



## STEG-PEDL Virtual Course on 'Private Enterprises, Productivity and Economic Growth'

### Session 10: Friday 17 April 2026

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#### Useful papers:

- Midrigan and Xu paper is here:  
<https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.104.2.422> . Ungated version here:  
[http://www.virgiliumidrigan.com/uploads/1/3/9/8/13982648/finalsubmit\\_aer\\_v1\\_all.pdf](http://www.virgiliumidrigan.com/uploads/1/3/9/8/13982648/finalsubmit_aer_v1_all.pdf)
- Ungated version of Buera, Kaboski, and Shin:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/sgmqc1p8ircs2wh1e35f6/BueraKaboskiShinAER2011.pdf?rlkey=75c5zi10baghqkkgbzt5t27q&e=1&dl=0>
- Kehoe and Levine (ungated): <https://users.econ.umn.edu/~tkehoe/papers/RES1.pdf>
- Tilman Graff's job market paper on depreciation in Uganda (and implications for growth), ungated: [https://tilmangraff.github.io/uploads/papers/Graff\\_JMP.pdf](https://tilmangraff.github.io/uploads/papers/Graff_JMP.pdf)

#### Q: Can we have access to the DOI of the last paper on VC financing in Africa?

A: I don't think it's yet available, even as a working paper... At least, I haven't been able to locate it.

One of the authors lists it as "coming soon" on his website.

**Q: If productivity is endogenous, for example there are some entrepreneurs who are very good at growing the productivity for their firms, then would it become harder for the economy to save out of financial constraint?**

A: I think that's a world in which these very good entrepreneurs would also be able to self-finance and to grow. So my intuition is that the financing constraints would actually be less binding.

**Q: Would SOEs going private be subject to the same reasoning?**

A: Interesting question! I suspect this will be quite different, in that the SOEs have a very different background and management structure relative to firms started by individual entrepreneurs. I'll ask Alessandra about this.

**Q: This would be a good moment to enter your questions for Alessandra in the chat:**

Q1: Is preference for local equity funding just a function of needing local expertise or also a function of more stringent requirements from US or other foreign equity funding sources? And lack of flexibility/understanding of local business environment constraints?

Q2: Based on the calibrations, it looks like the harder the financial constraints the lower the interest rate. Is that a puzzle given the high interest rates you showed before in less developed countries? Or how does that square in?