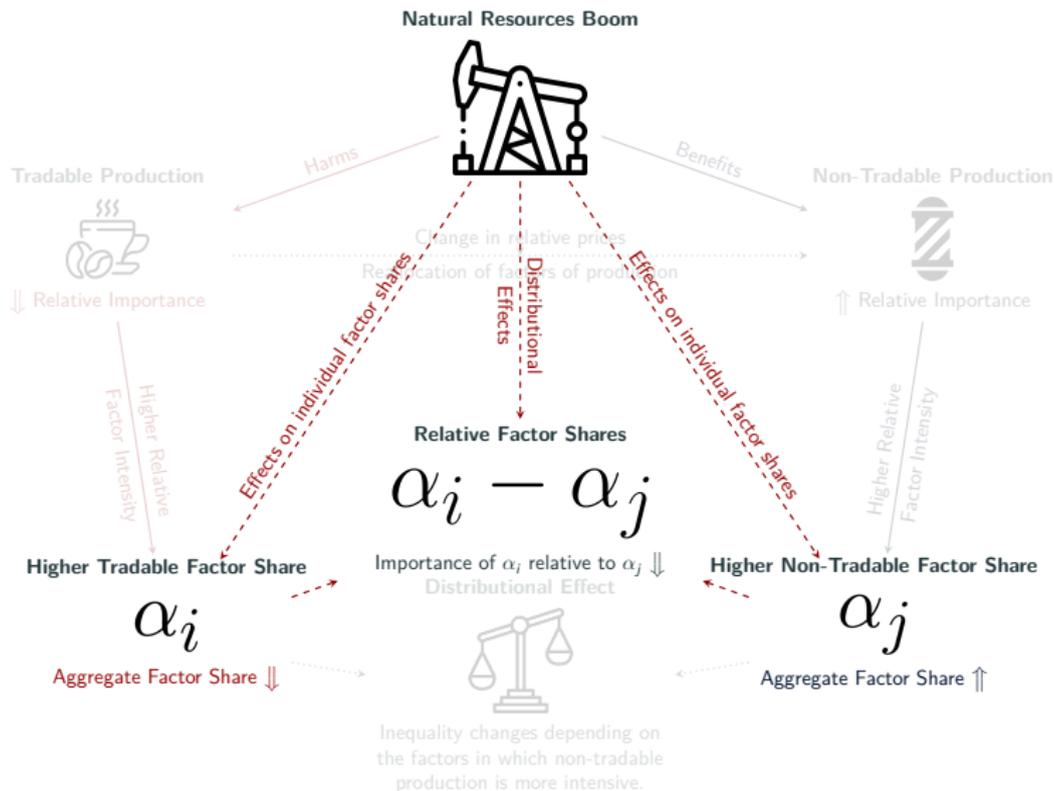
- The **commodity price boom** impact on factor shares depends on the **relative intensity of factors in the T and R sectors**.
- A natural resource boom causes a **change in the functional distribution of income**.
 - **Negative effect** on total labor, human capital, and physical capital factor income shares.
 - The raw labor share remains **unchanged**.
 - **Re-distribution effect** in favor of raw labor against human capital ⇒ **uneven fall** of the labor share.
 - Total labor and physical capital are affected in **similar magnitudes**.
- The natural resource boom **explains** around **24%** of the global decline of the **total labor share** between 2000 and 2010.
- The commodity price boom **hindered the pace of growth of inequality** through its **redistribution effect** on the total labor share.

Appendix

Dutch disease Mechanism



The Effect of a Natural Resource Boom on Factor Shares



Results Preview

1. A natural resource boom has a **negative effect** on:
 - The **total labor** share.
 - The **human capital** share.
 - The **physical capital** share.
2. **No effect** on the **raw labor share**.
 - Re-distribution effect in favor of raw labor and against human capital.
 - Reduces labor earnings inequality.
3. **No evidence** of a re-distribution effect **in favor of physical capital**.
4. The **contribution** of the natural resource boom to the global decline of the labor share between 2000 and 2010 is **-0.67 pp (24%)**.

▶ What we do

Estimates of Total Labor Share and Total Capital Share

- **Total Labor Share** ($\alpha_Z \equiv \alpha_H + \alpha_L$):

$$\alpha_Z = \left(\frac{\text{Employee Compensation}}{\text{GDP- Indirect Taxes - Gross Mixed Income}} \right). \quad (9)$$

- Adjust for self-employed income as in [Bernanke and Gürkaynak \(2001\)](#) and [Gollin \(2002\)](#).
- The **total capital share** ($\alpha_K + \alpha_R$) is

$$\alpha_K + \alpha_R = 1 - \alpha_Z. \quad (10)$$

Source: United Nations Yearbook of National Account Statistics.

Separating Human Capital and Raw Labor Shares

- We estimate a **Mincer regression**:

$$\ln w_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 S_i^M + \beta_2 S_i^H + \beta_3 O_i^M + \beta_4 O_i^S + \beta_5 E_i + \beta_6 E_i^2 + \varepsilon_i,$$

- Microdata on yearly labor income, education levels, skills classification of tasks, and potential experience for employed workers (20-60).
- Following **Krueger (1999)**, we capture the compensation for low education, no experience and elementary tasks $\hat{\beta}_0$ and compute:

$$\text{Raw Labor Share of Wages} = \frac{\sum_i w_0}{\sum_i w_i} = \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0}}{\bar{w}_i}.$$

- The **raw labor share**: $\alpha_L = \text{Raw Labor Share of Wages} \times \underbrace{(\alpha_H + \alpha_L)}_{\alpha_Z}$.
- The **human capital share**: $\alpha_H = \alpha_Z - \alpha_L$.
- What if the microdata is insufficient? Imputation in the wage distribution, or prediction using a GBM algorithm.

Source: microdata from LIS and CEDLAS.

Estimates of Physical Capital and Natural Resources Shares

Assume that the **physical capital share** is a **proportion** of the **total capital share**, determined by the relative value of physical capital stocks to the complete wealth value of total capital (Caselli and Feyrer, 2007).

- A. **Natural resources wealth** include subsoil assets, timber resources, nontimber forest resources, protected areas, cropland, and pastureland.
- **Present value of the stream of expected rents** that can be extracted until the resource is exhausted.
 - Rents are calculated based on asset-specific information on revenues (production and prices) and costs, while the lifetime of each resource is calculated based on the size of reserves and extraction rates.
- B. **Physical capital stocks** consists of manufactured or built assets such as machinery, equipment, and physical structures.
- Historical investment data.
 - Estimates using the **perpetual inventory method**.

Separating Physical Capital and Natural Resources Shares

- We follow [Caselli and Feyrer \(2007\)](#). Let $\tilde{K} \equiv K + Y_R$ and define $r_{\tilde{K}}$ as the **equalized rent** between types of capital.

$$\alpha_K = \frac{r_{\tilde{K}} K}{Y} = \frac{K}{\tilde{K}} \frac{r_{\tilde{K}} \tilde{K}}{Y} \Rightarrow \alpha_K \approx \frac{K}{\tilde{K}} \underbrace{(\alpha_k + \alpha_R)}_{1-\alpha_Z}. \quad (11)$$

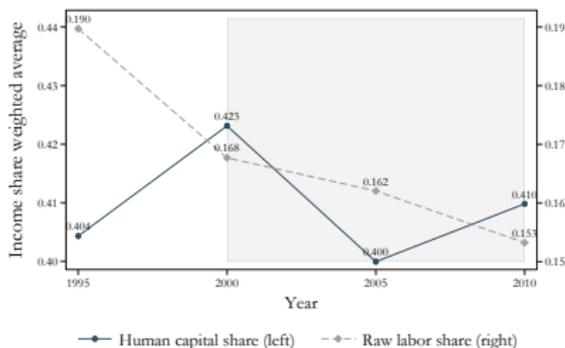
- Y_R : energy and mineral resources, agricultural land, forests, and protected areas or reserves.
 - Estimate the value of rents from a particular asset and then capitalize this value using a fixed discount rate.
 - Calculate the lifetime based on the size of reserves, extraction rates and rates of resource replacement.
- K : value of physical capital stocks constructed from historical investment data using the **perpetual inventory method**.

Source: World Bank's Wealth of Nation's Database ([The World Bank, 2019](#)).

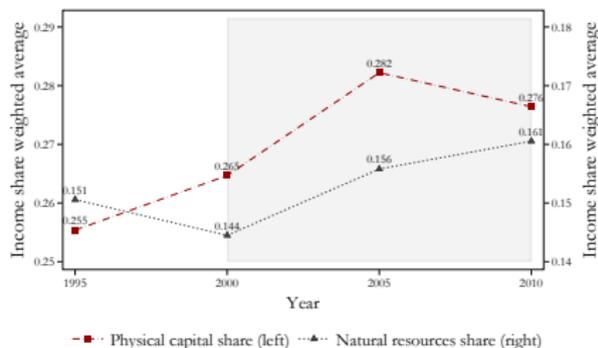
Evolution of Factor Shares Between 1995-2010

- Unbalanced panel of **47 countries** in **1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010**.
- 30 countries in Europe and North America, 10 in Latin America and 7 in either Asia, Africa or Oceania.

