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#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong, August 2020-

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Development, Political Economy, Economic History

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, 2014-2020

Dissertation Title: Essays on Development Economics

Dissertation Committee: Samuel Bazzi, Dilip Mookherjee and Robert A. Margo

B.Soc.Sci. Economics, First Class Honors, National University of Singapore, 2011-2014

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- [1] "Local Elites, Land Rents and Incentives for Development: Evidence from Village Chiefs in Indonesia"
- [2] Ethnic Segregation and Politics: Evidence from Malaysia (joint with Chun Chee Kok)
- [3] Transportation Networks and Inter-Ethnic Contact (joint with Thomas Gautier and Alex Rothenberg)
- [4] The Determinants of Altruism: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Choice Overload and the Deservingness of Beneficiaries (joint with Yohanes Eko Riyanto and Masyhur Hilmy)

#### SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] Inter-Group Contact and Nation-Building in Southeast Asia (joint with Chun Chee Kok)
- [2] Ethnic Minority Networks, Development and Nation-Building: Evidence from Historical Chinese Migration to Indonesia (joint with Arya Gaduh and Chun Chee Kok)

#### **INVITED SEMINARS**

**2022-2023** (incl. scheduled): University of Manchester (Applied Economics Lunch), University of Exeter Business School, Kiel Institute

**2021-2022**: National University of Singapore (Political Science), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Applied Economics), Australian National University (ACDE Seminar)

**2020-2021**: Northwestern (Equality Development and Globalization Studies)

#### **INVITED CONFERENCES**

2022 (incl. scheduled): ASREC Europe (London), Asian & Austriu

- 2021: Joint Hong Kong Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (HKU & HKUST), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (Virtual), Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop (Virtual), 3rd International Conference on Globalization & Development (Gottingen, Germany. Virtual)
- 2020: Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (MIT. Virtual), IEA World Congress (Bali, Indonesia)\*, 17th Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Purdue. Virtual), CSAE Conference 2020: Economic Development in Africa (Oxford, UK. Virtual), PacDev: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley. Virtual)
- **2019**: Northeast Universities Development Conference (Northwestern), Economic History Association Meeting (Atlanta, GA. Poster Session), Southeast Asia Research Group N.A. Meeting (University of British Columbia. Poster Session)

**2018**: 17th Nordic Conference on Development Economics (UNU-WIDER. Helsinki, Finland)

2017: Summer School in Development Economics (Prato, Italy)

## RESEARCH GRANTS (ALL AS PI)

University of Hong Kong (HKU) Faculty Incentive, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building US\$* 26,272 2021

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Early Career Scheme, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building* 2022-2024

HKU Start-Up Research Grant, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*WS\$ 38,500 2020-2022
Manuel Abdala Gift Grant, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building*US\$ 8,000 Spring 2020

Boston University (BU) Initiative on Cities Seed Funding, *Ethnic Segregation and Nation-Building US\$* 9,000 Fall 2018

BU Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (Short-Term), Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia US\$ 9,000 Fall 2018

BU Economics Department Summer Research Grant, Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia US\$ 5,000 Summer 2018

BU GDP Center Summer in the Field, Why Pay the Chief? Land Rents and Political Selection in Indonesia US\$ 4,000 Summer 2018

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GRANTS**

Undergraduate Teaching Reward Scheme (Top 20th Percentile) *US\$ 3,200*Instructor, University of Hong Kong

Development Economics (Undergraduate)

2020-present

Applied Econometrics (Master's)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Quarterly Journal of Economics (x1), World Development	
Departmental Service: Seminar Organizing Committee	2020-
Departmental Service: Master's in Economics Admission Committee	2021
Scientific Committee: Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economics Conference	2022
Conference Organizer: Joint Hong Kong Empirical Microeconomics Workshop	2021
Conference Organizer: Applied Economics Workshop, Asia	2021-

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Research Assistant for S. Bazzi, Boston University,	2015-2019
Visiting Researcher, AKATIGA, Indonesia,	2018
Visiting Junior Researcher, SMERIJ Research Institute, Indonesia	Summer 2015 2016

<sup>\*</sup> Postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19

Research Assistant for R. Arunachalam & A. Shenoy, University of Michigan, MI Communications & Research Intern, Centre for Microfinance, India Non-Commissioned Officer, Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore

Summer 2013 Summer 2012 2009-2011

### **ADVISING & PLACEMENT (UNDERGRADUATE)**

Youqing Lin (Master in International and Development Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2022)

### LANGUAGES:

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Bahasa Indonesia (intermediate)

#### REFERENCES

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