

CURRICULUM VITAE

Chicheng Ma

Faculty of Business and Economics
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Positions Held

The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Business and Economics
Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2017-present

Shandong University, School of Economics
Associate Professor of Economics, September 2015-June 2017
Assistant Professor of Economics, September 2012-August 2015

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Division of Social Science
Post-doctoral Fellow, September 2011-August 2012

Education

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
D.Phil., Social Science, 2011. M.Phil., Social Science, 2008

Ocean University of China
M.A., Economics, 2006. B.A., Management, 2003

Fields of Interest

Development Economics, Economic History, Cultural Economics, Political
Economy, Financial History and Development

Honours and Awards

Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article in the *Journal of Economic History*, The
Economic History Association, 2022.

Research Output Prize, The University of Hong Kong, 2021.

Royal Economic Society Prize for the best paper published in *The Economic Journal*, 2020.

UG Teaching Reward, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong. 2018, 2019, and 2021.

Research Fellowship, Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research. 2016.

Outstanding Teaching Award, School of Economics, Shandong University. 2013.

Research Grants

Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (RGC) Areas of Excellence Scheme (AoE) for the project “Quantitative History of China: Historical Roots of Recent Success and Future Development.” Co-Principal Investigator. 2023-2028. Amount HK\$ 74.8 million.

Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (RGC) General Research Fund for the project “Knowledge Diffusion and Scientific Production in Historical China, 1550-1800.” Principal Investigator. 2018-2022. Amount HK\$ 324,333.

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Young Scientists Fund for the project “Confucianism and Economic Growth: An Empirical Study Based on Cliometrics.” Principal Investigator. 2013-2016. Amount CNY 200,000.

University of Hong Kong Seed Fund for Basic Research for the project “Religious Competition and Public Goods Provision: Where Christianity Met Confucianism in Historical China.” Principal Investigator. 2021-2023. Amount HK\$ 119,400.

University of Hong Kong Seed Fund for Basic Research for the project “Hometown Favoritism and Banking Development: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century China.” Principal Investigator. 2018-2020. Amount HK\$ 149,600.

Publications in Academic Journals

Zhiwu Chen, Chicheng Ma, and Andrew Sinclair. “Banking on the Confucian Clan: Why China Developed Financial Markets So Late?” *The Economic Journal*, 2022, 132 (644): 1378–1413.

Chicheng Ma. “Knowledge Diffusion and Intellectual Change: When Chinese Literati Met European Jesuits.” *Journal of Economic History*, 2021, 81 (4): 1052-1097. Winner of the Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article in the Journal.

Chen Lin, Chicheng Ma, Yuchen Sun, and Yuchen Xu. “The Telegraph and Modern Banking Development, 1881-1936.” Journal of Financial Economics, 2021, 141 (2): 730-749.

Ting Chen, James Kung, and Chicheng Ma. “Long Live *Keju*! The Persistent Effects of China’s Civil Examination System.” The Economic Journal, 2020, 130 (631): 2030–2064. Winner of the Royal Economic Society Prize for the best paper in the Journal.

James Kung, and Chicheng Ma. “Friends with Benefits: How Political Connections Help to Sustain Private Enterprise Growth in China.” Economica, 2018, 85 (337): 41-74.

James Kung, and Chicheng Ma. “Can Cultural Norms Reduce Conflicts? Confucianism and Peasant Rebellions in Qing China.” Journal of Development Economics, 2014, 111: 132-149.

James Kung, and Chicheng Ma. “Autarky and the Rise and Fall of Piracy in Ming China.” Journal of Economic History, 2014, 74 (2): 509-534.

Working Papers

Ross Levine, Chen Lin, Chicheng Ma, and Yuchen Xu. “The Legal Origins of Financial Development: Evidence from the Shanghai Concessions.” NBER Working Paper 28794. Revise and resubmit, Journal of Finance.

Zhiwu Chen, and Chicheng Ma. “Prioritizing Stability over Productivity: How Confucianism Facilitated Population Growth in Preindustrial China.”

Chen Lin, Chicheng Ma, Yuchen Sun, and Yuchen Xu. “The Allocation of Talent and Financial Development, 1897 to 1936.”

Chicheng Ma. “Classicism and Modern Growth: The Shadow of the Sages.”

Popular Writings

Chicheng Ma. “The Competition between Confucianism and Capitalism.” Broadstreet, November 26, 2021.

Chicheng Ma. “The Jesuits and the Chinese Literati: Lessons from the First Intellectual Contact between China and Europe.” LSE Business Review, November 18, 2021.

