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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D. in Economics

Philadelphia, PA
September 2013- August 2020

Peking University
BA in Economics

Beijing, China
September 2008- June 2012

EMPLOYMENT

Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen)
Assistant Professor of Economics

Shenzhen, China
July 2020 - Present

RESEARCH INTEREST

Political economy, Urban Economics, Chinese Economy, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS

Information and Corruption: Evidence from China's Land Auctions, *submitted*

- Presented at 2019 BCCDS, 2020 NBER Chinese Economy Working Group Meeting, UPenn, Cornell, NUS, Shanghai Tech., Peking U, Tsinghua U and SJTU, ZJU

Tournament-Style Political Competition and Local Protectionism: Theory and Evidence from China (with Hanming Fang, and Zenan Wu), *R&R at Journal of Public Economics*

- Presented at 2021 NBER Chinese Economy Working Group Meeting, UPenn, Peking U, SJTU, SZU
- Media coverage: VoxChina

Reluctant Entrepreneurs: Evidence from China's SOE Reform (with Hanming Fang, Zenan Wu, and Yapei Zhang), *submitted*

- Presented at USC Marshall, JNU, ShanghaiTech, Stockholm School of Economics, University Paris Dauphine, ESSEC, Copenhagen Business School, CICM 2023, CES 2023, and CICF 2023
- Media coverage: NBER Feature, VoxChina, VoxEU, CATO

Labor Market Integration and Entrepreneurship (with Hanming Fang, and Wei Lin)

- Presented at 2024 ABFER, 2023 NBER Chinese Economy Working Group Meeting, CESI 2023, and CCERSI 2023, World Bank, Fudan, CKGSB, PKU

Who Bear the Cost Financial Friction and Labor Markdown (joint with Yao Amber Li and Zehao Li), *submitted*

- Presented at CUHK, PKU Guanghua, Fudan, JNU, Economic Fluctuation and Growth (EFG) Forum 2023, AMES 2023

Pay to Pollute: Patronage Networks and Firm Performance in China, (with Fubing Su, Ran Tao, and Cong Zhang), *submitted*

Haze and Crime: Evidence from Court Judgments in China (with Yajie Han, and Yu Qin), *submitted*

- Presented at Tsinghua, CCERSI 2023

Industrial Policy and Serial Entrepreneur (with Hanming Fang, and Zenan Wu)

- Presented at NBER China 2024, Annual Conference on China and the Global Economy

Physician Learning and Defensive Medication (with Hanming Fang and Jia Xiang)

- Presented at Indiana U, IIOC, PSU, HIT

Red Scare? Testing for Ethnic Prejudice in the Prosecutions under the Economic Espionage Act, (with Hanming Fang)

- Presented at AEA, UPenn
- Media Coverage: CATO, SSCEI China Brief

Political Patronage and Government Debt (with Jialin Yu, Ran Tao, and Jinfan Zhang)

Greasing the Wheels of Economy: Corruption or Anti-corruption? (with Xi Lu)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Gains from Trade from Rural-Urban Migration (with Dennis Egger, Ben Faber and Wei Lin)

- The first draft is finished and submitted to NBER SI

The Gains from Online Integration: Theory and Evidence from China (with Ben Faber, Victor Couture, Cecile Gaubert, Yizhen Gu, and Wei Lin)

What kind of information can boost climate change adaptation? Evidence from a field experiment of cocoa farmers in Ghana (with Jia Xiang, Yunyu Shu, and Jiayue Zhang), 2023

PUBLICATIONS (PRE-DOCTORAL WORK)

“Transfer-based Decentralization, Economic Growth and Spatial Inequality: Evidence from China’s 2002–2003 Tax Sharing Reform.” *Urban Studies* 57, no. 4 (2020): 806-826. (with Fan Fan, Ran Tao, and Dali Yang)

“Bringing Politics Back in Charitable Giving: Evidence from Donations after China’s Sichuan Earthquake”, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 49, no. 2 (2020): 272-291. (with Fubing Su and Ran Tao)

“Transfer-Based Decentralization and Poverty Alleviation: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment in China”, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 49, no.4 (2019): 694–718. (with Ran Tao and Fubing Su)

“Self-employment and intention of permanent urban settlement: Evidence from a survey of migrants in China’s four major urbanizing areas”, *Urban Studies* 52, no. 4 (2015): 639-664. (with Guangzhong Cao, Yan Ma, and Ran Tao)

“How does political trust affect social trust? An analysis of survey data from rural China using an instrumental variables approach”, *International Political Science Review* 35, no. 2 (2014): 237-253. (with Ran Tao, Xi Lu, and Dali Yang)

“Local officials’ incentives and China’s economic growth: tournament thesis reexamined and alternative explanatory framework”, *China & World Economy* 20, no. 4 (2012): 1-18. (with Fubing Su, Ran Tao and Xi Lu)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2024: SMU, NTU, NBER China, ABFER, Annual Conference on China and the Global Economy

2023: CESI, CICM, CICF, CCER SI, CES, AMES, Peking University, Fudan, World Bank, Jinan University, HKU, CUHK, NBER China, Jinan-SMU Urban Workshop

2022: Early-stage workshop on Chinese Economy, NBER China work group meeting*, Jinan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, NSE Peking University*, Wharton UPenn*, Shenzhen University*, Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, CUHKSZ Research Conference

2021: China Meeting of Econometric Society, Early-stage workshop on Chinese Economy, CUHKSZ Research Conference, UPenn Chinese Economy Reading Group

2020: Cornell, National University of Singapore, Chinese University of Hong Kong Shenzhen, ShanghaiTech, University of Melbourne (scheduled), HKUST (scheduled), NBER China Meeting, Early-stage workshop on Chinese Economy,

2019: Biennial Conference of China Development Studies, International Conference on China Urban Development, China Meeting of the Econometric Society, , Penn Economics

2018: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting

2013: Workshop on The Institutional Foundations of Chinese Development and Implications for Further Reform Conference on the Study of Inequality in China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Microeconomic Theory, PhD Course, (Spring 2021)

Chinese Economy, Undergraduate Course, (Fall 2023)

Introductory Econometrics, Undergraduate Course, (Fall 2021, 2022, 2023)

Mathematics for Economics, Master Course, (Summer 2021, 2020)

Review of Quantitative Meth, PhD Course, (Summer 2020)

HONORS AND GRANTS

Participant, National Natural Science Foundation of China (Grant No. 72192804), 2022–2026

University Research Seed Fund, CUHKSZ

University Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

GAPSA Travel Grant Funding, University of Pennsylvania

REFeree SERVICE

Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Review of Finance, China Economic Review, International Review of Law & Economics, Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning