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Professional Experience

- Professor, Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2022 – present
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2015 – 2022
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, 2012 – 2015
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, 2006 – 2012
- Post-Doctoral Associate and Lecturer, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, 2005 – 2006
- Visiting Research Fellow, Center for China Studies, Tsinghua University, 1999 – 2000

Education

- Ph.D., Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 2005
- M.A., Economics, Renmin University of China, 1997
- B.A., Economics, Renmin University of China, 1994

Main Research Interests

- Chinese Economy
- International Trade
- Development Economics

Refereed Journal Papers

1. “Migrants and Firms: Evidence from China” (2022) with Clement Imbert, Marlon Seror and Yanos Zylberberg, *American Economic Review*, 112(6), 1885-1914.
2. “Recent Productivity Trends in China: Evidence from Macro- and Firm-Level Data” (2022) with Loren Brandt, John Litwoc, Elitza Mikva, Luhang Wang and Luan Zhao, *China: An International Journal*, 20(1), 1-21.
3. “Moving ‘Umbrella’: Bureaucratic Transfers and the Comovement of Interregional Investment in China” (2021) with Xiangyu Shi, Tianyang Xi and Xiaobo Zhang, *Journal of Development Economics*, 153, 102717.
4. “Do Multinationals Transfer Culture? Evidence on Female Employment in China” (2021) with Heiwai Tang, *Journal of International Economics*, 133, 103518.
5. “How do Households Adjust to Tariff Liberalization? Evidence from China’s WTO Accession” (2021) with Mi Dai and Wei Huang, *Journal of Development Economics*, 150, 102628.
6. “Persistent Effects of Initial Labor Market Conditions: The Case of China's Tariff Liberalization After WTO Accession” (2020) with Mi Dai and Wei Huang, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 178, 566-581.
7. “贸易自由化如何影响中国区域劳动力市场?” (2019) 戴觅, 张轶凡, 黄炜, 《管理世界》, 第6期, 第56-69页。
8. “WTO Accession and Performance of Chinese Manufacturing Firms” (2017) with Loren Brandt, Johannes Van Biesebroeck and Luhang Wang, *American Economic Review*, 107(9), 2784-2820.
9. “A Fire Sale without Fire: An Explanation of Labor Intensive FDI in China” (2016) with Yasheng Huang, Yue Ma and Zhi Yang, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 44(4), 884-901.
10. “Challenges of Working with the Chinese NBS Firm-Level Data” (2014) with Loren Brandt and Johannes Van Biesebroeck, *China Economic Review*, 30, 339-352.
11. “Factor Intensity, Product Switching and Productivity: Evidence from Chinese Exporters” (2014) with Yue Ma and Heiwai Tang, *Journal of International Economics*, 92(2), 349-362.
12. “Exchange Rates and the Margins of Trade: Evidence from Chinese Exporters” (2012) with Heiwai Tang, *CEifo Economic Studies*, 58(4), 671-702.
13. “Complex Goods' Exports and Institutions: Empirics at the Firm Level” (2012) with Yue Ma and Baozhi Qu, *Review of International Economics*, 20(4), 841-853.
14. “Creative Accounting or Creative Destruction? Firm-level Productivity Growth in Chinese Manufacturing” (2012) with Loren Brandt and Johannes Van Biesebroeck, *Journal of Development Economics*, 97(2), 339-351.
15. “Effect of Income Distribution on the Environmental Kuznets Curve” (2011) with Baozhi Qu, *Pacific Economic Review*, 16(3), 349-370.
16. “Judicial Quality, Contract Intensity and Trade: Firm Level Evidence from Developing and Transition Countries” (2010) with Yue Ma and Baozhi Qu, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 38(2), 146-159.
17. “Do Chinese Domestic Firms Benefit from FDI Inflow? Evidence of Horizontal and Vertical Spillovers” (2009) with Ping Lin and Zhuomin Liu, *China Economic Review*, 20(4), 677-691.

