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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics (Institutions, Education, Economic Governance)

Political Economy of Development and Growth

POSITIONS HELD

Visiting Scholar, National University of Singapore, March to June 2025; Renmin University of China, August to Dec. 2014

Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University, July 2003 – 2012

Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania, 1999–2001 (PhD courses), 2002–2003

Research Assistant, the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2001–2002

Instructor, Mathematics for Economists, University of Pennsylvania, summer 2001

Lecturer, Beijing University of Business and Technology, 1995–1997

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Economics), University of Pennsylvania, 2003

PhD Dissertation: *Essays on Social Capital and Human Capital*

Supervisor of Dissertation: Andrew Postlewaite

B.A. and M.A. (Economics), Renmin University of China, 1992, 1995

HONORS AND AWARDS

D.S. Lee Foundation Fellowship, SMU, 2013-2014.

Research Excellence Award, School of Economics, SMU, 2012.

Lee Foundation Fellowship for Research Excellence at SMU, 2004–2005

Research Grant from SMU, 2003–2007, 2009–2010.

University Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1998–2003

Guang Hua Prize, Renmin University of China, 1993–1994

Outstanding Graduate in Beijing, 1992, 1995

PUBLISHED OR ACCEPTED PAPERS

- Di Sima and **Fali Huang**. 2023. “Is Democracy Good for Growth? — Development at Political Transition Time Matters,” *European Journal of Political Economy* 78, 102355.
- Huang, Fali**, Ginger Jin, and Colin Xu. 2017. “Love, Money and Parental Goods: Does Parental Matchmaking Matter?” *Journal of Comparative Economics* 45 (2), 224-245.
- Chang, Pao-Li and **Fali Huang**. 2014. “Trade and Divergence in Education Systems.” *International Economic Review* 55 (4), 1251-84.
- Huang, Fali**. 2013. “Contract Enforcement: A Political Economy Model of Legal Development.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 29 (4), 835-870.
- Huang, Fali**. 2012. “The Coevolution of Economic and Political Development from Monarchy to Democracy.” *International Economic Review* 53 (4), 1341-68.
- Huang, Fali**. 2012. “Why Did Universities Precede Primary Schools? A Political Economy Model of Educational Change.” *Economic Inquiry* 50 (2), 418-34.
- Huang, Fali**, Ginger Jin, and Colin Xu. 2012. “Love and Money by Parental Match-Making: Evidence from Urban Couples in China.” *American Economic Review papers & proceedings* 102, 555-560.
- Lee, M.J. and **Fali Huang**. 2012. “Finding Dynamic Treatment Effects under Anticipation: Spanking Effects on Behavior.” *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A – Statistics in Society* 175, 535-567.
- Huang, Fali** and Peter Cappelli. 2010. “Applicant Screening and Performance-Related Outcomes.” *American Economic Review papers & proceedings* 100, 214–18.
- Huang, Fali** and M.J. Lee. 2010. “Dynamic Treatment Effect Analysis of TV Effects on Child Cognitive Development.” *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 25, 392–419.
- Huang, Fali** and M.J. Lee. 2009. “Does Television Viewing Affect Children’s Behaviours?” *Pacific Economic Review* 14 (4), 474–501.
- Lee, M.J., **Fali Huang**, and Y.S. Kim. 2008. “Asymptotic Variance and Extensions of a Density-Weighted-Response Semi-Parametric Estimator.” *Journal of Economic Theory and Econometrics* 19, 49–58.
- Huang, Fali**. 2007. “Building Social Trust: A Human Capital Approach.” *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 163 (4), 552–573.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Legal Protection of Property Rights: A Dynamic Evolution Model,” 2025.

“Pro Liberalism or Illiberal? The Nature of Civic Mobilization and Economic Growth” (with Di Sima) 2025.

“To Trust or to Monitor: A Dynamic Analysis,” 2013.

“Television Viewing and Hyperactivity,” 2010.

“What Matters for Child Development? A Tree Regression Analysis,” June 2006.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Democracy Quality and Nature of Mobilization during Democratization” with Di Sima.

“Trust and Social Relations in Non-Bank Financing: Evidence from Chinese Households,” with Jun Zhou and Di Sima.

“Endogenous Elites under Aristocracy and Meritocracy.”

“Endogenous Social Status,” with Hanming Fang (University of Pennsylvania).

OTHER PUBLISHED PAPERS

Huang, Fali. 1994. “On the Establishment of Efficient Market Systems.” (in Chinese) *Economic Theory and Business Management*.

