

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Appointments

#### The University of Hong Kong

Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, 2023-  
Associate Professor (by courtesy), Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social  
Sciences, 2023-  
Associate Director, Centre for Quantitative History, 2023-  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, 2017-2023

#### Shandong University

Associate Professor of Economics, School of Economics, 2015-2017  
Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Economics, 2012-2015

#### Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Post-doctoral Fellow, Division of Social Science, 2011-2012

### Education

Ph.D., Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2011  
M.Phil., Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2008  
M.A., Economics, Ocean University of China, 2006  
B.A., Management, Ocean University of China, 2003

### Honors and Awards

Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article in the Journal of Economic History, The  
Economic History Association, 2022.

Research Output Prize, The University of Hong Kong, 2021.

Royal Economic Society Prize for the best article in the Economic Journal, 2020.

UG Teaching Rewards, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong  
Kong. 2018-2024.

Research Fellowship, Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research. 2016.

Outstanding Teaching Award, School of Economics, Shandong University. 2013.

## **Publications**

“The Allocation of Talent and Financial Development, 1897 to 1936”. (with Chen Lin, Yuchen Sun, and Yuchen Xu). Management Science, forthcoming.

“Classicism and Modern Growth: The Shadow of the Sages.” Journal of Economic History, 2024, 84 (2): 395-431.

“The Legal Origins of Financial Development: Evidence from the Shanghai Concessions.” (with Ross Levine, Chen Lin, and Yuchen Xu). Journal of Finance, 2023, 78 (6): 3423-3464.

“Quantitative history studies on China: State Capacity, Institutions, Culture and Human Capital from Prehistoric Times to the Present.” (with Zhiwu Chen). Asia-Pacific Economic History Review, 2023, 63 (2), 128-144.

“Banking on the Confucian Clan: Why China Developed Financial Markets So Late?” (with Zhiwu Chen and Andrew Sinclair). The Economic Journal, 2022, 132 (644): 1378-1413.

“Knowledge Diffusion and Intellectual Change: When Chinese Literati Met European Jesuits.” Journal of Economic History, 2021, 81 (4): 1052-1097.

“The Telegraph and Modern Banking Development, 1881-1936” (with Chen Lin, Yuchen Sun, and Yuchen Xu). Journal of Financial Economics, 2021, 141 (2): 730-749.

“Long Live *Keju*! The Persistent Effects of China’s Civil Examination System.” (with Ting Chen and James Kung). The Economic Journal, 2020, 130 (631): 2030-2064.

“Friends with Benefits: How Political Connections Help to Sustain Private Enterprise Growth in China”. (with James Kung). Economica, 2018, 85 (337): 41-74.

“Can Cultural Norms Reduce Conflicts? Confucianism and Peasant Rebellions in Qing China.” (with James Kung). Journal of Development Economics, 2014, 111: 132-149.

“Autarky and the Rise and Fall of Piracy in Ming China.” (with James Kung). Journal of Economic History, 2014, 74 (2): 509-534.

## **Working Papers**

“Religion and Conflict: Evidence from China, 1860-1911.” (with Yujing Huang and Felipe Valencia Caicedo)

“Christian Missionaries and International Trade: 1580-1936.” (with Zhiwu Chen and Xinhao Li)

“The Confucian Clan as a Risk-Sharing Institution: How Pre-Industrial China Became the Most Populous Nation”. (with Zhiwu Chen)

## **Research Grants**

Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (RGC) Areas of Excellence Scheme (AoE) for the project “Quantitative History of China: Historical Roots of Recent Success and Future Development.” Co-Principal Investigator. 2023-2028. Amount HK\$ 74.8 million.

Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (RGC) General Research Fund for the project “Knowledge Diffusion and Scientific Production in Historical China, 1550-1800.” 2018-2021. Principal Investigator. Award amount: HKD324,333.

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Young Scientists Fund for the project “Confucianism and Economic Growth: An Empirical Study Based on Cliometrics.” 2013-2016. Principal Investigator. Award amount: CNY200,000.

## **Editorship and Refereeing**

Editorial Board, *Economic History Review*, from 2024

Associate Editor, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, from 2024.

Associate Editor, *Asia-Pacific Economic History Review* (formerly *Australian Economic History Review*), from 2022.

