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Employment

University of California, San Diego

Associate professor (since 2019); Assistant professor (2013–19), School of Global Policy and Strategy
Co-director, China Data Lab

London School of Economics and Political Science

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

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)

Professional Activities

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)

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

2018– Affiliate, CESifo in Munich

2018– Affiliate, Contextual Robotics Institute, UC San Diego

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

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

2020, 21 Executive committee member, SIOE Conference

Editorial 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*

Visiting Positions

MIT Sloan (2019 fall); Northwestern Kellogg (2014 fall)

Honors and Awards

2021 Masahiko Aoki Award

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

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

Accepted

“Web of Power: How Elite Networks Shaped War and Politics in China” (w. Ying Bai and Jiaojiao Yang). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

2022

“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*, 4(1): 54–70.

“The Economic Consequences of Political Hierarchy: Evidence from Regime Changes in China, 1000–2000 C.E.” (w. Ying Bai). *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

2021

“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*.

“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” (w. Torsten Persson). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 19(2):1203–48.

2019

“The Rise of Robots in China” (w. Hong Cheng, Dandan Li and Hongbin Li). *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 33(2): 71–88.

“Power and Publications in Chinese Academia” (w. 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” (w. Hyejin Ku). *Economic Journal*, 129(624): 3154–3188.

2017

“Decentralization, Collusion and Coalmine Deaths” (w. 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” (w. Ying Bai). *Econometrica*, 84(2), 677–733.

2015

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

2014

“Weather Shocks, Sweet Potatoes and Peasant Revolts in Historical China”. *Economic Journal*, 124(4), 92–118.

“The Legacies of Forced Freedom: China’s Treaty Ports”. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 6(4), 596–608.

2012

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

Working Papers

Political Economy, Economic History and Development

“A Theory of Power Structure and Institutional Compatibility: China vs. Europe Revisited” (w. Gerard Roland and Yang Xie)

“The Impact of U.S.-China Tensions on U.S. Science” (w. Molly Roberts, Ye Wang, and Eddie Yang)

Labor, Technology and Development

“Entrepreneurial Reluctance: Talent and Firm Creation in China” (w. Chong-en Bai, Hongbin Li and Xin Wang)

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

“Can Elite College Education Change One’s Fate in China?” (w. Hongbin Li and Lingsheng Meng)

Field Work

2018 TACHI-S Adient Automotive Seating, Kyowa Synchronizer Ring

2017 EXin Diamond Technology, HG–Farley Laserlab