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EDUCATION

- 2020- Ph.D. in Economics, University of Hong Kong
- 2018-2020 M.Phil. in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 2013-2017 B.A. in Economics, Peking University

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary fields: Development Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy

Secondary fields: Labor Economics, Economic History

PUBLICATIONS

[The Making of Bad Gentry: The Abolition of Keju, Local Governance and Anti-elite Protests, 1902-1911](#) (with Yu Hao, Xi Weng, and Li-An Zhou)

Journal of Economic History, 2022, 82(3), 625–661.

[Evading by All Means: How does Value-added Tax Enforcement Affect Payroll Tax Compliance in China?](#) (with Lixing Li, Zhuo Nie and Tianyang Xi)

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2021, 185: 770-784

[Taxation, Fiscal Capacity and Credible Commitment in Eighteenth Century China: The Effects of the Formalization and Centralization of Informal Surtaxes](#) (with Yu Hao)

Economic History Review. 2020, 73(4): 914–939

WORKING PAPERS

Discretion, Talent Allocation, and Governance Performance: Evidence from China's Imperial Bureaucracy (with Xiaoming Zhang)

Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*

Meritocracy and Government Performance: Evidence from Random Assignment of Administrators (with Xiaoming Zhang)

Low-skilled Immigration and the Mobility of Talent: Evidence from China

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

The Fiscal Consequences of China's Mass Migration

Commitment Failure within Bureaucracy: How Building Fiscal State Backfired in Late Imperial China (with Yu Hao)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences and Seminars

- 2023 Econ history workshop (Wuhan University), NUS Applied Economics Student Workshop, Chinese Political Science Speaker Series, International Symposium on Quantitative History
- 2022 China Economics Summer Institute (CUHK), The Chinese Economy in the Long Run (University of Manchester)
- 2020 Political economy workshop (Peking University), Econ history workshop (HKU)
- 2019 China Meeting of the Econometric Society

Refereeing

China Economic Quarterly International, Pacific Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economic History of China (2017 and 2018, TA, undergraduate course, Peking University)

Quantitative Data Analysis (Spring 2019, TA, graduate course, HKUST)

Econometric Approach to Social Science (Fall 2019, TA, postgraduate course, HKUST)

Introduction to Economics (Spring 2020, TA, undergraduate course, HKUST)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 FBE PhD Research Progress Award, University of Hong Kong
- 2021 The Nominee for Masahiko Aoki Award for Economic Paper
- 2021 FBE PhD Research Excellence Award, University of Hong Kong
- 2020 Lee Shau Kee Postgraduate Fellowship, University of Hong Kong
- 2020 Postgraduate Studentship, University of Hong Kong
- 2020 Entrance Scholarship, University of Hong Kong
- 2018 Postgraduate Studentship, HKUST
- 2017 The Best Paper Award, 2016 International Symposium on Quantitative History
- 2016 The Hana Financial Group Scholarship, Peking University
- 2016 The Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award, Peking University
- 2016 Merit Student Award, Peking University

OTHERS

Computer skills: Stata, LaTeX, R, ArcGIS

Language skills: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (basic)

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