18. “Productivity Growth and Convergence across China's Industrial Economy” (2008) with Gary Jefferson and Thomas Rawski, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, 6(2), 120-141.
19. “Understanding Cross-country Differences in Export. Comparable Evidence for 14 Countries” (2008) with ISGEP, *Review of World Economics*, 144(4), 596-635.
20. “中国工业生产率的增长与收敛” (2008) 谢千里, 罗斯基, 张轶凡, 《经济学(季刊)》, 第7(3)期, 第809-826页。

Book Chapters

21. “The Impacts of Import Tariff Reduction on Income Growth and Distribution in Urban China” (2020) with Mi Dai, in Chin Hee Hahn, Dionisius Narjoko, Ha Thi Thanh Doan and Shujiro Urata (ed.), *The Effects of Globalisation on Firm and Labour Performance*, Routledge.
22. “Local Government and Private Sector Development in China” (2006), in Shuming Bao, Shuanglin Lin and Changwen Zhao (ed.), *Chinese Economy after WTO Accession*, Routledge.

Working Papers

23. “Quality Differentiation and Trade Intermediation” with Heiwai Tang.
24. “Where Has All the Dynamism Gone? Productivity Growth in China’s Manufacturing Sector, 1998-2013” with Loren Brandt, Johannes Van Biesebroeck and Luhang Wang.
25. “Estimating Capital-Labor Substitution in China: Evidence from Firm-Level Data” with Lingsheng Meng and Yunbin Zhang.

External Research Grants

- Principal investigator, RGC General Research Fund, “The Impact of Overseas Returnees on the Performance, Innovation, and Internationalization of Chinese Firms”, HK\$326,667 (2023-2025)
- Principal investigator, RGC General Research Fund, “The Failure of Capital Control: Transaction-Level Evidence of Hot Money Flows through Trade Misinvoicing”, HK\$364,378 (2018-2020)
- Principal investigator, RGC General Research Fund, “Exchange Rate Movements and Export Behavior of Chinese Firms”, HK\$336,462 (2011-2013)
- Co-investigator, RGC Public Policy Research Funding Scheme, “Hong Kong as an International Financial Centre for China and for the World” HK\$1,400,000 (2008-2010)

Short Research Visits

- Bank of Finland Institute for Emerging Economies (BOFIT), Helsinki (one month, 2013)
- Gakushuin University, Tokyo (one month, 2014)
- Cornell University (two months, 2015)

Editorial Work

- Associate Editor, China Economic Review, 2018-now
- Editorial Board, Academy of Asian Business Review, 2017-now

Seminar/Conference Presentations (Since 2015)

- First CCER Conference on Trade and Development, Yantai, Oct 2015
- Workshop on Chinese Firms in a Globalized World, Paris, Jan 2016
- Asian Economic Institute Meeting, Beijing, Apr 2016
- CES China Conference, Shenzhen, Jun 2016
- School of Economics Seminar, Renmin University of China, Jun 2016
- Workshop on Chinese Firm-Level Data, Beijing, Jun 2016
- Workshop on Innovation, Trade and Wages in the East Asian Region, Kobe, Jul 2016
- WUN Conference on China's Growth Slowdown, Perth, Oct 2016
- Annual GEP China Conference, Ningbo, Nov 2016
- CUHK Conference on Trade and Development, Hong Kong, Dec 2016
- School of Economics and Management Forum, Wuhan University, May 2017
- Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Hong Kong, Jun 2017
- Second World Congress of Comparative Economics, Saint Petersburg, Jun 2017
- 92nd Annual Conference of Western Economic Association, San Diego, Jun 2017
- Academic Seminar, School of Economics, Jinan University, Jul 2017
- Academic Seminar, School of Business, Xiangtan University, Jul 2017
- Department of Economics Seminar, Hong Kong Baptist University, Oct 2017
- Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics, Jinan University, Dec 2017
- 10th Conference on China's Economic Development Model, Academia Sinica, Dec 2017
- ASSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Jan 2018
- Australasian Trade Workshop, Auckland, Mar 2018
- Seminar, International School of Business and Finance, Zhongshan University, May 2018
- India-China Conference, Paris School of Economics, Jun 2018
- InsTED Workshop, Syracuse University, Jun 2018
- Seminar, Nankai University, Oct 2018
- 11th Conference on China's Economic Development Model, Academia Sinica, Dec 2018
- Seventh National Industrial Economics Forum, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China, Oct 2018
- HKU International Trade Workshop, University of Hong Kong, May 2019
- Asian Pacific Trade Seminars, University of Tokyo, Jun 2019
- NBER Summer Institute, Development Program, Boston, Jul 2019
- Seminar, Zhejiang University, Sep 2019
- Seminar, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Oct 2019

