

The effect of import tariff reduction on unemployment in indonesia: regional level analysis / Wulan Isfah Jamil, Arie Damayanti

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The effect of import tariff reduction on unemployment can be vary not only across sectors but also across regions, yet the empirical studies on regional analysis are still limited. this study investigates the effect of tariff reduction on unemployment in districts level in Indonesia spanning period 2000-2013. we follow the strategy of Topalova to construct regional tariff exposure in districts level. our empirical analysis use individual data approach to measure unemployment. By controlling the shifting in labor demand due to input tariff reduction, we find that impor tariff reduction leads to an increase in unemployment and the increase is higher in district with larger employment share in net importer sectors.