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Undergraduate Studies:

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accountancy, Shandong University of Finance and Economics, 2014-2018

Master Level Studies:

Master of Economics (with Distinction), The University of Hong Kong, 2018-2019

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Secondary fields: Political Economy

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant:
ECON242 Political Economy Analysis of Institutions (Undergraduate), Spring 2023-24
ECON219 Organizational Economics (Undergraduate), Spring 2022-23, 2023-24
ECON682 Econometrics Analysis (Postgraduate), Fall 2022-23, 2023-24
ECON207 Intermediate Econometrics (Undergraduate), Fall 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24

Research Experience:

Full-time Research Assistant, HKU Business School, The University of Hong Kong, 2019-2020

Part-time Research Assistant, HKU Business School, The University of Hong Kong, 2018-2019

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Conference, Norway	September 2024
Applied Young Economists Webinar (AYEW) by Monash University	April 2024
SMU Applied Microeconomics Workshops, Singapore	November 2023

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

SMU Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, 1 August 2024 - 31 July 2025
Dean's Honours List at HKU Business School

Research Papers:

“Educational Decisions in the Shadow of Cronyism: An Empirical Study of College Graduates in China (with Chen Xiang)” (Job Market Paper)

Abstract:

This study investigates how inefficient political institutions, marked by rampant corruption and cronyism, shape students' educational choices based on their family's political connections. We exploit the onset of China's anti-corruption campaign and compare the educational choices of college students with at least one cadre parent versus those without, from more corrupt regions versus less corrupt regions, before and after the campaign. We find that after the campaign, college students with at least a cadre parent from regions previously characterised by higher corruption levels are more likely to pursue further education after graduation. The effects are more pronounced for male students, for students with liberal art track majors, for students with lower academic performance during college, and for students with cadre parents with higher positional ranks. Moreover, we examine the underlying mechanisms and find evidence of a more equitable post-campaign employment environment, where connected students need stronger educational qualifications and more human capital stock to remain competitive against their unconnected counterparts.

Computer Skills:

Stata, R, ArcGIS, LaTeX

Languages:

Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent)