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**Employment**

Department of Management, London School of Economics and Political Science

- Visiting senior fellow

School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego (on leave)

- Associate professor (with tenure), since July 2019; Assistant professor, 2013–19

**Affiliations**

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

2021– Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

2019– Faculty research fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

2018– Affiliate, Contextual Robotics Institute, UC San Diego

2018– Affiliate, CESifo in Munich

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

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

**Visiting Positions**

Visiting scholar: MIT Sloan (fall 2019); Northwestern Kellogg (fall 2014)

**Education**

2010–13 Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University (PhD)

2009–10 Department of Economics, Harvard University (Special Student)

2007–09 Department of Economics, Stockholm University (PhD student)

2004–07 China Economic Research Center, Peking University (M.A. in Economics)

2000–04 China Youth College for Political Sciences (B.A. in Economics)

**Honors and Awards**

2021–23 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant (with Molly Roberts, UCSD), \$350,000

2020 Referee Prize 2019, *Economic Journal*2019 Excellence in Refereeing Award 2018, *American Economic Review*

2018 Distinguished CESifo Research Affiliate Award

2018 Keynote, 6th Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions, Xiamen

2015 Hellman Fellow, \$50,000

2013–15 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Global Scholar Fellowship, \$100,000

**Professional Service**2020– Associate editor, *Economic Journal*2020– Board of editors, *AEJ: Economic Policy*2017– Associate editor, *Journal of Comparative Economics*

- 2017– Associate editor, *Journal of Development Economics*  
 2017– Academic committee member, China Economics Summer Institute  
 2020, 21 Executive committee member, SIOE Conference

### **Publications**

Accepted

- “The Economic Consequences of Political Hierarchy: Evidence from Regime Changes in China, 1000–2000 C.E.” (w. Ying Bai). *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- “Can Technology Solve the Principal–Agent Problem? Evidence from China’s War on Air Pollution” (w. Michael Greenstone, Guojun He, and Tong Liu). *American Economic Review: Insights*.
- “Doing Business in China: Parental Background and Government Intervention as Determinants of Entrepreneurship” (w. Xiaohuan Lan and Gerard Padró I Miquel). *Journal of Development Economics*.

2021

- “Just Above the Exam Cutoff Score: Elite College Admission and Wages in China” (w. Hongbin Li). *Journal of Public Economics*.
- “Choosing Ethnicity: The Interplay between Individual and Social Motives” (with Torsten Persson). *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

2019

- “The Rise of Robots in China” (with Hong Cheng, Dandan Li and Hongbin Li). *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 33 (2): 71–88.
- “Power and Publications in Chinese Academia” (with Huihua Nie and Wei Xiao). *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 47(4): 792–805.
- “Is China’s Pollution the Culprit for the Choking of South Korea? Evidence for the Asian Dust” (with Hyejin Ku). *Economic Journal*, 129 (624): 3154–3188.

2017

- “Decentralization, Collusion and Coalmine Deaths” (with Huihua Nie). *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2017, 99 (1): 105–118.

2016

- “Elite Recruitment and Political Stability: The Impact of the Abolition of China’s Civil Service Exam” (with Ying Bai). *Econometrica*, vol. 84 (2), 677–733.

2015

- “Political Selection in China: Complementary Roles of Connections and Performance” (with Masa Kudamatsu and David Seim). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 13 (4), 631–668.

2014

- “Weather Shocks, Sweet Potatoes and Peasant Revolts in Historical China”. *Economic Journal*, vol. 124 (4), 92–118.
- “The Legacies of Forced Freedom: China’s Treaty Ports”. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 96 (4), 596–608.

2012

- “Decentralization and Military Coup” (with Pinghan Liang). in Manas Chatterji (ed.) *Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development*, 149–170.

### **Working Papers**

- “Entrepreneurial Reluctance: Talent and Firm Creation in China” (w. Chong–en Bai, Hongbin Li and Xin Wang)
- “A Theory of Power Structure and Institutional Compatibility: China vs. Europe Revisited” (w. Gerard Roland and Yang Xie)
- “The Nexus of Elites and War Mobilization” (w. Ying Bai and Jiaojiao Yang)
- “Pollution for Promotion”

### **Field Work**

- 2018 TACHI–S Adient Automotive Seating, Kyowa Synchronizer Ring  
 2017 EXin Diamond Technology, HG–Farley Laserlab

### **Presentations**

- 2021 HEC Paris Entrepreneurship Workshop (12/10), CEPR (Paris Symposium, 12/09), NYU (Econ, 12/07), Middlebury College (Econ, 11/15), Univ. of Birmingham (Econ, 11/03), PKU (Guanghua, 10/14), APSA (09/28), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (09/23), CEPR (09/10), Bank of Canada–Tsinghua–Toronto Conference (08/27), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy, 07/20), Warwick Cage Summer School (07/15), Shanghai Jiaotong (Antai, 06/09), CEPR (05/21), Nottingham (Econ, 05/05), NBER Organizational Economics (04/17), Luohan Academy (04/13), Chinese Education Finance and Policy Association (03/26), Harvard (Chinese Economy, 03/17), Stockholm SITE (03/09), HKUST (Econ, 03/03), Stanford (China Center, 02/23)
- 2020 NBER Chinese Economy (12/18), Annual Conference of New Structural Economics (PKU, 12/14), NYU (Politics, 11/18), UQAM – Université Laval (Econ, 11/16), LSE (11/12), Oxford (CSAE, 11/04), Virtual Economic History Seminar (10/26), LSE (10/23), Case Western (10/22), Stanford (GSB 10/13), Michigan (Econ 09/24), Georgetown–World Bank (09/10), Fudan (Econ 07/12), USC (Marshall 06/22), UBC (Econ–Law, 03/05–06), AEA (01/04–05).
- 2019 Northeastern (Econ, 11/14), UPittsburgh (Econ, 11/11), CIFAR (10/18), Dartmouth (Econ, 10/08), MIT (Econ, 10/01, Sloan, 09/19, 10/17), PKU (Guanghua, 06/18), Queen Mary (Econ, 06/06), Kent (Econ, 06/05), UCL (Econ, 06/03), CSU San Bernardino (History, 05/23), Northwestern C–lab & mini conference (05/14, 17), UC Davis (Econ, 05/07), UOttawa (Empirical Political Economy Workshop, 04/26), NYU (Econ, 04/09), UChicago (History, 04/08), HKBU (Econ, 03/21), Bristol (Econ, 02/27), LSE (Government, 02/26), Warwick (Econ, 02/25), CUHK (Asia–Pacific Studies, 1/21)