INVITED TALKS

HKBU-CEIBS-NTU-NUS joint PE seminar, April 2025. Lingnan University, Hong Kong, Dec. 2024. Kobe University Spring Workshop on Institutions, Labor and Trade, March 2022. National University of Singapore, March 2020. Henan University, Dec. 2019. SSSI Chengdu, July 2019. Renmin University, June 2019. Beijing University, April 2014. Wuhan University, Dec. 2014. Academia Sinica, National Taiwan University, Taiwan, Dec. 2013. Academia Sinica, Research Center of Humanities and Social Sciences, Taiwan, Dec. 2013. Chinese University of Hong Kong, Oct. 2013. International Conference on “Institution, Law, and Economic Development” at Fukuoka, Japan, August 2011. University of Hong Kong, March 2011. Osaka University, Japan, November 2010. Asian Conference on Applied Micro-Economics/Econometrics, Tokyo, November 2010. National University of Singapore, November 2008. Asian Conference on Applied Micro-Economics/Econometrics, Taipei, October 2008. City University of Hong Kong, April 2006. International Conference on “Lessons from History,” Hong Kong, June 2006. National University of Singapore, 2004.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

SIOE (Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics) Annual Conference at Sydney, Aug. 2025. Coase Institute Alumni Conference at Sydney, Aug. 2025. North American Meeting of

Econometric Society, Nashville, June 2024. International Conference on European Economics and Politics, Zurich, June 2024. Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, Vietnam, July 2024. Asian Law and Economics Association (AsLEA) Annual Conference, Taiwan, Aug. 2024. Silvaplana Workshop on Political Economy, Switzerland, July 2023. Australasian Public Choice Conference (APCC), Perth, Feb. 2023. SIOE (Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics) Annual Conference at Toronto University, June 2022. WEAI Conference at Denver, July 2020. SIOE at Columbia University, June 2017. The 5th International Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions, Xiamen University, May 2017. Western Economic Association International 12th Conference, Singapore, Jan. 2016. Third DIAL conference "Barriers to Development" at Paris, France, July 2015. Association for Public Economy Theory (APET) 15th International Meeting, Seattle, July 2014. China Meeting of the Econometric Society (CMES), Xiamen, June 2014. China Meeting of the Econometric Society (CMES), Beijing, June 2013. Dynamics, Economic Growth, and International Trade (DEGIT), Milan, Italy, September 2012. ISNIE (International Society of New Institutional Economics) Annual Conference, South California University, US, June 2012. PET12 (The Association for Public Economic Theory Annual Conference), Academia Sinica, Taiwan, June 2012. American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, US, January 2012. International Economic Association 16th World Congress, Beijing, China, July 2011. ISNIE (International Society of New Institutional Economics) Annual Conference, Stanford University, US, June 2011. APET Bangkok Workshop on the Political Economy of Development, June 2011. Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China, August 2010. 10th SAET Meeting, Singapore, August 2010. American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, US, January 2010. Australia Public Choice Conference, Melbourne, December 2009. Far East and South Asia Meeting of Econometric Society, Tokyo, Japan, August 2009. Western Economic Association International 8th Biennial Pacific Rim Conference, Kyoto, Japan, March 2009. FEMES (Far Eastern Meeting of Econometric Society), Singapore, July 2008. The Jerusalem Summer School in Economic Growth, Israel, June 2008. Ronald Coase Institute Singapore Workshop, January 2008. ISNIE Annual Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 2007. Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) 12th Annual Conference, Chicago, US, May 2007. American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, US, January 2007. International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics, Xiamen, China, December 2006. European Economic Association Meeting, Vienna, Austria, August 2006. FEMES (Far Eastern Meeting of Econometric Society), Beijing, China, July 2006. Dynamics, Economic Growth, and International Trade (DEGIT), Jerusalem, Israel, June 2006. North American Meeting of Econometric Society, Minneapolis, US, June 2006. European Economic Association Meeting, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, August 2005. Society

of Labor Economists (SOLE) 9th Annual Conference, Texas, US, May 2004. FEMES (Far Eastern Meeting of Econometric Society), Seoul, South Korea, July 2004.

REFEREEING EXPERIENCES

China Economic Review, Economic Journal, International Economics Review, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Pacific Economic Review, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of World Economics, Singapore Economic Review, The Economics of Transition, and Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong SAR.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Political Economy Analysis of Institutions, Singapore Management University, 2020-2024.

Organizational Economics, Singapore Management University, 2015, 2017, 2020-2024.

Institution, Industrial Organization and Game Theory (Master), Singapore Management University, 2013.

Intermediate Microeconomics (A & B versions), Singapore Management University, 2004–2019.

Graduate Microeconomics (Master), Singapore Management University, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Graduate Microeconomics (Master & PhD), Singapore Management University, 2008, 2009.

Graduate Microeconomics (PhD), Singapore Management University, 2010-2014.

Mathematics for Economists, University of Pennsylvania, summer 2001.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION (*main advisor)

Jing Xie (MS 2009)* Sima Di (PhD 2019)* Gang He (DBA 2022)* Hisham Patel (MS 2020)* Rui Wang (DBA 2022) Meng Liu (PhD 2023) Xiaofan Zhu (PhD 2025)* Maoli GUO (DBA 2025).

SERVICES

Committee on Economic Policies, SMU, 2021-2024. Faculty Senate 2021, 2022.

Faculty Task Committee, SMU, 2017-23. PLE Committee, SMU, 2020-26.

Research Workshop Committee (Chair), School of Economics, SMU, 2012-13.

Graduate Programs by Research Committee, School of Economics, SMU, 2012-13.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, School of Economics, SMU, 2004–2013.

Seminar & Working Paper Series Committee, School of Economics, SMU, 2011-2012.

MEDIA COVERAGE

[Asian Scientist \(Dec. 23, 2013\) on The Intersection of Education and Trade.](#)

[南方都市报 2017-05-12](#) on “Love and Money by Parental Match-Making: Evidence from Urban Couples in China.” American Economic Review papers & proceedings 102, 555-560.

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