(a) Labor related factor shares



(b) Capital related factor shares



How the natural resource boom shaped the patterns in the evolution of factor shares?

Shift-share Instrument

- The shift/shock:

$$P_{jt} = \frac{M_{jt}}{Q_{jt}} \quad (12)$$

- P_{jt} : price perceived by China for imports of commodity j in year t .
- Price retrieved from China's imports value M_{jt} and quantities Q_{jt} .

- The share/exposure:

$$s_{jc} = \frac{X_{jc1995}}{X_{c1995}} \times O_{c1995} \quad (13)$$

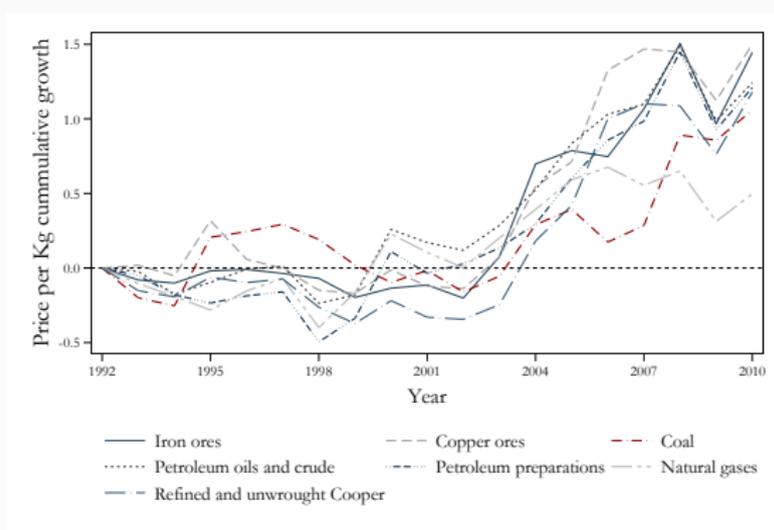
- X_{jc1995} : value of exports by country c of commodity j in 1995.
- O_{c1995} : trade-to-GDP ratio of country c in 1995.

- The instrument:

$$B_{ct} = \sum_J s_{jc} \times P_{jt} \quad (14)$$

The Commodity Price Boom and The China Shock

We exploit variation in **commodity prices** to instrument $\alpha_E \equiv \alpha_{E,R} \frac{P_R Y_R}{Y}$.



- **China's demand for commodities** was the main driver behind the **prices upsurge** (Erten and Ocampo, 2013; Costa et al., 2016).
- **Unanticipated** and fueled by **internal idiosyncratic conditions** (Autor et al., 2016).

Exposure to the China Shock

- Differential exposure across countries based on baseline (1995) **export value share** of selected commodities and **trade openness**.
- Trade openness adjusts for countries where commodities are important for exports, but are **poorly connected to international trade flows**.

Exposure to China's Demand for Commodities

(a) Commodities Share of Exports in 1995



(b) Trade-to-GDP ratio in 1995



- **Massive variation** in exposure.

First Stage

	Natural Resources Share α_{Ect}		
	I	II	III
Commodity prices shift-share instrument B_{ct}	0.228*** (0.033)	0.179*** (0.040)	0.244*** (0.035)
F of excluded instruments	37.950	19.892	43.251
Observations	171	167	167
Countries	46	45	45
Country fixed effects	✓	✓	✓
Year fixed effects	✓		
Region specific time trend		✓	
Income group specific time trend			✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Natural resources share α_{Ect} mean	0.17	0.17	0.17
Natural resources share α_{Ect} SD	0.10	0.10	0.09
Commodity prices shift-share instrument B_{ct} mean	0.03	0.03	0.03
Commodity prices shift-share instrument B_{ct} SD	0.09	0.09	0.09
Standardized coefficient	0.02	0.02	0.02

Robustness Checks

Results are qualitatively similar for all the specifications.

1. Measures of human capital and raw labor from [Sturgill \(2012\)](#).
 - Follow [Pritchett \(2001\)](#) and [Hall and Jones \(1999\)](#) to compute the human capital share of wages.
 - Use [Barro and Lee \(2013\)](#) data of the share of workers on each education category and combine it with data of (constant) returns to education from [Psacharopoulos and Patrinos \(2004\)](#).
 - These measures do not need any imputation or prediction method.
2. Measures of the natural resources and physical capital shares following [Weil and Wilde \(2009\)](#) and [Zuleta and Sturgill \(2015\)](#).
 - Compute the natural resources share with data of the mining industry value added and total land rents.
 - Is not necessary to rely in the assumption of equalized rents between types of capital.
3. Instrument using a leave-one-out shock, the cumulative growth of the value imported by China, instead of the corresponding price.