Jinyan Hu, Chicheng Ma, and Bo Zhang. “The Long-term Persistence of Informal Finance in China.” VoxChina, January 24, 2018.

Jinyan Hu, Chicheng Ma, and Bo Zhang. “History, Culture and the Rise of Informal Finance in China.” Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research Working Paper No.12/2017, June 2017.

Chicheng Ma. “Ming Qing shiqide hangshang, haijin yu haidao” (Maritime Merchants, Sea Ban, and Pirates in Ming-Qing Period). Jingji Ziliao Yicong, Issue 2, 2013.

Seminar/Conference Presentations

2022/Scheduled: AusClio Workshop at ANU. ASREC Europe Conference at London. EEA-ESEM Milano. Singapore Management University. Nanyang Technological University. University of Warwick. CUHK Centre for Catholic Studies, CUHK Economics Department. Peking University. Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences

2021: The First Symposium on Historical Economic Development and Evolution of Thoughts at Xiamen University (Xiamen, virtual). Quantitative History Summer School (Shanghai, virtual). Shanghai Jiao Tong University (virtual). University of Hong Kong

2020: European Economic Association Annual Congress (Rotterdam, virtual)

2019: Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Barcelona). The Seventh International Symposium on Quantitative History (Yantai). Economics Workshop on Chinese New Narrative at Fudan University (Shanghai). Quantitative History Summer School (Yantai). Summer School on Quantitative Research Methods in Social Science (Guilin). Peking University. Sun Yat-sen University. Shandong University. Jinan University. University of Hong Kong

2018: Asian Historical Economics Conference (Hong Kong). The 2018 Workshop on Long-run Development (Kaifeng). Quantitative History Summer School (Yantai). National University of Singapore. Shandong University. Lingnan University. Hong Kong Baptist University

2017: Wuhan University. Southwestern University of Finance and Economics

2016: Asian Historical Economics Conference (Seoul). University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Peking University. Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research. Southern University of Science and Technology. South China Normal University. University of Hong Kong. Chinese Academy of Sciences. Wakayama University

- 2015: World Economic History Congress (Kyoto). The 9th International Workshop of Methods in International Finance Network (Osaka). Jinan University. Central University of Finance and Economics.
- 2014: The First Henan Symposium on Development and Institutional Economics (Kaifeng). Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference (Jinan). Fudan University
- 2013: Zhejiang University. Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- 2012: The 15th Annual Conference of Chinese Society for the History of Economic Thought (Jinan). Asian Historical Economics Conference (Tokyo). Renmin University. Ocean University of China
- 2011: Fudan University. Shandong University. Sun Yat-Sen University
- 2010: Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Evanston). Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference (Tianjin). Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference (Hong Kong). Conference on Chinese Economy (Shanghai)

Professional Activities

Editorial Service

Associate Editor, Australian Economic History Review, from 2022.

Guest Editor, Special Issue on Quantitative History of China, Australian Economic History Review. 2022.

Referee

Journals: Australian Economic History Review. China Economic Quarterly. China Economic Review. Explorations in Economic History. Frontiers of Economics in China. Growth and Change. Journal of Business Ethics. Journal of Chinese History. Journal of Comparative Economics. Journal of Development Economics. Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization. Journal of Economic History. Journal of Labor Economics. Journal of Regional Science. Management Science. Pacific Economic Review. Public Choice. Quarterly Journal of Economics. Review of Economics and Statistics. Singapore Economic Review. Social Science Research.

Books and Grants: Routledge. Springer. Research Grants Council of Hong Kong

Membership and Services

- From 2021: Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Economic Association.
From 2020: Co-Convener, Quantitative History Webinar Series, The University of Hong Kong.
2017-2020: Co-Organizer, Economic History Workshops, The University of Hong Kong.
From 2014: Program Committee Member, International Symposium on Quantitative History.
2018: Program Committee Member, Asian Historical Economics Conference (AHEC).
2015-2016: Coordinator, Advanced Economics Seminars, School of Economics, Shandong University
2015: Session Organizer, “Political Economy of China’s Modern Transition, 1840-1930”, XVIIth World Economic History Congress (Kyoto).

Teaching

The University of Hong Kong (from 2017)

- Economic History of China (undergraduate, from 2020)
Economic Development (undergraduate, 2017-2020)
Economic Development of China (undergraduate, 2017-2020)
Development Economics (graduate, from 2019)
Advanced Topics in Economic Policy (graduate, from 2020)
Advanced Topics in Applied Econometrics (graduate, from 2021)

Shandong University (2012-2017)

- Chinese Economy (undergraduate)
Chinese Financial History (undergraduate)
Economic History (undergraduate)
Political Economy (undergraduate/graduate)

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