

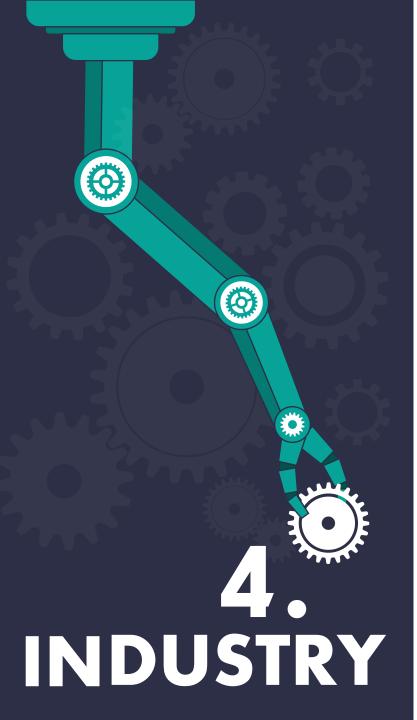
## Development of the Global Steel Industry: Implications of Technology Choice

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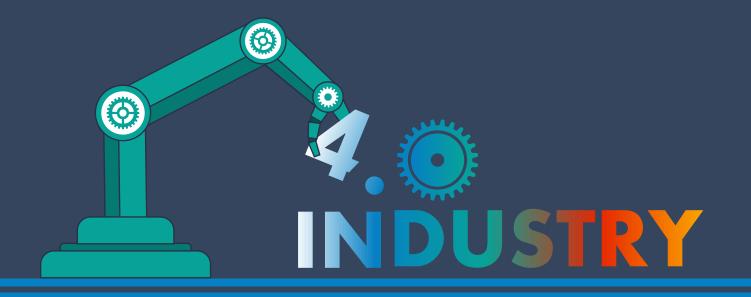
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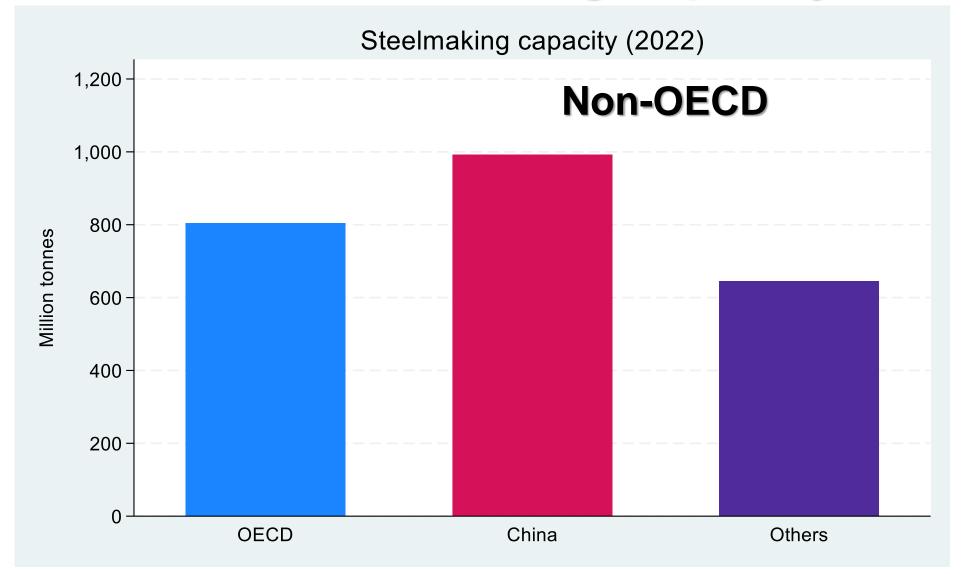
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## **01 Global-Level Analysis**