Guest Editor, *Asia-Pacific Economic History Review*, Special Issue on Quantitative History of China, 2022-2023.

Refereeing for Journals: *American Economic Review: Insights*. *Australian Economic History Review*. *China Economic Quarterly*. *China Economic Review*. *Economic History Review*. *Economic Inquiry*. *Economic Modelling*. *Economics of Governance*. *European Economic Review*. *Explorations in Economic History*. *Governance*. *Growth and Change*. *International Studies of Economics (Frontiers of Economics in China)*. *Journal of Business Ethics*. *Journal of Chinese History*. *Journal of Comparative Economics*. *Journal of Cultural Economics*. *Journal of Development Economics*. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. *Journal of Economic Geography*. *Journal of Economic History*. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*. *Journal of Labor Economics*. *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*. *Journal of Political Economy*. *Journal of Population Economics*. *Journal of Regional Science*. *Management Science*. *Pacific Economic Review*. *Public Choice*. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. *Review of Economics and Statistics*. *Review of Economic Studies*. *Singapore Economic Review*. *Social Science Research*. *The Economic Journal*.

Refereeing for Books and Grants: Routledge. Springer. Research Grants Council of Hong Kong

## Seminar/Conference Presentations

- 2024: Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Sacramento). The Eighth Asian Historical Economics Conference (Hong Kong). Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference (Honolulu). Frontiers in Economic History Workshop (Venice). Southern University of Science and Technology. Hitotsubashi University. Fudan University. Sun Yat-Sen University. Hong Kong University. Quantitative History Summer School (Shanghai Jiao Tong University). Shandong University Digital Economics Summer Program (Jinan). Inner Mongolia University. South China Normal University. University of Southern Denmark. University of Copenhagen. Australian National University. University of Melbourne.
- 2023: Australian Cliometrics Workshop (Adelaide). AoE Quantitative History Workshop (HKU). 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SIOE Conference (Goethe University Frankfurt). The Ninth International Symposium for Quantitative History (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Keynote Speech). California Institute of Technology. Northwestern University New Economic History of China Conference. ESSEC Business School. WEAI 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference (Melbourne). 2023 Symposium of Trade, Development, and History (Shenzhen).
- 2022: Asian Historical Economics Conference (Bangkok). Australian Cliometrics Workshop (ANU). ASREC Europe Conference (London). EEA-ESEM Milano. Singapore Management University. Nanyang Technological University. University of Warwick. CUHK Centre for Catholic Studies, CUHK Economics Department. Peking University. Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences. HKU Business School. Shanghai Normal University. HKUST. USC CBRN Webinar. Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2021: The First Symposium on Historical Economic Development and Evolution of Thoughts at Xiamen University (Xiamen, virtual). Quantitative History Summer School (Shanghai, virtual). Shanghai Jiao Tong University (virtual). University of Hong Kong
- 2020: European Economic Association Annual Congress (Rotterdam, virtual)
- 2019: Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Barcelona). The Seventh International Symposium on Quantitative History (Yantai). Economics Workshop on Chinese New Narrative at Fudan University (Shanghai). Quantitative History Summer School (Yantai). Summer School on Quantitative Research Methods in Social Science (Guilin). Peking University. Sun Yat-sen University. Shandong University. Jinan University. University of Hong Kong
- 2018: Asian Historical Economics Conference (Hong Kong). The 2018 Workshop on Long-run Development (Kaifeng). Quantitative History Summer School (Yantai). National University of Singapore. Shandong University. Lingnan University. Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2017: Wuhan University. Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
- 2016: Asian Historical Economics Conference (Seoul). University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Peking University. Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research. Southern University of Science and Technology. South China Normal University. University of Hong Kong. Chinese Academy of Sciences. Wakayama University
- 2015: World Economic History Congress (Kyoto). The 9<sup>th</sup> International Workshop of Methods in International Finance Network (Osaka). Jinan University. Central University of Finance and Economics.

## **Service/Administration**

Program Committee, International Symposium on Quantitative History, 2014-  
Program Committee, Asian Historical Economics Conference, 2018, 2024  
Program Committee, Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference, 2023  
Co-Director, International Society for Quantitative History, 2022-  
Executive Committee, Hong Kong Economic Association, 2021-

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