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**EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University, 2021 – present

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore, 2014 – 2021

**EDUCATION**

PhD, Economics, University of Michigan 2014  
MA, Economics, University of Pittsburgh 2009  
BA, Economics, Peking University 2007  
BA, History, Peking University 2007

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “The Intergenerational Mortality Tradeoff of COVID-19 Lockdown Policies” (with Gil Shapira, Damien de Walque, Quy-Toan Do, Jed Friedman, and Andrei Levchenko, 2022). *International Economic Review*.
- “JUE Insight: Migration, Transportation Infrastructure, and the Spatial Transmission of COVID-19 in China” (with Bingjing Li, 2022). *Journal of Urban Economics, Insights*.
- “Urbanization Policy and Economic Development: A Quantitative Analysis of China’s Differential Hukou Reforms” (with Wen-Tai Hsu, 2021). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*.
- “The Price Elasticity of African Elephant Poaching” (with Quy-Toan Do, Andrei Levchenko, Julian Blanc, Tom Milliken, and Holly Dublin, 2021). *World Bank Economic Review*.
- “Globalization and Top Income Shares” (with Dimitrije Ruzic, 2020). *Journal of International Economics*.
- “Geography, Trade, and Internal Migration in China” (with Yang Tang, 2020). *Journal of Urban Economics*.
- “Lumpy Investment, Lumpy Inventories” (with Ruediger Bachmann, 2016). *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*.

**WORKING PAPERS**

- “Migration and Spatial Misallocation in China” (with Xiaolu Li and Yang Tang, Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2021)
- “Contracting Frictions in Global Sourcing: Implications for Welfare” (with Davin Chor, 2020)

- ‘The Distributional Impacts of Transportation Networks in China’ (with Yang Tang, 2020)
- “A Tale of Two Tails: Wage Inequality and City Size” (with Yang Tang, 2016)
- “Pirates of Somalia: Crime and Deterrence on the High Seas” (with Quy-Toan Do and Claudia Ruiz, 2016)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Lee Kong Chian Fellowship, Singapore Management University, 2022-2023.
- SYLFF Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2014, Winter
- Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2013, Fall
- Summer Research Apprenticeships, University of Michigan, 2009-2010
- Social Science Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2007
- Freshman Fellowship, Peking University, 2003

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- MOE Tier-1 Grant, S\$36,000, Singapore Management University, 2021-2022
- MOE Tier-1 Grant, S\$49,000, National University of Singapore, 2018-2020
- Start-up Grant, S\$40,000, National University of Singapore, 2014-2017
- MITRE Grant, \$4,500, University of Michigan, 2013
- Rackham Research Grant, \$3,000, University of Michigan, 2013

## POLICY WRITING AND OTHER

- *Emerging Consensus is that Chinese Yuan is No Longer Undervalued*, Strait Times, 2015
- *The Pirates of Somalia: Ending the Threat, Rebuilding a Nation*, joint with a team led by Quy- Toan Do, World Bank, 2013

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Urban Economics and Policy, Singapore Management University, 2022
- Urban and Regional Economics (PhD), Singapore Management University, 2021
- Introduction to Econometrics, Singapore Management University, 2021 - present
- Advanced International Trade (Master), National University of Singapore, 2021
- International Trade I & II, National University of Singapore, 2014 - 2021

**CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 ABFER meeting, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Asian Pacific Trade Seminars, SUFE Trade Workshop, NUS EAI (scheduled), Fudan University (scheduled)
- 2021 Singapore Management University, University of Virginia, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Southwest University of Finance and Economics
- 2020 Urban Economics Association Virtual Conference, SMU Virtual Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, Peking University
- 2019 Hong Kong Baptist University, Southwest University of Finance and Economics, SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics
- 2018 SMU Trade Workshop, Hitotsubashi University, Asia-Pacific Trade Workshop (Hong Kong), SAET (Taipei), Asia Forum of International Economics (Tianjin), Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics
- 2017 East Asia Institute (NUS), World Bank (Kuala Lumpur), University of Michigan, Southwest University of Finance and Economics, Tsinghua University
- 2016 ABFER meeting (Singapore), SMU Trade Workshop, NBER China Group Meeting (Shenzhen), Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Kyoto), Asia-Pacific Trade Workshop (Taipei), Taipei International Conference on Growth Dynamics and Trade
- 2015 SAET (Cambridge), Singapore Management University
- 2014 New York University, University of Maryland, National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, University of Hong Kong
- 2013 Midwest International Economics Group (Ann Arbor)
- 2013 AEA (San Diego)
- 2012 AEA (Chicago)

**REFEREE SERVICES**

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economics of Transition, Frontiers of Economics in China, International Economic Review, IMF Economic Review, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Money, Credits, and Banking, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Papers in Regional Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Singapore Economic Review, Sustainability, Urban Science, World Development.

**PHD STUDENT SUPERVISION**

- Chi Zhang\* (2021, Chair, NUS, Post-doc)
- Yuting Huang (2020, Committee member, NUS, Post-doc)
- Bing Ma\* (2018, Chair, Central University of Finance and Economics, Tenure Track)
- Wenchao Li (2018, Committee member, Shanghai International Studies University, Tenure Track)

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- Jie Li (2018, Committee member, Capital University of Economics and Business, Tenure Track)
- Jing Lou (2018, Committee member, NUS, Post-doc)