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Employment

University of California, San Diego

- Associate professor (since 2019); Assistant prof. (2013–19), School of Global Policy and Strategy
- Co-director, China Data Lab
- Co-director, CUHK-UCSD Joint Lab on Chinese Economy

London School of Economics and Political Science

- Visiting senior fellow (2020–22), Department of Management

Education

2013. Ph.D. Economics, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University

–2009/10, special student, Harvard University

2007. M.A. Economics, China Economic Research Center, Peking University

2004. B.A. Economics, China Youth College for Political Sciences

Professional Activities

Association Service and Affiliations

2022– Executive secretary, Association of Comparative Economic Studies (ACES)

2022– Co-chair, China Economic Summer Institute (CESI)

2022– Research associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

2022– Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

2018– Distinguished Affiliate, CESifo in Munich

2017– Affiliate, Bureau for Research & Econ Analysis of Development (BREAD)

2018– Affiliate, Contextual Robotics Institute, UC San Diego

2016–20 Associate fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)

Editorial Service

2020– Associate editor, *Economic Journal*

2020– Board of editors, *AEJ: Economic Policy*

2017–24 Associate editor, *Journal of Development Economics*

2017–23 Associate editor, *Journal of Comparative Economics*

Conference Organizers and Committees

- 2022– Co-organizer, ACES Political Economy Summer School
- 2024 Member, Study Group on the Economic and National Competitiveness and Security of the UC System
- 2024 Co-organizer, “Global Science in the Era of US-China Tensions”
- 2024 Committee member, BREAD conference on Development
- 2023 Co-organizer, “Navigating Change and Uncertainty: Hong Kong and Mainland China”
- 2023 Program committee member, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society
- 2020, 21 Executive committee member, SIOE Conference

Visiting Positions

- 2024 April. Short-term visitor, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago
- 2024–25. Special-term professor, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University
- 2023 fall. Sabbatical visit, King Center, Stanford University
- 2022 Nov.-Dec. Visiting scholar, National School of Development, Peking University
- 2019 fall. Sabbatical visit, Sloan School of Management, MIT
- 2014 fall. Visiting scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Honors and Awards

- 2024 Keynote, 8th Annual Meeting of China Labor Economist Forum
- 2021 Masahiko Aoki Award
- 2021–23 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant (with Molly Roberts, UCSD), \$350K
- 2021 Best Paper Award for Sustainable Paths Toward Carbon Neutrality by CICC Global Institute (CGI)
- 2020 Referee Prize, *Economic Journal*
- 2019 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2018 Distinguished CESifo Research Affiliate Award
- 2018 Keynote, 6th Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions, Xiamen
- 2015 Hellman Fellow, \$50K
- 2013–15 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Fellowship, \$100K

Publications

Journal Articles

1. Chong-en Bai, Ruixue Jia, Hongbin Li and Xin Wang. “Entrepreneurial Reluctance: Talent and Firm Creation in China” *Economic Journal*, forthcoming.

2. Jia, Ruixue, Molly Roberts, Ye Wang, and Eddie Yang. 2024. "The Impact of U.S.-China Tensions on U.S. Science: Evidence from NIH Investigations." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 121(19).
3. Jia, Ruixue, Gerard Roland and Yang Xie. 2024. "A Theory of Power Structure and Institutional Compatibility: China vs. Europe Revisited." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 22(3): 1275-1318.
4. Jia, Ruixue. 2024. "Review of *Precarious Ties: Business and the State in Authoritarian Asia*." *Journal of Economic Literature*, forthcoming.
5. Jia, Ruixue. 2024. "Pollution for Promotion," *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, forthcoming.
6. Jia, Ruixue. 2024. Hongbin Li, and Lingsheng Meng. "Elite College Education and Social Mobility in China", *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming.
7. Bai, Ying, Ruixue Jia and Jiaojiao Yang. 2023. "Web of Power: How Elite Networks Shaped War and Politics in China." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 138(2): 1067-1108.
8. Bai, Ying and Ruixue Jia. 2023. "The Economic Consequences of Political Hierarchy: Evidence from Regime Changes in China, AD1000-2000." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 105(3): 626-645.
9. Greenstone, Michael, Guojun He, Ruixue Jia and Tong Liu. 2022. "Can Technology Solve the Principal-Agent Problem? Evidence from China's War on Air Pollution." *American Economic Review: Insights*, vol. 4(1): 54-70.
10. Jia, Ruixue, Xiaohuan Lan and Gerard Padró I Miquel. 2021. "Doing Business in China: Parental Background and Government Intervention Determine Who Owns Businesses." *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 151.
11. Jia, Ruixue and Hongbin Li. 2021. "Just Above the Exam Cutoff Score: Elite College Admission and Wages in China." *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 196.
12. Jia, Ruixue and Torsten Persson. 2021. "Choosing Ethnicity: The Interplay between Individual and Social Motives." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 19 (2): 1203-1248.
13. Cheng, Hong, Ruixue Jia, Dandan Li, and Hongbin Li. 2019. "The Rise of Robots in China." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 33 (2): 71-88.
14. Jia, Ruixue, Huihua Nie and Wei Xiao. 2019. "Power and Publications in Chinese Academia." *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 47(4): 792-805.
15. Jia, Ruixue and Hyejin Ku. 2019. "Is China's Pollution the Culprit for the Choking of South Korea? Evidence from the Asian Dust." *Economic Journal*, vol. 129 (624): 3154-3188.
16. Jia, Ruixue and Huihua Nie. 2017. "Decentralization, Collusion and Coalmine Deaths." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 99 (1), 105-118.
17. Bai, Ying and Ruixue Jia. 2016. "Elite Recruitment and Political Stability: The Impact of the Abolition of China's Civil Service Exam." *Econometrica*, vol. 84 (2), 677-733.
18. Jia, Ruixue, Masa Kudamatsu and David Seim. 2015. "Political Selection in China: Complementary Roles of Connections and Performance." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 13 (4), 631-668. draft
19. Jia, Ruixue. 2014. "Weather Shocks, Sweet Potatoes and Peasant Revolts in Historical China." *Economic Journal*, vol. 124 (575), 92-118.
20. Jia, Ruixue. 2014. "The Legacies of Forced Freedom: China's Treaty Ports." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 96 (4), 596-608.

