

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

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

2013 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
2008 – 2013	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
2004 – 2009	Economist, Research Department, International Monetary Fund

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Levchenko is a serious and reflective teacher. He has taught regularly in the undergraduate curriculum. He has also performed superbly in the doctoral course on international trade and as an advisor to students working on their dissertations. In addition, he has played a major role in that part of the graduate curriculum that is designed to help doctoral students transition from being classroom students to being successful researchers. Faculty assigned to this seminar are intentionally the best organized, most research-productive, and broadest on the economics roster.

Research – Professor Levchenko is a highly productive scholar at the cutting edge of international economics. Whatever the criterion – number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals, number of articles published in major journals, number of distinct research themes, enduring nature of the work, and recognition of the work – Professor Levchenko’s research record would be difficult to better. He has compiled several impressive bodies of research. One explores the impact of a country’s economic institutions on the pattern of its international trade. A second focuses on the impact of a country’s pattern of international trade on its macro-economic stability. A third studies the relationship between a country’s pattern of international trade and the size-distribution of its business enterprises. Professor Levchenko has also examined how the future composition of Chinese economic activity would affect the world trading order, which types of countries have gained most from enlargement of the European Union, and the relationship between two collapses, the one in finance and the other in international trade, at the end of the first decade of this millennium. He has maintained consistent funding for his research since promotion to his current rank.

Recent and Significant Publications:

“Firms, destinations, and aggregate fluctuations,” with J. de Giovanni and I. Méjean, *Econometrica*, 82(4), 2014, pp. 1303-1340.

“Firm entry, trade, and welfare in Zipf’s world,” with J. de Giovanni, *Journal of International Economics*, 89(2), 2013, pp. 283-296.

“Country size, international trade, and aggregate fluctuations in granular economies,” with J. di Giovanni, *Journal of Political Economy*, 120(6), 2012, pp. 1083-1132.

“Institutional quality and international trade,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 74(3), 2007, pp. 791-819.

Service – Professor Levchenko has provided valuable service to his department. In particular, he has been elected to the departmental Executive Committee, and he has been appointed to serve as associate chair and director of undergraduate studies. Outside the university, Professor Levchenko is an award-winning evaluator of research papers for many different professional journals. He is an associate editor for the *Journal of International Economics* (2013-present) and on the editorial board of the *Journal of Comparative Economics* (2012-present). He is also affiliated with both the National Bureau of Economic Research (USA) and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (United Kingdom).

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“Andrei is very smart and has produced an impressive body of work since graduating from MIT in 2004. ...I think that his best work is outstanding... ...[his] recent contributions to international trade are quite impressive... Andrei is an individual with great talents and potential.”

Reviewer (B)

“I would characterize his accomplishments as excellent. ... Andrei is a very visible scholar. ...he has produced a string of excellent Ph.D. students who have found good jobs.”

Reviewer (C)

“Andrei’s work is amongst the most interesting work on power laws and large firms I’ve seen in the past decade. ...his research agenda on large firms and their impact on trade fluctuations and trade patterns seems to me very successful and important: it deals with basic facts about the world, and explore[s] them in a way that will be worth reading in 10 or 20 years.”

Reviewer (D)

“Overall, Andrei is a serious and highly-respected member of the trade community, and his record to date seems to merit promotion to full Professor at Michigan. ...I have no doubt he will remain a productive and creative scholar with broad interests in international trade. I am very happy to recommend him to you.”

Reviewer (E)

“Andrei is a talented modeler who has a knack for applying his skills to interesting and important questions. His publication record shows that he is capable of producing high quality papers in a range of fields within international trade and macro, both alone and with various sets of co-authors. Given the long list of works in progress, my expectation is that he will continue along this trajectory for years to come.”

Reviewer (F)

“In summary, based on the impressive overall research record that Andrei has amassed and the continued rate and quality of Andrei’s research output...I support his promotion to Full Professor.”

Reviewer (G)

“His contributions have had and continue to have a major impact. In addition, I routinely seek him out for advice on my own papers. I find him to be among the most insightful colleagues in the field. Not only is he incredibly smart, he is also wise. I am a huge fan of his.”

Summary Recommendation:

Professor Andrei Levchenko is a highly productive scholar at the cutting edge of international economics. He contributes in major ways to the teaching and administrative missions of his department. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Andrei A. Levchenko be promoted to the rank of professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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