- GEP Conference in China, Ningbo, Nov 2019
- Conference on Growth and Institution, Tsinghua University, Dec 2019
- Global Economic Policy Group Meeting (Online), University of Hagen, Germany, Jan 2021
- Seminar, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, Oct 2021
- 15th Australasian Trade Workshop, Mar 2022
- 9th International Workshop on New Structural Economics, Jul 2022
- Seminar, University of Hong Kong, Feb 2023
- Distinguished Scholar Seminar, University of Macao, May 2023
- Big Data Workshop, University of Sydney, Jun 2023
- KER International Conference, Yeosu, Jul 2023
- Summer Workshop, Shandong University, Jul 2023
- International Agricultural Trade and Investment Forum, China Agricultural University, Jul 2023
- International Conference on Industrial Economics, Zhejiang University, Jul 2023
- Guangdong Economic Association Conference, Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen), Aug 2023
- World Affairs Conference, Berkeley, Sep 2023

Conference Organization

- Co-organizer, Conference on Trade and Development, CUHK, December 2016
- Session organizer, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Hong Kong, June 2017
- Program committee, China Economic Summer Institute, Aug 2019
- Co-organizer, Hong Kong International Trade Online Seminar Series, 2020 – now
- Organizer, CUHK Workshop on International Trade, Nov 2023

Courses Taught

- Economic Analysis of Public Policy in China, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Advanced International Trade, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Economy of China, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Business Environment of China, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Introduction to Economics, Lingnan University
- Intermediate Microeconomics, Lingnan University
- The Chinese Economy, Lingnan University
- Financial Econometrics, Lingnan University
- Economic Growth in East Asia, Yale University
- Introduction to Macroeconomics, University of Pittsburgh

Internal Service

- Head of Graduate Division, Department of Economics, 2022-now
- Ph.D. Placement Coordinator, Department of Economics, 2018-now

External Service

- Member, Scientific Committee, China Economic Summer Institute, 2019-now
- Member, Steering Committee, CUHK-Tsinghua Joint Center for Chinese Economy, 2020-now
- External affiliated faculty: Cornell Institute for China Economic Research (CICER), 2015-now
- External examiner: Faculty of Business, Chuhai College of Higher Education, Hong Kong, 2011-now
- External academic advisor: MSc International and Development Economics Program, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, 2016-now
- External reviewer: MSc Economics Program, CUHK Shenzhen, 2020-now
- External reviewer: Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, 2023
- External examiner for PhD thesis: CityU (2020), HKU (2013, 2018, 2021, 2022), Lingnan U (2019), NTU (2015), NUS (2014, 2018), Shanghai Jiaotong (2023)
- Consultant, World Bank, “China’s Firm Productivity Growth”, 2016-2018
- Consultant, Asian Development Bank, “China’s State-Owned Enterprises”, 2011-2015
- Consultant, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), “Microdata Project”, 2010, 2013, 2016

Media Interviews

- Caixin, Channel News Asia, Dollar Business, Financial Times, Fortune, Hong Kong Economic Journal, Los Angeles Times, South China Morning Post, Sputnik Radio, Swiss Radio, Voice of America

Referee Service

- Asian Development Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Bulletin of Economic Research, Canadian Journal of Economics, China: An International Journal, China Economic Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics Bulletin, Economics of Transition, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Survey, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Trade & Economic

Development, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Pacific Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Finance, Review of Industrial Organization, Review of International Economics, Review of World Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Singapore Economic Review, World Development, World Economy