Books

Exam Empire (w. Hongbin Li and Claire Cousineau). under contract with Harvard University Press.

Book Chapters

1. Jia, Ruixue and James Kung. "Culture and Cultural Evolution in China." prepared for *Handbook of Culture and Economic Behavior*, (ed. Enke, Giuliano, Nunn, and Wantchekon).
2. Jia, Ruixue and Pinghan Liang. 2012. "Decentralization and Military Coups." in Manas Chatterji (ed.) 2012, *Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development*, Vol. 20, 149-170.

Working Papers

Political Economy, Economic History, and Development

"Ideas Mobilize Leaders: The Diffusion of Communist Ideology in China" (w. Ying Bai and Runnan Wang)

"Knowledge Suppression and Resilience under Censorship" (w. Ying Bai and Jiaojiao Yang)

Labor, Technology, and Innovation

"Improving Regulation for Innovation: Evidence from China's Pharmaceutical Industry" (w. Xiao Ma, Jianan Yang and Yiran Zhang)

"Expecting Floods: Firm Entry, Employment, and Aggregate Implications" (w. Xiao Ma and Victoria Xie)

"English's Significance: Exam Performance by Subject and Future Income in China" (w. Hongbin Li, Yu Qin, Qiuyi Wang and Jing Wu)

U.S.-China Tensions

"Policy Community Preferences on U.S.-China Scientific Collaborations: A Survey Experiment" (w. Margaret E. Roberts)

Recent & Scheduled Presentations

2025 Uppsala (Econ, 06/05), Gothenburg (Econ, 06/03)

2024 Oxford (Econ, 11/18), UManchester (Econ, 11/14), SMU (Econ, 09/12), NUS (Econ, 09/11), Monash University (Econ, 09/05), Washington Political Economy Conference (05/09), Workshop on Research Security (Rice, 05/02), UW-Madison (Real Estate, 04/11), UChicago (Chicago-Northwestern China Afternoon, 04/05; Political Science, 04/09; Harris, 04/12), NBER China (03/29), "The China Initiative and Its Aftermath" (UMichigan, 03/25), National Academies (02/28), AEA (01/07)

2023 Autocracies and Conflict (Kellogg, 11/03), Stanford (Econ, 09/25, 11/01; SCCEI, 10/27; China Social Science, 11/08), Berkeley (Econ, 10/23), PKU HSBC (06/13), Growth and Institutions (Tsinghua, 06/05), Conference on *America Against America* (Indianapolis, 05/11), Call to Service Conference (Stanford, 04/28), Harvard Business School (04/12), Northwestern-U Chicago Development and Political Economy Conference (04/07), New Economic History of China Conference (Northwestern, 03/24), Columbia (Political Science, 03/22), Foreign Service Institute (02/24, guest lecture).

2022 PKU-Tsinghua Joint Conference, Trinity College Dublin, Academia Sinica, CUHK Shenzhen, Schwarzman College (guest lecture), PKU NSD, UWA, CUHK, WEHC Paris, NBER Summer Institute, Micro-Macro Development Workshop St.Gallen, LSE-NYU PSPE conference, CEMFI, CEPR Paris Symposium, Cambridge, Stanford FSI, NBER China Meeting, Goethe University, CKGSB, Luxemburg LISER, Liverpool, Durham, PILLARS conference, AEA.

2021 HEC Paris Entrepreneurship Workshop, NYU, Middlebury College, Univ. of Birmingham, PKU (Guanghua), APSA, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, CEPR, Bank of Canada–Tsinghua–Toronto conference, NBER Summer Institute, Warwick Cage Summer School, Shanghai Jiaotong, CEPR, Nottingham, NBER Organizational Economics, Luohan Academy, Chinese Education Finance and Policy Association, Harvard Chinese Economy, Stockholm SITE, HKUST, Stanford (China Center).

2020 NBER Chinese Economy, Annual Conference of New Structural Economics, NYU (Politics), UQAM–Laval, LSE, Oxford CSAE, Virtual Economic History Seminar, Case Western, Stanford (GSB), Michigan, Georgetown–World Bank, Fudan, USC (Marshall), UBC(Econ-Law), AEA.

2019 Northeastern, UPittsburgh, CIFAR, Dartmouth, MIT, PKU (Guanghua), Queen Mary, Kent, UCL, CSU San Bernardino (History), Northwestern C–lab mini conference, UC Davis, UOttawa, NYU, UChicago (History), HKBU, Bristol, LSE (Government), Warwick, CUHK (Asia–Pacific Studies).