

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
The University of Michigan  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Andrei A. Levchenko, assistant professor of economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2004	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
B.A.	1999	Indiana University

Professional Record:

2010 – present	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2008 – present	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
2007 – 2008	Visiting Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago
2006 – 2009	Economist, Research Department, International Monetary Fund (on leave, September 2007 – August 2009)
2004 – 2006	Economist Program, Research Department and European Department, International Monetary Fund

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Levchenko has proved to be a successful classroom teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He teaches international trade and student ratings have been very strong at the graduate level and within the range of other instructors at the undergraduate level. Professor Levchenko has been very active as an advisor serving as chair or co-chair of seven dissertations (two completed) and on the committees of six dissertations (four completed). He has supervised third-year papers and has worked with students as summer research assistants.

Research – Professor Levchenko has established lines of research in three distinct topics in international economics: the role of institutions in determining the pattern of trade, the importance of large firms for understanding the interaction between trade and economic fluctuations, and the modeling of comparative advantage in the context of recent developments in the theory of international trade. Professor Levchenko's papers have appeared in top general-interest journals and in top field journals.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- “Country size, international trade, and aggregate fluctuations in granular economies,” with J. di Giovanni, *Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.
- “Power laws in firm size and openness to trade: Measurement and implications,” with J. di Giovanni and R. Rancière, *Journal of International Economics*, 5(1), 2011, 842-852.
- “The collapse of international trade during the 2008-2009 crisis: In search of the smoking gun,” with L. Lewis and L. Tesar, *IMF Economic Review*, 58(2), 2010, pp. 214-253.
- “Institutional quality and international trade,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 74, 2007, pp. 791-819.

Service – Professor Levchenko has performed valuable service on important departmental committees. His service to the profession has included participation on the editorial board of one of the top journals in his field, referee for numerous other journals, and 45 seminar presentations.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“Andrei is very smart and has produced an impressive body of work since graduating from MIT in 2004. He is clearly one of the most impressive faculty members [of his cohort] in the area of International Trade... ..his best work is outstanding...”

Reviewer (B)

“...Levchenko is both prolific and has a healthy variance in the quality and outlets for his research...there is good upside potential, as illustrated by his paper on the financial crisis, some of his field publications, and now his revise-and-resubmit at the *JPE*. The list of policy and popular writings...demonstrates his inquisitive mind and the desire to get his message out, which I expect will continue unabated. ...I strongly support his promotion to Associate Professor.”

Reviewer (C)

“Andrei's work is amongst the most interesting work on power laws and large firms I've seen in the past decade. ...Andrei is quite well-cited. ... his research agenda on large firms and their impact on trade fluctuations and trade patterns seems to me very successful and important... I strongly recommend giving him tenure.”

Reviewer (D)

“Andrei has been a very productive scholar. ... Andrei's papers are widely cited and talked about... He has chosen a great research agenda... He has a lot of papers in the pipeline.”

Reviewer (E)

“Andrei has a long and impressive c.v. for someone at his career stage... He is a serious and highly-respected member of the trade community, and seems assured of continuing to be highly productive. His teaching statement also reads very impressively.”

Reviewer (F)

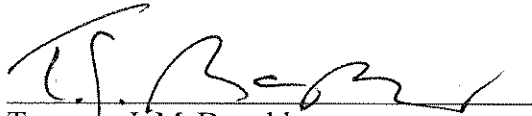
“Given this body of research, my overall impression is that Andrei is a talented modeler who has a knack for applying his models to interesting and important questions. ...I think that his published papers are accurately placed...they show that he can produce both top general interest as well as top field papers, both alone and with various sets of co-authors. In addition, his long tail of working papers is a good indicator of future productivity.”

Reviewer (G)

“I support this promotion, based on the impressive rate and quality of Andrei's research output to date and his promising continuing research plans. ... His research spans both international trade and international macro, and his papers often rest at the border between these two fields. ... these papers comprise an impressive portfolio of research.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Levchenko has established a national reputation as a scholar while delivering excellent undergraduate and graduate classes and mentoring a large number of Ph.D. students. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Assistant Professor Andrei A. Levchenko be promoted to the rank of associate professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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