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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2023 – City University of Hong Kong
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Yale University, 2023

M.A. Economics, CEMFI, 2016

B.A. Economics, *First Class Honours*, The University of Hong Kong, 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade, Economic Growth

WORKING PAPERS

"Mechanics of Spatial Growth," with Lorenzo Caliendo, Fernando Parro, Wei Xiang, 2025

"Multinational Production, Technology Diffusion and Economic Growth," with Wei Xiang, revise and resubmit, *Journal of International Economics*, 2024

CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

2025 Singapore Management University*

2024 AMSS, Chinese Academy of Sciences

2023 Chinese University of Hong Kong, AMES Singapore, SED Cartagena, Penn State New Faces Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen), North Carolina State University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong

2022 Peking University NSD

*: *scheduled*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing

Journal of International Economics

Paper Discussions

- 2024 "Third-Country Effects of U.S. Immigration Policy," by Agostina Brinatti and Xing Guo, at China International Conference in Macroeconomics
- "Rise and Fall of Empires in the Industrial Era: A Story of Shifting Comparative Advantages," by Roberto Bonfatti and Kerem Coşar, at City University of Hong Kong Conference on International Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

City University of Hong Kong

Advanced Macroeconomics (EF8072, Ph.D. Level), with Xuan S. Tam and Ying Zhou
International Finance (EF4471, EF5406)

Yale University (Teaching Assistant)

Introduction to Game Theory, TA for Zvika Neeman
Introduction to Data Analysis and Econometrics, TA for Guillermo Noguera
General Equilibrium Theory, TA for John Geanakoplos
Introductory Macroeconomics, TA for Samuel Kortum and Aleh Tsyvinski
International Economics, TA for Peter Schott
Monetary Policy, TA for William English

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 IADB, Short term consultant
2018 Princeton Initiative

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 University Dissertation Fellowship
2020 Nathan Hale Associates Fellow
2017-2019 Merrill G. Hastings Fellow
2016-2021 Doctoral Fellowship, Cowles Foundation Fellowship
2014-2016 Fundación ICO Scholarship
2013 C.V. Starr Scholarship

LANGUAGES

Mandarin (native), English (proficient), Cantonese (fair), Spanish (fair)

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