# Non-OECD economies have played a dominant role in steelmaking capacity

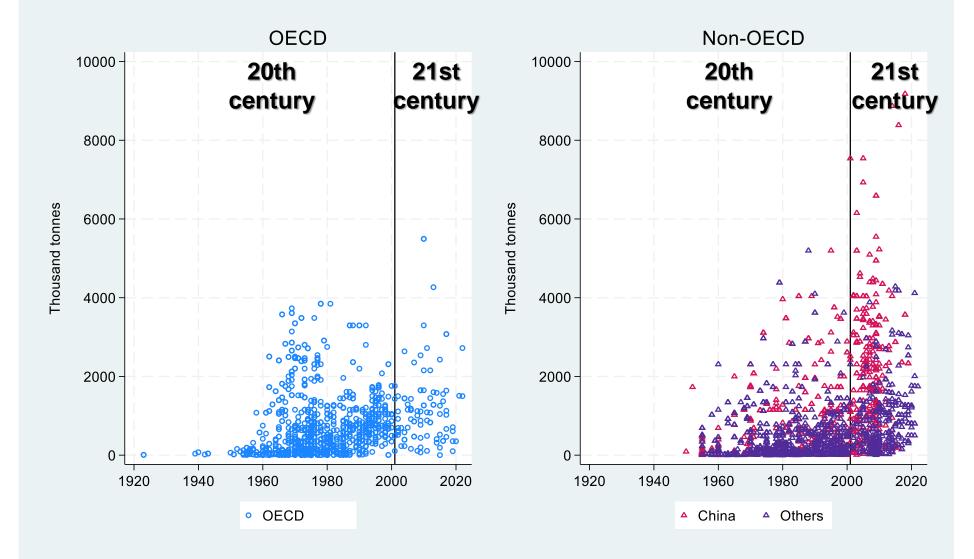


## **Research Question**

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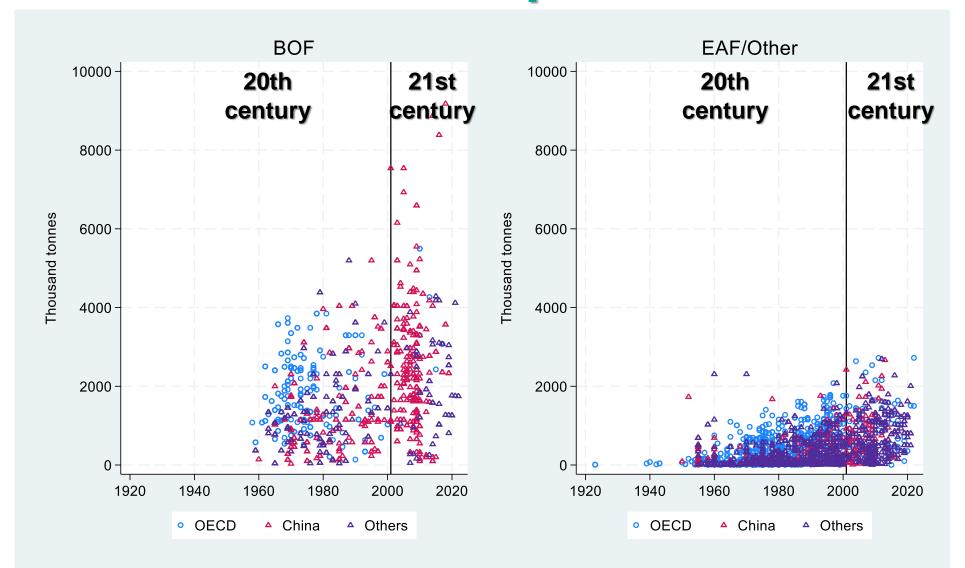
 How was the existing capacity established in the global steel industry?

