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Education

University of Hong Kong Sep 2021–Aug 2027 (expected)
Ph.D. in Finance

University of Warwick Apr 2025–Aug 2025
Visiting Ph.D. Student in Economics

University of Hong Kong Sep 2015–Jan 2020
Bachelor of Economics and Finance, First Class Honours

Research Interests

Development Economics; Economic History; Political Economy; Financial Development

Research Papers

"Removing Internal Trade Barriers and Financial Development: Evidence from China in the 1930s" *(Job Market Paper)*

"Reversal of Neolithic Fortunes: Trade Opening and the Durable Reordering of China's Economic Geography" (with Zhiwu Chen). *Revise & Resubmit,* ***The Journal of Economic History***

"Steam Beyond the Gateways: Steamship Connectivity and Industrial Entry in China".
Revise & Resubmit, ***European Review of Economic History***

"Stature Reveals Changing Patterns of the Biological Standard of Living in Europe and Asia over the Past 7,000 Years" (with Joerg Baten et al.). *Forthcoming,* ***Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences***

"Different Institutions, Different Finance: Evidence from Early Twentieth-Century China".
Economics Letters 268 (2026): 113216.

"Financial Crisis and Political Change: China in 1910" (with Chen Lin and Chicheng Ma). *Working paper*

"Bonds of Love: Patriotism and the Rise of Modern Banks" (with Yuchen Sun and Yuchen Xu). *Working paper*

Selected Work in Progress

"Banking Landscape in Hong Kong since the 1950s"

"Finance and Innovation in the Long Run" (with Chen Lin and Chicheng Ma)

Presentations

2027 Cliometric Society Session, Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C., scheduled)

2026 Economic History Society Annual Meeting (London); Asian Finance Association Annual Conference (Seoul); China Economic Annual Conference (Beijing); Symposium on Quantitative History (Wuhan); Quantitative History Webinar (Virtual); Workshop on Early China Development and Its Long-term Impact (HKU)

2025 American Economic Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco); Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia); World Economic History Congress (Lund); Workshop on Chinese and Comparative Economic History (Oxford); CAGE-AMES Workshop (Warwick); Financial History Workshop (HKU); Economic History Workshop (PKU-THU joint)

2024 Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Sacramento); Asian Historical Economics Conference (Hong Kong); Symposium on Quantitative History (SJU); China Economic Society Annual Conference (ZJU); Asian Finance Association Annual Conference (Macau); Applied Economics Workshop, National University of Singapore (Virtual)

Referee Services

The Economic Journal, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Economic Modelling*, and *Economics & Human Biology*

Teaching Experiences

Teaching Assistant:

DBA Course, DBAP7048 Research Methods in Finance, Economics, and Accounting	2026
DBA Course, DBAP7015 Global Financial Innovation	2026
DBA Course, DBAP7017 Frontiers in Economics and Accounting Research	2021
EMBA Course, EMBA6608 Financial Innovation and Credit Market	2026
EMBA Course, EMBA7613 Current Topics in Economic Development	2021
MSc Course, ECON6068 Advanced Topics in Applied Econometrics	2024
MSc Course, ECON6069 Advanced Topics in Economic Policy	2023–2024
MSc Course, ECON6060 Development Economics	2023
Undergraduate Course, CCHU9069 Economic Logic of Civilizations	2025

Guest Lecturer:

MSc Course, ECON6060 Development Economics	2024
Undergraduate Course, ECON2273 Economic History of China	2023

Awards

Student Travel Subsidy, Economic History Association	2024
Postgraduate Scholarship, University of Hong Kong	2021–2025
FBE Ph.D. Entrance Scholarship, HKU Business School	2021
Tsang Kei Yung Prize in Chinese Literature, University of Hong Kong	2019
C.V. Starr Scholarship, University of Hong Kong	2018
Dean's Honours List, University of Hong Kong	2017–2019
Tsui Ying Chun Prize in Chinese Literature, University of Hong Kong	2017
HKU Foundation Entrance Scholarship, University of Hong Kong	2015–2019

Skills and Languages

Programming: Stata, Python, LaTeX, R.
Research Tools: ArcGIS, QGIS; computational text analysis and AI-assisted research workflows.
Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin (native), Cantonese (fluent).

References

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