

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

The University of Hong Kong

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

Academic Qualification

D.Phil., 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

The Economic History Association Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article in the
Journal of Economic History, 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. 2018-2021.

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

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

Publications

Chicheng Ma. “Classicism and Modern Growth: The Shadow of the Sages.” *Journal of Economic History*, forthcoming.

Ross Levine, Chen Lin, Chicheng Ma, and Yuchen Xu. “The Legal Origins of Financial Development: Evidence from the Shanghai Concessions.” *Journal of Finance*, forthcoming.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Working Papers

Zhiwu Chen, and Chicheng Ma. “The Confucian Clan as a Risk-Sharing Institution: How Pre-Industrial China Became the Most Populous Nation”.

Chen Lin, Chicheng Ma, Yuchen Sun, and Yuchen Xu. “The Allocation of Talent and Financial Development, 1897 to 1936”.

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

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

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

Refereeing for Journals: Australian Economic History Review. China Economic Quarterly. China Economic Review. Economic History Review. European Economic Review. Explorations in Economic History. International Studies of Economics (Frontiers of Economics in China). Growth and Change. 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 History. Journal of Environmental Economics and Management. Journal of Labor Economics. Journal of Money, Credit and Banking. Journal of Regional Science. Management Science. Pacific Economic Review. Public Choice. Quarterly Journal of Economics. Review of Economics and Statistics. Singapore Economic Review. Social Science Research.

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

Seminar/Conference Presentations

- 2023: 27th Annual SIOE Conference (Goethe University Frankfurt). The Ninth International Symposium for Quantitative History (Shanghai Jiao Tong University). California Institute of Technology. Northwestern University New Economic History of China Conference. ESSEC Business School. WEAI 17th International Conference (Melbourne)
- 2022: Asian Historical Economics Conference (Bangkok). AusClio 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 9th International Workshop of Methods in International Finance Network (Osaka). Jinan University. Central University of Finance and Economics.
- 2014: The First Henan Symposium on Development and Institutional Economics (Kaifeng). Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference (Jinan). Fudan University

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