# Capacity additions in the 20th and early 21st centuries have shaped the existing capacity

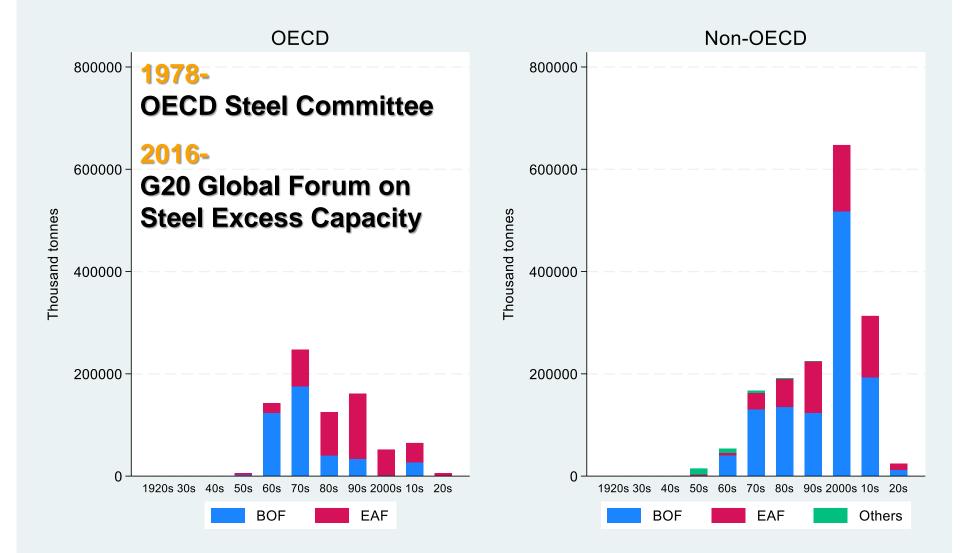


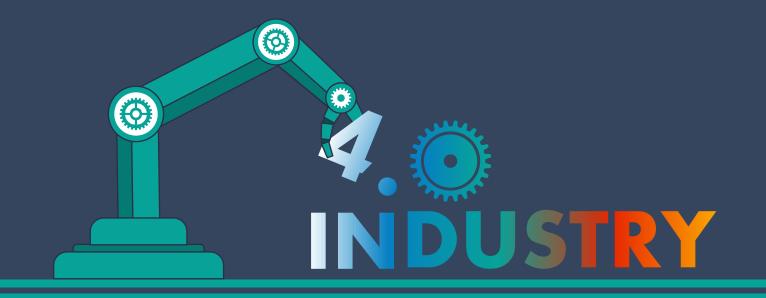
Source: Author based on King (2023)

# BOFs and EAFs have shown divergent investment patterns



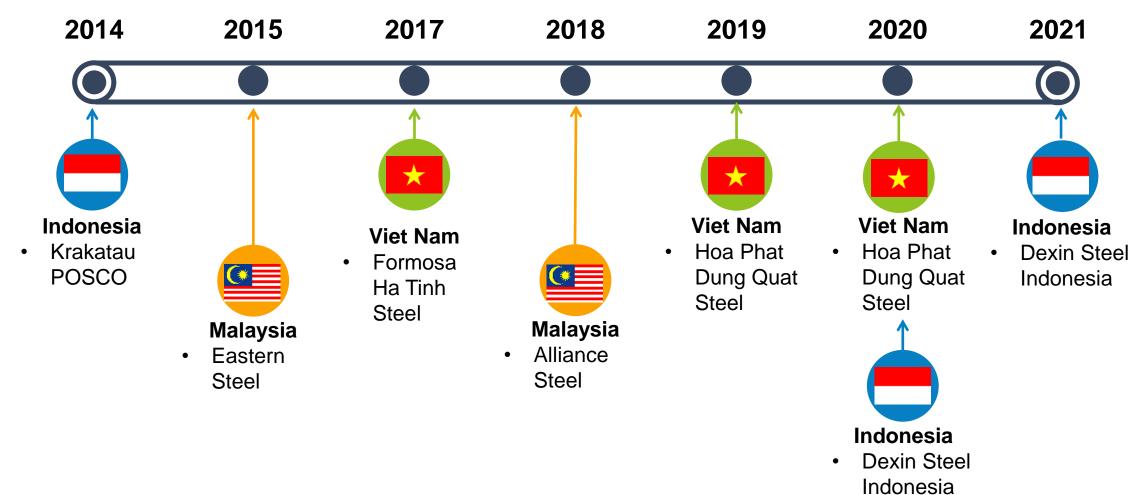
# Key forums have been established to address the rapid developments in capacity





## **02 Regional-Level Analysis**

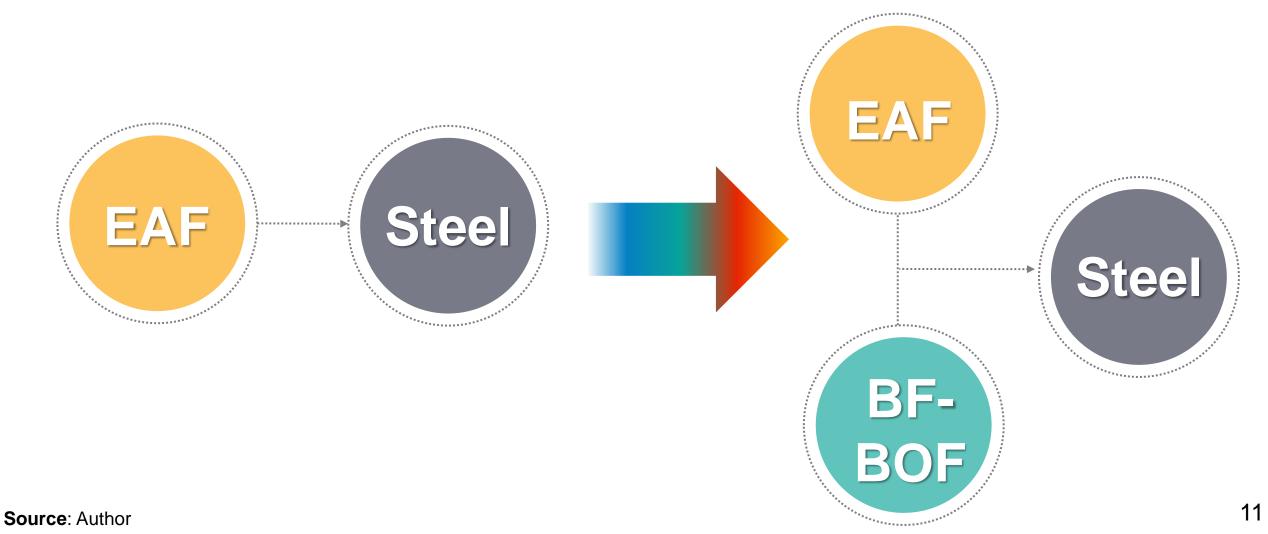
# Steel firms in the ASEAN region have recently built several integrated steel mills



#### **Production patterns have shifted from exclusively** using EAFs to a combination of EAFs and BF-BOFs

#### Before the 2010s

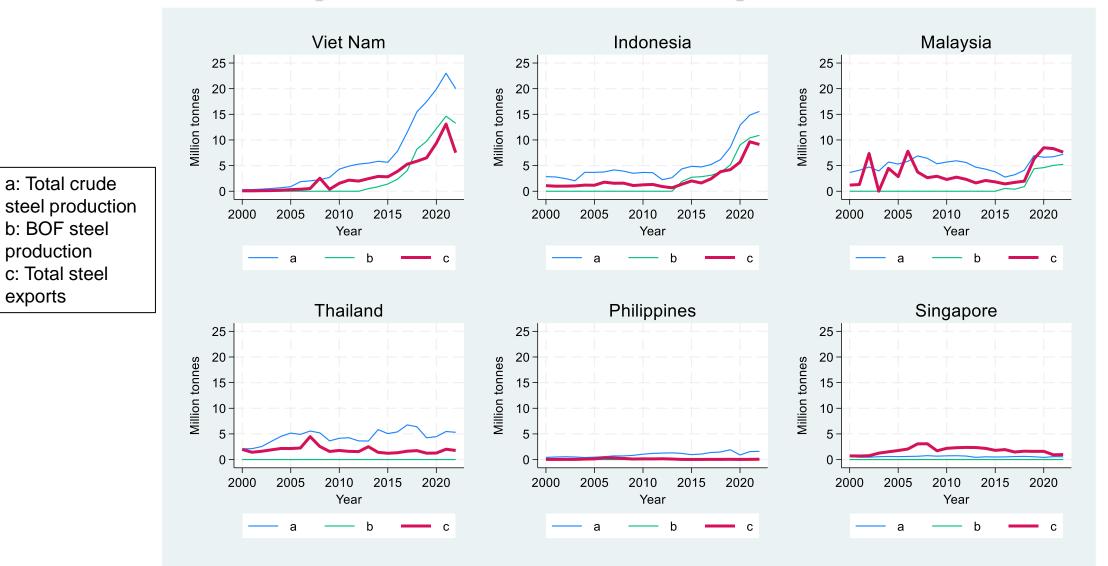
#### Since the 2010s



## **Research Question**

How has the installation of integrated steel mills in ASEAN countries affected their steel trade?

#### Steel exports have increased alongside the expansion of steel production



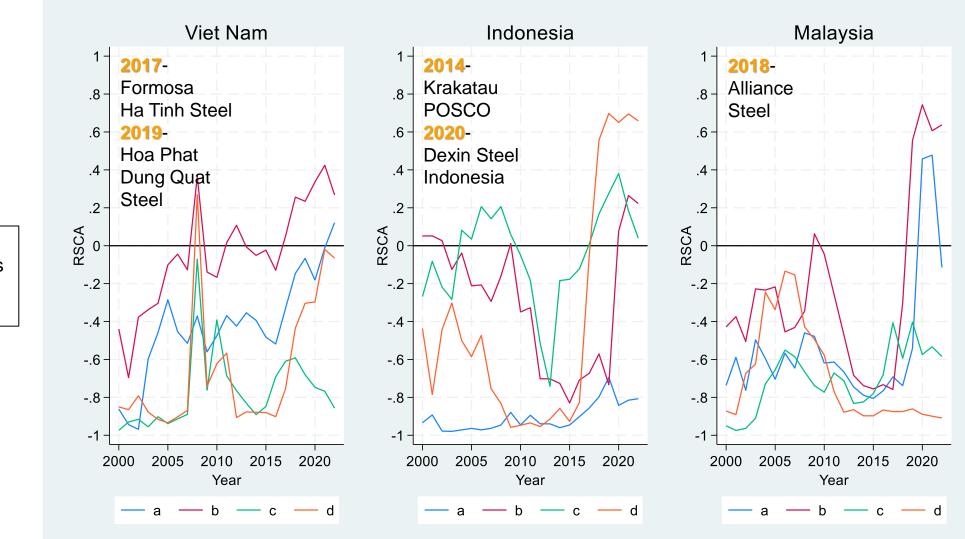
Source: Author based on data from the World Steel Association and the United Nations

exports

| Dep. Variable: Steel exports          | (1)       | (2)                 | (3)                 | (4)                 | (5)                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| In distance                           | -1.363*** | -1.351***           | -1.337***           | -1.325***           | -1.335***           |
|                                       | (0.208)   | (0.206)             | (0.208)             | (0.212)             | (0.212)             |
| contiguity                            | -0.106    | -0.250              | -0.127              | -0.137              | -0.140              |
|                                       | (0.257)   | (0.257)             | (0.264)             | (0.269)             | (0.269)             |
| common language                       | 0.0673    | 0.102               | 0.0722              | 0.0912              | 0.0740              |
|                                       | (0.348)   | (0.343)             | (0.350)             | (0.366)             | (0.359)             |
| colonial ties                         | 0.614     | 0.642*              | 0.612               | 0.573               | 0.572               |
|                                       | (0.378)   | (0.379)             | (0.406)             | (0.419)             | (0.418)             |
| trade agreements                      | 0.778***  | 0.473**             | 0.350               | 0.341               | 0.333               |
|                                       | (0.234)   | (0.204)             | (0.248)             | (0.246)             | (0.269)             |
| In GDP expoter                        |           | 5.380***<br>(0.619) | 5.297***<br>(0.693) | 1.716**<br>(0.823)  | 0.760<br>(1.022)    |
| In GDP importer                       |           |                     | 1.020***<br>(0.368) | 0.977**<br>(0.382)  | 0.995***<br>(0.358) |
| In crude steel production             |           |                     |                     | 0.801***<br>(0.132) | 0.763***<br>(0.133) |
| In crude steel production * bof dummy | /         |                     |                     |                     | 0.0409**<br>(0.017) |
| Number of observations                | 2477911   | 2477911             | 2394277             | 2394277             | 2394277             |
| Pseudo R-squared                      | 0.6094    | 0.6184              | 0.5723              | 0.5777              | 0.5792              |
| Importer*year FE                      | Yes       | Yes                 | No                  | No                  | No                  |
| Product*year FE                       | Yes       | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| Exporter FE                           | Yes       | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| Importer FE                           | Yes       | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| _Year FE                              | Yes       | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |

**Note:** Estimates are obtained using data from six ASEAN countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) on bilateral trade covering all years from 2000 to 2022. All regressions use the Poisson pseudo-maximum likelihood (PPML) method. \*\*\*, \*\*, and \* denote statistical significance at the 1%, 5%, and 10% levels, respectively. Standard errors are clustered at the exporter-importer pair level. **Source**: Author

# The establishment of integrated steel mills appears to have altered trade specialisation patterns



a: Bars b: Wire rods c: Plates d: HRCs



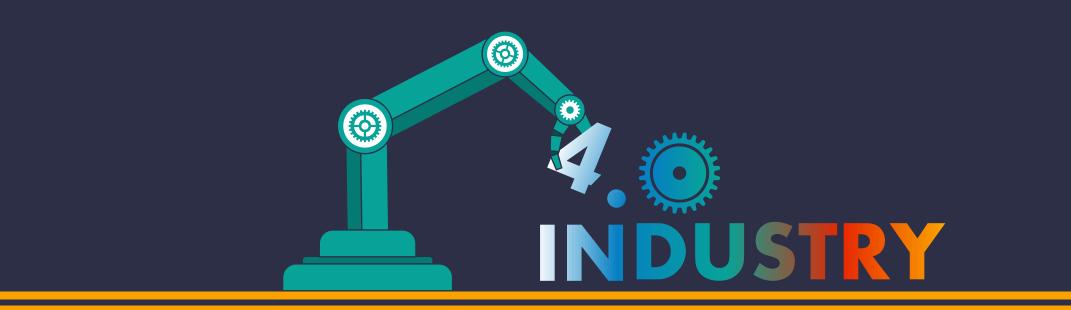
# **03 Implications**



### Implications

- 1. Capacity additions in **OECD** economies have slowed down during the early 21st century.
- 2. Investments in <u>BOFs</u> have primarily occurred in **non-OECD** economies during the early 21st century.
- 3. Demand for scrap has increased due to investments in <u>EAFs</u> by both **OECD** and **non-OECD** economies.
- 4. The nature of excess capacity may be changing.

# Thank You



# 04 Appendix

#### **Data Sources**

| Type of data                                       | Data source  | Aggregation                             | Time spam |  |
|--|--|---|-----------|--|
| Steel exports                                      | UN Comtrade  | Product (up to 6<br>digit)/Economy/Year | 2000-2022 |  |
| Crude steel production                             | World Steel Association                                | Economy/Year                            | 2000-2022 |  |
| Production of crude steel in basic oxygen furnaces | World Steel Association                                | Economy/Year                            | 2000-2022 |  |
| GDP (constant 2015<br>US\$)                        | World Bank   | Economy/Year                            | 2000-2022 |  |
| Gravity variables                                  | CEPII  | Exporter/Importer                       | invariant |  |
| Regional trade agreements                          | Mario Larch's Regional<br>Trade Agreements<br>Database | Exporter/Importer                       | 2000-2022 |  |

#### **Empirical Framework (Gravity Model)**

*Export*<sub>*ikpt*</sub>

 $= exp\{\alpha_{1} \cdot lnCrudepro_{it} + \alpha_{2} \cdot lnCrudepro_{it} \times BOF_{it} + \alpha_{3} \cdot lnGDP_{it} + \alpha_{4} \cdot lnGDP_{kt} + \alpha_{5} \cdot lnDIST_{ik} + \alpha_{6} \cdot CONT_{ik} + \alpha_{7} \cdot LANG_{ik} + \alpha_{8} \cdot CLNY_{ik} + \alpha_{9} \cdot RTA_{ikt} + \delta\} \cdot \varepsilon_{ikpt}$ 

where *Export*<sub>*ikpt*</sub> represents the exports in ASEAN-6 countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam) of product p from exporter i to importer k at time t. *lnCrudepro<sub>it</sub>* is the log of crude steel production for exporter *i* in year *t*. *BOF<sub>it</sub>* is a dummy variable that takes a value of one if exporter *i* produces crude steel via the BF-BOF route at time *t* and zero otherwise.  $lnGDP_{it}$  is the log of GDP for exporter *i* in year *t*.  $lnGDP_{kt}$  is the log of GDP for importer k in year t.  $lnDIST_{ik}$  is the log of bilateral distance.  $CONT_{ik}$  is a dummy variable that takes a value of one if exporter *i* and importer *k* are contiguous, and zero otherwise. *LANG*<sub>*ik*</sub> is a dummy variable that takes a value of one if exporter *i* and importer k share a common official or primary language, and zero otherwise. CLNY<sub>ik</sub> is a dummy variable that takes a value of one if exporter *i* and importer k were in a colonial relationship post-1945.  $RTA_{ikt}$  is a dummy variable that takes a value of one if exporter *i* and importer *k* engaged in a regional trade agreement at time *t* and zero otherwise. This model controls for various fixed effects, denoted by  $\delta \cdot \varepsilon_{ikpt}$  is the error term. This equation uses the Poisson pseudo-maximum likelihood (PPML) method.

#### **Revealed Comparative Advantage**

#### Balassa (1965)

- Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA) index
- If  $x_{ki}$  represents exports of product *i* from country *k*, then the RCA is expressed as follows:

$$RCA_{ki} = \frac{x_{ki} / \sum_{i} x_{ki}}{x_{wi} / \sum_{i} x_{wi}}$$

where the subscript *w* refers to world exports

#### Dalum et al. (1998) and Laursen (2015)

 Revealed Symmetric Comparative Advantage (RSCA) index is expressed as follows:

$$RSCA_{ki} = \frac{RCA_{ki} - 1}{RCA_{ki} + 1}$$



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